

Council of Deans
April 8, 2015

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Diana Pounder, Kurt Boniecki, Stephanie Bellar, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison and Laura Young. Jane Ann Williams joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Shelley Mehl, Vice President for Advancement and President of the UCA Foundation, Inc., and Jessie Thill, Director of Alumni Services, were present for agenda item number one. Zachary Helms, Student Government Association Vice President, and Brandon Price, Coordinator of Student Organizations and University Events were in attendance to present on agenda item number two.

- 1) S. Mehl introduced Mr. Jessie Thill, the new Director of Alumni Services. J. Thill indicated that several different events are planned for the coming months including alumni receptions in both Austin, TX, and Springdale, AR; UCA Night of Distinction; Bear Baseball Alumni Day; and the Arkansas Travelers Alumni Night. Council members are encouraged to reach out to J. Thill for assistance with anything alumni-related.
- 2) Z. Helms and B. Price provided council members of an overview and demonstration of how OrgSync can be used effectively by the academic colleges for reaching out to students and keeping them informed of scheduled events and opportunities. OrgSync has a variety of capabilities including:
 - Communicating with departmental or college websites, allowing any calendar related changes made in OrgSync to sync automatically with the respective websites;
 - Sending announcements to students via text message (provided that a student has opted-in for this service);
 - Tracking student attendance at events via student-id card swipe;
 - Optional function (for an additional fee): communication with Banner to allow certain information to be automatically updated in OrgSync.Z. Helms and B. Price have met with the academic advisors, and a plan is in place to begin providing students with OrgSync training. Council members are encouraged to contact B. Price for assistance with utilizing OrgSync in their respective areas.
- 3) The CoD minutes of March 26, 2015, were approved unanimously with minor revision.
- 4) S. Runge reminded council members that UCA is hosting the *2015 Leaders of the World Conference* on campus April 8th – 10th. Council members were provided with a copy of the conference program, and J. A. Williams provided an overview of the schedule of events. Council members are invited to attend these events.
- 5) Provost's Announcements:
 - Searches
 - i. Courtney Mullen will start as the new Director of Admissions and Enrollment Services on May 18th;
 - ii. Michael Judge started as the new Director of Online Learning this past Monday;
 - iii. Dr. Vicki Groves-Scott, new Dean of the College of Education for 2015/2016, will be attending the Dean's Retreat on May 5th and 6th;

- K. Boniecki, J. Glenn and S. Runge attended the Higher Learning Commission Conference in Chicago, IL last week. Discussion followed.
- S. Runge attended the UCA Board Retreat last week. The majority of topics discussed were related to academics, including the following:
 - i. Admissions, retention, and remediation;
 - ii. Computer Science and Engineering opportunities;
 - iii. School of Optometry feasibility;
 - iv. Opportunities of expansion of Health Sciences programs;
 - v. Innovation and Entrepreneurship program.

State higher education funding and admission and retention issues were also discussed;

- S. Runge will be out of town April 13th and 14th;
- The Faculty Excellence Award finalists were announced via email on Monday. The winners will be announced at the Employee Service Awards ceremony on April 16th.

6) Member Reports:

- M. Hargis reported that the Davis Lecture Series was held yesterday, featuring guest speaker Reynie Rutledge, President of First Security Bancorp. The event was well attended;
- M. Lee stated that the Undergraduate Research Symposium on Gender was held on March 30th; the African/African American Studies Symposium will be held on April 17th; and the CLA Research Symposium will be held April 22nd and 23rd;
- D. Pounder reported that a site-visit will take place on Thursday for the STEM Teach program;
- J. A. Williams reiterated that council members are welcome to attend the Leaders of the World events this week;
- K. Boniecki reminded council members that the IDC Faculty Recognition Reception will be held today in the Mirror Room of McAlister Hall. Also, J. A. Williams and K. Boniecki will continue working with Chris Davis, Chief Technology Officer, and Thomas Bruick, Assistant Director of Retention Initiatives, to determine if there is a way for Banner, BlackBoard, GradesFirst, and Map-Works to communicate with each other;
- T. Wright reported that many events are occurring over the next few weeks in CFAC and include: portfolio reviews, band and choral recitals, and the graduation of the MFA program's first class of students. Also, the MFA film screenings held recently were excellent;
- S. Addison reported that the State Science Fair held last week on campus featured many excellent projects and had a good turnout. Also, the CNSM College Symposium will be on April 17th;
- L. Young reminded council members that position requests are due today. Any questions can be directed to her or Lori Hudspeth in the Provost's office. She also reminded council members that with May intercession and the summer terms approaching, attention should be given to making sure that PAF's are submitted in time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.