

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:04a.m., Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Diana Pounder, Jane Ann Williams, Kurt Boniecki, Stephanie Bellar, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison and Laura Young. Rick Scott and Patricia Smith were present for agenda item two. Amber Hall was present for agenda item three.

1. The CoD minutes of September 3, 2014 were unanimously approved with minor correction.
  2. Rick Scott and Patricia Smith provided council members with an overview of the upcoming Distinguished Scholars Day to be held on campus on October 3, 2014. Invitations have been mailed out to high school distinguished scholars, and the deadline for the students to RSVP is September 27<sup>th</sup>. The schedule of the day's events was distributed to council members; and all college deans, associate deans, and department deans were invited to attend the Distinguished Scholars Day lunch. Discussion followed.
  3. S. Runge led a discussion regarding performance funding and how performance funds are allocated to Arkansas higher education institutions. J. Glenn presented a handout to council members which illustrated the model used by ADHE to determine institutional need based on generated student semester credit hours and square footage in university facilities (this funding model can be viewed at <http://uca.edu/academicaffairs/files/2014/09/funding-model.pdf>). Amber Hall discussed performance funding and the methodology used for determining an institution's performance based on fulfillment of state-established goals (a document showing performance funding elements can be viewed at <http://uca.edu/academicaffairs/files/2014/09/Performance-Funding-COD-Training.pdf>). The current Key Performance Indicators Annual Report Card was distributed as well (this data can be viewed at <http://uca.edu/ir/kpi/>). Data for degrees and certificates awarded is considered in the determination of performance funding, but it is interesting to note that graduation and retention rates are not factors in the determination of performance funding. Discussion followed.
  4. University guests from UNIS University in Brazil, Dr. Stefano Gazzola, President and Rector; Ms. Carol Garcia Telles Brito, Director of International Relations; Mr. Genero Capegher, Coordinator of International Relations; and Paolo de Telles Brito joined the meeting at 11:30am. While on campus over the previous week, they have met with numerous faculty, staff, and administrators. UCA and UNIS University in Brazil are building a partnership to exchange students and faculty and provide cultural and educational programs in both directions. The group thanked council members for the generous hospitality provided to them during their visit, and indicated that they are looking forward to a building a longstanding partnership between the two universities.
6. Provost's Announcements
- a. UCA's eleventh-day enrollment numbers were 11,698, including 2,232 first-time undergraduates.
  - b. Faculty salary letters went out early in the week, and department chairs will receive copies of their respective faculty's letters.

- c. Dr. Ray Schroeder, Associate Vice President for Online Learning at the University of Illinois Springfield will be here on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in CoB room 107 to provide a presentation on best practices and national trends in online learning. Faculty and academic staff are invited to attend. Council members will meet with Dr. Schroeder at 10:15am, and a lunch will follow.
- d. The Faculty Senate met yesterday. At the meeting, discussion continued regarding a policy invoked at the previous meeting requiring both the president and the provost to provide their respective Faculty Senate reports in writing three full days in advance of a Faculty Senate meeting. Following discussion, the Faculty Senate determined that it is allowable for the President and Provost to provide reports without a previous three-day notice.
- e. A meeting was held last week regarding the Little Rock Nine Opera project.
- f. Pending Louis Stokes Alliance Board approval, UCA has been recommended for membership into the Arkansas Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation.
- g. The Multi-Cultural Celebration for First Year Students will be held on September 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. UCA Trustee Victor Green is the guest speaker for the event.
- h. Discussions are ongoing to make UCA Online a reality and deans are asked to continue discussions with their departments and bring ideas back to the Council of Deans in the coming weeks.

#### 7. Member Reports

- a. J. Glenn stated that today is the last day to provide him with the requested information regarding child maltreatment training.
- b. M. Hargis stated that last week's visit by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business consultant team was beneficial; accounting firms will be on campus next week for the annual "Meet the Firm" event; and the College of Business Day on the Lawn will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All students are invited.
- c. M. Lee stated that he has been in discussion with College of Liberal Arts chairs and faculty members regarding ideas for UCA online. He has been in communication with Dustin Summey and Chris Davis, who plan to visit with chairs and faculty in the college soon. Council members were also informed that a proposal for a General Studies degree is being developed and will soon be brought before CoD. An Institutional Diversity reception was held yesterday and was a successful event.
- c. S. Bellar announced that it is time again for applications for Student Undergraduate Research Fellowships. Proposals are due to Sponsored Programs by Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and information on SURF workshops is forthcoming. Deans were asked to remind their chairs that stipends will be given for mentoring the students. S. Bellar also announced that \$15,000 in funding has been provided by the Provost for student research and will be managed by the URC.
- d. J. Ishee stated that discussion has been ongoing with CHBS chairs regarding secondary education programs.
- e. S. Addison informed council members that he attended several recruiting events in the previous week.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.