

Council of Deans
September 2, 2015

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Victoria Groves-Scott, Kurt Boniecki, Stephanie Bellar, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison and Laura Young.

- 1) The CoD minutes of August 26, 2015 were approved.
- 2) S. Runge shared with council members information regarding an upcoming special recruitment and hiring edition of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. Council members were provided with information regarding the opportunity to place a combined ad in this edition. Discussion followed. Council members agreed that an ad should be placed, and they will submit information regarding faculty positions within their colleges to Lori Hudspeth for inclusion in the ad.
- 3) S. Runge led a brief discussion regarding the upcoming search for a replacement for Rick Scott, Dean of the Honors College, who has indicated he plans to step down from his position effective July 1, 2016. Dr. Scott plans to return to a faculty role and begin phased retirement at that time. Discussion followed. Council members are asked to begin considering individuals they might wish to recommend for the search committee.
- 4) S. Runge reminded council members that all existing non-tenure track position requests that will result in an increase in the number of non-tenure track positions within a department must be formally approved via the formal process outlined in Ch.III.B.2.d. of the Faculty Handbook. Formal requests for additional non-tenure track positions should be submitted to the Provost's office by Monday, September 14, 2015.
- 5) Provost's announcements:
 - Faculty, staff and administrators are encouraged to communicate to students the recent changes to graduation application deadlines and procedures.
 - Congressman French Hill visited campus on Monday, August 31st. Congressman Hill has a background in business and was given a tour of the College of Business. He had the opportunity to visit with students, faculty and administrators. The tour was followed by a lunch with several community leaders.
 - S. Runge will be out of the office most of the day on Friday.
 - S. Runge will meet with Board Trustee Shelia Vaught on Tuesday, September 15th as part of Ms. Vaught's board assignment with Academic Affairs.
 - The First-Year Multi-Cultural Student Dinner will be held on September 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Dr. Willie Hardin is the keynote speaker for the event.

- The UCA Testing Center has assumed the testing service responsibilities for the Disability Resource Center; however, testing services should still be scheduled through the Disability Resource Center.
- Brett Powell, Director of ADHE, recently shared via email information regarding the ongoing development of a master plan for higher education in Arkansas. A series of meetings are forthcoming, and council members may be asked to participate. Information on the plan can be found at <http://www.adhe.edu/institutions/higher-education-master-plan/>.
- Jessie Yeager, Apple Education Higher Ed Account Executive, has invited some UCA administrators and faculty to their offices in Chicago to meet with Apple corporate representatives for a continuation of the discussion of a potential Apple Authorized Campus Store in the new Donaghey Hall building.

8) Member Reports:

- V. Groves-Scott recently attended the Arkansas Education Deans Meeting and learned of a recent change in licensing requirements. Public Schools can now file a petition to the State Board of Education for a waiver allowing the hire of non-licensed teachers in areas other than core disciplines.
- S. Bellar advised council members that the fringe rate for grants will be changed to the actual rate effective October 1, 2015. Sponsored Programs budget forms are being revised and will be reduced from five forms to one.
- J. Ishee advised council members that the Nursing program's accreditation team will be on campus today and tomorrow.
- T. Wright reminded council members that a) Dan Steinhilber's (Artist in Residence) outdoor sculpture will be going up on September 2nd – 12th northwest of McAlister Hall; b) Dinty W. Moore, Artist in Residence, will be on campus September 15th and 16th for a reading from his creative non-fiction work; and c) the Reynolds Performance Series starts up on September 18th.
- S. Addison stated that good reports were received from the UCA delegation that attended the NSF Graduate Fellowship Writing Seminar last week at Louisiana Tech University. UCA had the largest delegation in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.