

Council of Deans

July 15, 2015

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Vicki Groves-Scott, Jane Ann Williams, Kurt Boniecki, Stephanie Bellar, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison and Laura Young. Dr. Marcelo De Vincenzi, of Universidad Abierta Interamerica; Ashley Pettingill, Interim Director of International Engagement; and Dr. Mehmet Ulupinar, International Partnership Coordinator, were present for agenda item number one. Dr. David Shulenburg, Chief Senior and Corresponding Consultant, and Dr. Bob Smith, Senior Consultant, both of Collaborative Brain Trust Consulting, were present for agenda item number two.

- 1) Council members welcomed Dr. Marcelo De Vincenzi, of Universidad Abierta Interamerica (UAI), who is visiting UCA for the Culture and Language Immersion Program taking place on campus July 12th – August 1st. Dr. Vincenzi was accompanied by Ashley Pettingill, Interim Director of International Engagement, and Dr. Mehmet Ulupinar, International Partnership Coordinator. Discussion followed regarding future plans for collaboration between UAI and UCA. J. A. Williams will be in contact with council members in the near future to discuss faculty and student involvement as joint projects are planned. The projects will likely include both in-person and Skype involvement.
- 2) Strategic planning consultants D. Shulenburg and B. Smith addressed council members regarding the process and elements involved in developing a revised strategic plan for the university. They recommended that the plan focus on no more than the four to six areas that are identified to be most important to the university and specifically recommended that the university's retention and graduation rates be key components of the plan. Discussion followed. The consultants will conduct extensive research on the university, ensuring that the Strategic Planning Task Force has all necessary data needed to develop a plan that adequately addresses the unique needs of the university. Dr. Tammy Rogers and Dr. Nancy Reese are co-chairing the task force and a two-day task force retreat will be held on August 10th and 11th.
- 3) The CoD minutes of July 8, 2015 were unanimously approved.
- 4) S. Runge led a discussion regarding the proposed revision of 2015-2016 Undergraduate Bulletin language regarding Residence Credit Requirements as previously discussed at the July 8th CoD meeting. J. Glenn distributed copies of modified language based on the previous feedback. Discussion followed, and Council members agreed upon proposing the following revisions:
 - Revising language to provide for greater clarification of the term “Residence Credit”;
 - Revising language to provide for greater clarification of specific credit hour requirements for earning a bachelor's degree;

- Changing the number of credit hours required in residence from 24 of the last 30 hours to 24 of the last 32 hours; and
- Deleting language regarding credit earned through Extended Study (correspondence) courses, because the university no longer offers Extended Study courses.

J. Glenn will prepare a draft of the proposed language, and this will be provided to the Undergraduate Council for consideration.

5) S. Runge led a brief discussion regarding the building needs and priorities for Academic Affairs. Deans were asked to give consideration to the needs and priorities of their respective areas, and the discussion will resume at the July 29th CoD meeting.

6) Provost's announcements:

- The Academic Council met last Friday.
- S. Runge and Chris Davis, UCA Chief Technology Officer, met last week with Hewlett Packard's new leadership team and the new HP Aruba team to discuss the relationship between UCA and HP. The new Aruba unit of HP specializes in providing Wi-Fi technology for high density areas. They expressed interest in equipping a "test" building on campus with this technology.
- S. Runge and Brian Corbin, Director of Transfer Services, will be meeting with NWACC today to discuss transfer articulation.
- Hunter Goodman, Executive Director of Development, has emailed a draft agenda to council members for the CoD meeting next week with Advancement.

7) Member announcements: (no reports were made at this meeting)

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.