Council of Deans
February 18, 2015

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Diana Pounder, Jane Ann Williams, Kurt Boniecki, Stephanie Bellar, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison and Laura Young. Peter Mehl, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, attended in the absence of Maurice Lee. Ashley Ross, President of the UCA Student Government Association (SGA), and Zachary Helms, Vice-President of the UCA SGA, were present for agenda item number one.

1)   A. Ross addressed the council members about ways that use of OrgSync by academic faculty can aid in student success; specifically, it can improve communication with students regarding academic Registered Student Organization's (RSO's) sponsored events. This can assist in engaging students. Discussion followed and concluded with a consensus regarding the need for OrgSync portals to be set up for the following:

- Academic Colleges
- Residential Colleges
- Academic Advising Center

Council members may contact Brandon Price (SGA) or Bryce Crabb (SGA) for assistance in setting up a portal.

A. Ross provided council members with an overview of the SGA schedule of events for the spring semester. A copy of the schedule was provided, and discussion followed.

2)   The CoD minutes of February 11, 2015 were approved by a vote of 6-0-5. S. Addison, P. Mehl, M. Hargis, D. Pounder and J. A. Williams abstained due to having not been present at the February 11th meeting.

3)   S. Runge led the group in a continuation of the February 11th CoD discussion regarding UCA Online. The following programs are confirmed to be a part of the initial roll-out of UCA Online:

- BBA General Business
- BPS Professional Studies (Health and Safety track)
- BSN Nursing (RN to BSN)

S. Runge led a discussion on incentives related to UCA Online. Initially, a plan had been proposed to provide additional funding to department that added new online undergraduate programs; however, feedback from department and colleges indicated that the preference was

that all departments that teach online courses should have opportunities to receive incentive funding. After a lengthy discussion of various options for faculty and departmental incentives, a consensus was reached to provide faculty development opportunities to all faculty that teach online courses. Special faculty development grants will be awarded through the IDC. Two pools of $15,000 each will be established annually. One pool will be available to faculty teaching courses in the new online programs, and one pool will be available to all other faculty teaching existing online courses in any program. Grants in each pool will equal up to $1,500 each. In addition, with approval, faculty members that develop a new online course or convert a face-to-face course to an online format will receive a $2,500 per course stipend with $1,000 paid during development and $1,500 paid when the course is taught (funding provided by the Provost's office).

The importance of funding needed technology infrastructure to support online teaching was discussed.

S. Runge will present these recommendations to the Faculty Senate in the coming week.

4)   S. Runge provided council members with a copy of Board Policy 409 which relates to copyright ownership in electronic distance learning. Council members will review the document, and discussion will follow at the next meeting of the Council of Deans.

5)   Provost's Announcements:

   a. S. Runge will meet on Friday with an individual who is interested in UCA becoming involved in ongoing efforts to bring TedTalks to Little Rock.
   b. The Arkansas STEM Coalition will meet on Friday. S. Runge has completed his term as the Chair of the STEM Coalition Board but remains a member of the Board.
   c. The Director of Admissions and Enrollment Services search committee has narrowed its list of candidates to eleven, and Skype interviews will take place over the next week.
   d. The Director of Online Learning search committee is currently interviewing candidates via Skype, and the committee will narrow the list to three candidates for on-campus interviews.
   e. The College of Education Dean search committee is currently scheduling three candidates for on-campus interviews that will take place over the next few weeks.

6)   Member Announcements:

   a. J. Glenn stated that Undergraduate Bulletin updates are in the final stages and should be completed by the first week of March. Work will begin soon on the Graduate Bulletin.

b. M. Hargis informed council members that the Arkansas Center for Research in Economics will be hosting speakers who will present on diversity issues over the next few weeks. Also, a CoB Innovation and Entrepreneurship student was recently awarded an AR-G60 award. This was highly competitive and is a big accomplishment.

c. D. Pounder informed council members that a Teachers Fair will be held on February 27th from 9am – 1pm. Area school districts are expected to participate.

d. J. A. Williams made several announcements that included the following: the Admissions Standards Committee will begin meeting twice per week and is also expected to attend the next meeting of the Student Success and Retention Council; ADE approved more of UCA's 2+2 programs this past week; and Mr. Donald Fan, Senior Director of the Global Office of Diversity for Walmart Stores, Inc., will visit the UCA campus tomorrow.

e. K. Boniecki informed council members that sabbatical leave applications are due to the deans by tomorrow and to him by February 26th.

f. T. Wright stated that attempts are being made to reschedule any CFAC-related events that were canceled due to the campus closure.

g. S. Addison informed council members that the STEM Posters at the Capitol event was a success and attendance appeared to be two to three times more than ever before.

h. L. Young informed council members that the deadline for the previously requested budget information has been extended to Friday. The additional time is being provided because of the campus closure earlier in the week as a result of inclement weather.

i. S. Runge informed council members that a new list-serve is being created entitled *UCA Research*. This list-serve will be used for the distribution of information regarding student and faculty research.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.