

Council of Deans
April 22, 2015

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Diana Pounder, Kurt Boniecki, Jane Ann Williams, Stephanie Bellar, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison and Laura Young. Colin Stanton, Director of New Student Programs, and Leigh Ann Denhartog, Interim Director of Admissions and Director of the Academic Advising Center, were present for agenda item number one. A. Hall was present for agenda item number six.

- 1) C. Stanton and L. A. Denhartog provided council members with information regarding the upcoming Summer Orientation and Academic Registration (SOAR) events. SOAR includes the option of a two-day (overnight) program or a one-day program. Council members were given copies of the SOAR schedule for both parents and students. Discussion followed.

Additionally, C. Stanton and L. A. Denhartog provided information regarding Welcome Week for the 2015-2016 academic year. As a part of welcome week, plans are ongoing to incorporate the pre-existing "Countdown to Classes" program. This program exposes students to the specific aspects of being successful at UCA. C. Stanton recommended incorporating this program into the individual college meetings. A suggested schedule for the college meetings that incorporates this program was provided. Discussion followed, and the consensus among council members was positive. The deans will visit with their college advisors to individualize their respective college meeting schedules and provide L. A. Denhartog with any special needs with regard to the schedule.

- 2) The CoD minutes of April 15, 2015 were approved with revision by a vote of 10-0. D. Pounder abstained due to having not been present at the April 15th meeting.
- 3) S. Runge led a discussion regarding potential topics for the May 5th – 6th Dean's Retreat. Council members provided suggestions regarding items to be discussed at the retreat or at a future CoD meeting. Discussion followed.
- 4) S. Runge led a discussion regarding UCA Online. Copies of the proposed UCA Online framework, as provided by Chris Davis, Chief Technology Officer, were provided to council members. Council members were asked to review the plan. Discussion followed.

S. Runge also led a discussion on the possibility of offering UCA Online courses in eight-week sections rather than 15-week sessions. Studies have shown that online programs that offer eight-week courses have a higher rate of success. Council members were asked to give this serious consideration.

- 5) S. Runge led a discussion on the Unlocking College Academics Now (UCAN) program. Students may apply for the UCAN program upon their first academic suspension. Council members were provided copies of the UCAN program student success rates since the program's inception in Spring 2005. Overall, 47% of students who have entered into the UCAN program have successfully completed the program, and 315 students (approximately 25%) have graduated since 2005.
- 6) A. Hall led a discussion on the faculty instructional workload analysis generated by the Office of Institutional Research in collaboration with individual departments. A. Hall provided copies of the comprehensive analysis to council members for their respective colleges and included a summary of the workload by faculty campus-wide. Council members were asked to review the data in advance of the upcoming dean's retreat. A thorough review and discussion will take place at the retreat, and council members were asked to bring their copies of the analysis to the retreat.
- 7) Provost's Announcements:
 - Summer enrollment numbers are up this year in comparison to the same time last year.
 - Today is the National Walk at Lunch event being promoted by the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education. The event will take place at Estes Stadium during x-period.
 - S. Runge met with representatives of Grainster yesterday regarding their interest in an internship partnership with UCA. They will be contacting deans to discuss this potential partnership.
 - The quarterly meeting between Academic Affairs and Board Trustee Sheila Vaught will take place on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Discussion followed.
 - The UCA Board Budget Workshop will be held this Friday in the Board Room.
- 8) Member Announcements:
 - M. Hargis reported that Meisha Stewart (Senior, College of Business) won the outstanding paper award at the annual conference for the Society of Business, Industry, and Economics (SOBIE) for her paper titled "Magnetic Cities: Testing for the Convergence of Artistic Clusters in the United States". This is a great accomplishment and we wish her continued success.
 - M. Lee stated that the CLA Student Research Symposium will be held today and tomorrow in the Student Center. Also, the end of the year faculty recognition ceremony will be held tomorrow; and Janet Wilson, from the Department of Sociology, will be recognized as the outstanding faculty member. The annual CLA Honors Convocation Ceremony will be held on Sunday at 2pm in Doyne Health Science Center.
 - D. Pounder stated that the College of Education Pinning Ceremony will be held at 6pm on May 1, 2015 in Reynolds Performance Hall. Council members are welcome to attend.

- S. Bellar reported that the Sponsored Programs Recognition Ceremony, recognizing those who wrote grants, will be held today at 2pm in McCastlain. Council members are invited to attend.
- J. Ishee reported that the CHBS Student Research Symposium was held yesterday. Also, CHBS had 35 students present research at the Southwestern Psychological Association annual convention this month. Two students were named finalists in the graduate research competition; and one student placed 2nd and another was named a finalist in the undergraduate research competition.
- T. Wright reported that the latest editions of the Vortex and the Scroll are out. Additionally, the last Artist in Residence is Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Performance Hall and will feature Roman Borys in concert with the Conway Symphony Orchestra.
- S. Addison reported that the CNSM Student Research Symposium held on Friday in the HPER Center was a success, and the venue turned out to be a good location for the event. The Jewel Moore Nature Reserve Earth Day celebration will be held today at the nature reserve and will feature a variety of activities. Lastly, S. Addison attended the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Annual Conference, and he feels that the university will benefit greatly by its participation in this alliance.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 p.m.