

Council of Deans  
October 7, 2015

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:03 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 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 September 23, 2015 were approved.
- 2) Action items and other business of the UCA Undergraduate Council (UGC) were considered as follows:
  - UGC recommendation for approval of new courses THEA 3305 and FILM 3310. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.
  - UGC recommendation for approval of new course WRTG 4372. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.
  - UGC recommendation for approval of a proposal by the Office of the Provost to change the residency requirements for a bachelor's degree as follows:
    - 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.A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.
  - UGC recommendation for approval of new courses ENGR 4V03, 4350, 3311 and 1301 contingent upon the proposal for ENGR 4V03 to state the maximum number of credit hours allowed toward the degree (this has been provided and is reflected in the course description). A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.
  - UGC recommendation for approval of a program name change for the Kinesiology and Physical Education Coaching Program licensure from 7-12 to K-12 contingent upon typos being removed from the forms. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.

- UGC recommendation for approval of a change in History for the BSE Social Studies program to drop ECON 1310 as a required course and replace it with ECON 2320. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.
- UGC recommendation for approval of new courses RAD 3900 and RAD 4400. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.
- UGC recommendation that a) language in the “Academic Integrity” and “Students with Disabilities” sections of the Online Essentials Guide match language in the same sections required for all syllabi, and b) those sections not be required for online syllabi to avoid duplication. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted not to approve the recommendation based on a consensus was that a) a link should be provided to the required language from the Online Essentials Guide rather than changing the language in the document, and b) the syllabi for both online and on-the-ground courses should be the same.

3) Action items of the UCA Graduate Council (GC) were considered as follows:

- GC recommendation for approval of new courses HIST 5359 and PTHY 6105, 6205, 7105 and 7114. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.

4) S. Runge led a discussion on concurrent enrollment. The Conway Public School District has indicated a strong interest in not only expanding concurrent course offerings for students but also providing a pathway for students to earn associate’s degrees through UCA concurrent coursework. Discussion followed.

5) S. Runge led a discussion on the number of majors UCA students are currently allowed to declare. Students are allowed to have up to two majors and two minors at the same time, and this is the equivalent to the number of hours required for three majors. Some students have recently indicated a desire to declare three majors. Discussion followed. Consensus was that students should have the option to declare up to three majors. On behalf of the Provost’s office, K. Boniecki will present a proposal that reflects this recommended change to the Undergraduate Council.

6) Provost’s Announcements:

- S. Runge met recently with Josh Smith, of Metova, to discuss Metova internship opportunities for UCA students
- The UCA Board of Trustees will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday.
- Prioritized SBAC funding requests are due to the Provost’s office by Friday.
- Angela Webster Smith will attend the next CoD meeting to discuss diversity issues.

- Dr. Charles Long, Apple Education Development Executive, will provide UCA faculty with a classroom technology demonstration at X-period on October 15, 2015 in the CoB auditorium.
- Applications for spring 2016 reassigned time are due to the Provost's office by October 15, 2015.
- Trustee Joe Whisenhunt will meet with the Provost on October 19<sup>th</sup> as part of his BOT assignment with Academic Affairs.
- Amber Hall will introduce the new Argos Dashboards at the October 21<sup>st</sup> CoD meeting.
- Deans should continue to have departments and units update their websites as some are still not updated.
- The UCAPD is offering active shooter training, and all colleges/departments/units are encouraged to schedule a training.
- UCA has purchased the Blackboard Outcomes Assessment add-on to collect assessment data in a manageable and useful way.
- The university is currently advertising for a full-time Director of Assessment.
- The Bill Nye event last night went extremely well.
- The Provost met last week with the UCA chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) to discuss expanding the definition of tenurable ranks. The Provost will host a series of forums (by college) to hear faculty input. Discussion followed.

#### 7) Member Reports:

- K. Boniecki reminded council members that sabbatical leave applications are due on Thursday.
- S. Bellar provided council members with a list of students from the various academic colleges who were awarded Student Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF). The deadline for applying for the next group of awards is October 23, 2015, and information can be found on the Sponsored Programs website at <http://uca.edu/sponsoredprograms/studentopportunities/>.
- J. Ishee stated that the Strategic Planning Task Force Smart Growth Sub-committee is seeking input from the academic college deans regarding any current programs that could possibly expand or thoughts on any potential new programs. Deans are asked to provide feedback to J. Ishee.
- T. Wright stated that the National Circus and Acrobats of the People's Republic of China will be performing tomorrow night at Reynolds Performance Hall.
- Donna Pinkley, Associate Professor in the Department of Art, has produced a photographic series on inter-racial couples that is receiving national attention for its focus on social justice.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 p.m.