

Council of Deans
March 26, 2015

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 8:34 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2015. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Kurt Boniecki, Stephanie Bellar, Jimmy Ishee, Steve Addison and Laura Young. Terry Wright and Diana Pounder joined the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Jane Ann Williams was not present.

- 1) The CoD minutes of March 11, 2015, were approved with minor revision by a vote of 8-0.
- 2) Action items from the February and March meetings of the UCA Undergraduate Council were considered. The items were addressed as follows.
 - UCA Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve the change in course level of ECSE (now ELSE) 3300 to ECSE (now ELSE) 2300. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
 - UCA Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve new course ATTR 1235 and changes to the *UBulletin* and Program Completion Plan for the BS in Athletic Training. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
 - UCA Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve new course KPED 1175. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
 - UCA Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve a change in degree name from BS in Kinesiology to BS in Exercise Science; a change in the semester credit hour requirements from 57 to 56 for the BS in Exercise Science; and new courses KPED 2320, 3348, 3350, 3352, 3353, 4323, 4376 and 4399. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

- UCA Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve new course CSCI 3382. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
 - UCA Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve new courses PETE 2220 and 2230. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
 - UCA Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve new course MIS 4364. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
 - UCA Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve a new BS in Information Systems program. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
- 3) Action items from the March meeting of the UCA Core Council were considered. The items were addressed as follows:
- UCA Core Council recommendation to approve the Computer Science Upper Division packet without a diversity requirement, allowing students to take diversity courses outside of their own department. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
- 4) Action items from the February meeting of the UCA Graduate Council were considered. The items were addressed as follows:
- UCA Graduate Council recommendation to approve the Graduate Certificate in Spanish program in the World Languages Department. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
 - UCA Graduate Council recommendation to approve the following:
 - New courses KPED 6336 and 6337 in the Kinesiology and Physical Education Dept.;
 - New course KPED 5376 (contingent upon confirmation of dual-listed KPED 4376 undergraduate course);

- Name change for the MS in Kinesiology to a MS in Exercise Science;
- Requirement of courses KPED 6336 and 6337 as thesis and non-thesis options in the MS in Exercise Science;
- Increase in the credit hour requirement from 30 to 36 hours for the thesis option in the MS in Exercise Science.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

- UCA Graduate Council recommendation to approve new course PSYC 8320. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

- 5) S. Runge led a discussion on annual departmental capital requests (also called whiteboard lists). Individual department requests, along with the appropriate justifications, will be collected by the Deans offices and compiled into one list for each college. The form to be used for this list was provided to council members. The deadline for submission of the completed form to the Provost's office is May 1, 2015. Council members were also reminded of the upcoming deadline for position requests. The deadline for position requests has been extended to April, 8, 2015, and a copy of the form to be used for position requests will be sent electronically to council members. Discussion followed.
- 6) S. Runge led a discussion on the upcoming meeting with UCA Board Chairman Brad Lacy. Mr. Lacy requested to meet with the Council of Deans as part of his preparation for next week's annual UCA Board of Trustees Retreat. He is interested in understanding the immediate needs within the academic colleges.
- 7) Provost's Announcements:
 - a. The UCA Night of Distinction will be held on April 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion. The event is \$150 per person. If attending, council members should consider purchasing their tickets soon, as seating is going to be limited.
 - b. The UCA National Walk at Lunch Day will be held on April 23, 2015, at x-period. The event is being promoted by the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education to promote health and wellness in the UCA community.
 - c. The AR STEM Coalition has announced a STEM Leadership for Girls Conference that will be held at locations state-wide this spring, including a conference at UCA on Friday, May 22nd. A copy of the press release was provided to council members.

- d. The comment period ends this week for the Director of Admissions and Enrollment Services position. The search committee will meet on Monday to discuss the finalists and will then provide feedback to the Provost and President.
- e. Mike Judge, the new Director of Online Learning, will begin work on Monday, April 6th.
- f. Vicki Groves Scott has accepted the position of Dean of the College of Education and will begin work on July 1st. She will visit campus again this spring to meet with various individuals within the college.
- g. S. Runge, J. Glenn, and K. Boniecki will be attending the Higher Learning Commission Conference in Chicago on March 28th through 31st.

8) Member Reports:

- a. M. Hargis announced that Dr. Michael Rubach is currently teaching the capstone MBA course, Strategic Management. A team from this course is in the top 50 (out of 2,758 teams) in the GLO-BUS business simulation. There are teams from 161 Colleges and Universities globally.
- b. D. Pounder reported that the ForwARd Arkansas Initiative is working to improve education outcomes in Arkansas. A firm has been retained to conduct surveys of focus groups and a variety of educational constituencies are at the table to participate. Additionally, the conversation at a recent education deans meeting focused on the possibility of only one annual state report. The conversation was very positive.
- c. K. Boniecki stated that he and J.A. Williams met with Chris Davis and Thomas Bruick to talk about how Banner, GradesFirst, BlackBoard and Map-Works can communicate with each other to allow grade information to come together at a single point. They will report back to the Council of Deans in a couple of weeks.
- d. S. Bellar announced that council members are invited to attend a reception on the afternoon of April 22nd to recognize faculty who have been awarded funding.
- e. J. Ishee announced that the Interior Design program hosted the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) team on campus last week, and the visit went very well.
- f. T. Wright stated that several events are on the schedule for the month of April, including student screenings, concerts and art shows. The first MFA Creative Writing class will graduate this spring.
- g. S. Addison stated that the UCA Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society will be receiving an outstanding chapter award. Also, Dr. John Choinski recently received a Fulbright Award.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.