

Council of Deans
1/28/15

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. S. 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, Dean of the Schedler Honors College, and Leigh Ann Denhartog, Interim Director of Admissions, were present for agenda item number one; and Carol Brito, Director of International Relations at UNIS in Brazil, was present for agenda item number two.

1. R. Scott and L. Denhartog discussed ways to make Distinguished Scholars Day more inclusive. The standing date is tentatively the first Friday in October (see below). The Admissions Office will now coordinate the event instead of the Honors College. The poster session will be renamed and expanded to include all academic colleges. A recruiting video will be shown (and looped for continuous viewing) during the wait time at Reynolds auditorium. Members discussed the current ACT lists used for recruiting and inviting high school students (and potential Honors College candidates) to Distinguished Scholars Day. Members agreed to lower the qualifying ACT composite score from 28 to 26 for the invitation list. Members discussed moving the event to a Saturday and having cafeteria service as opposed to a lunch banquet in order to accommodate more students and their family members. L. Denhartog will report back to the COD on the feasibility of moving the event to a Saturday.

2. J. Williams introduced visiting administrator from UNIS, Ms. Carol Brito. A group of 36 senior administrative leaders from Brazil and Argentina are on campus participating in the Cultural Language and Immersion for Professionals Program. C. Brito expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to partner with UCA. UNIS is offering study abroad internships and scholarships to UCA students. C. Brito invited faculty to attend the 50th anniversary celebration at UNIS this summer.

3. The CoD minutes of January 14, 2015 were unanimously approved with one minor revision.

4. S. Runge provided council members with an update on the current spring enrollment numbers. As of the 11th day census, spring enrollment is up approximately 200 students and 70 FTE overall. Assessment efforts need to be increased so that we can determine which recruiting and retention initiatives are producing favorable results. Discussion followed.

5. Action items of the January 20, 2015 meeting of the Undergraduate Council were considered. Action items were addressed as follows:

Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve new course CSCI 4381, Advanced Java Programming. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. S. Addison seconded the motion. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve changing BIOL 3402 & 4460 from required courses to elective courses in Physics and Astronomy for the BS in Physics/Biological Physics

track. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. S. Addison seconded the motion. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve the history department prerequisite requirement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.3 or above for HIST 3310: Social Science Concepts in Arkansas History. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Lee seconded the motion. Discussion followed. K. Boniecki will ask the history chair to consider adding a statement to the course description indicating the course is for teacher education majors. The proposal will be submitted as an information item to the Undergraduate Council. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

K. Boniecki provided a brief overview of information items discussed at the January 20, 2015 meeting of the Undergraduate Council. Discussion ensued concerning the request to courses that are not offered at UCA be kept in the scheduling system but be hidden. The Council of Deans rejected the request and agreed to send back the information to the proposing department.

6. Action items from the UCA Core Council were considered. Action items were addressed as follows:

UCA Core Council recommendation to approve lower division courses BIOL 1400, 1401 and 1402. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. S. Addison seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

7. S. Runge reported the project with Dean Lyons and Splinter Studios will not be moving forward without considerable new information from Mr. Lyons. Discussion followed.

8. S. Runge reported ROTC is exploring building a 45 degree repelling incline in the space between Meadors Hall and Doyne Hall. Discussion followed.

9. L. Young provided an update on the centralized scheduling project. She reviewed a draft of the questionnaire to document features available in each classroom. The challenges of allowing external users access to classrooms was discussed. The questionnaire will be designed to allow building administrators to designate a few rooms that are more suitable for use by external users and to identify potential issues for afterhours use. Discussion followed.

10. Provosts announcements:

- a.) The Admissions Committee has made recommendations for the fall 2016 admission requirements. Discussion followed.
- b.) Enrollment Management Plan feedback was submitted and is now under review.
- c.) The Director of Admissions and Enrollment Services search committee has been formed and will meet February 3rd to receive their charge.
- d.) CoE Dean Search Update – phone interviews are scheduled for next week.
- e.) Director of Online Learning – search committee has been charged and is being chaired by Amy Baldwin.

f.) Meeting with College Transition Consortium Team from Stanford last week went very well. They are designing a customized mind-set intervention that will be used this summer for entering freshmen. This intervention is designed to increase retention and graduation.

11. Member reports:

a.) K. Boniecki announced chair and dean evaluations will be opened February 2 through March 1, 2015. Chairs and Deans in their first year will not be evaluated unless they served previously as an interim. Sabbatical Leave requests are coming due in the next few weeks.

b.) S. Bellar announced tomorrow's reception from 4:00-6:00 pm in the Student Center for graduate students and faculty.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.