

Council of Deans  
September 23, 2015

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 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. Shelley Mehl, Associate Vice President for Outreach and Community Engagement, was present for agenda item number one. Amber Hall, Director of Institutional Research, was present for agenda item number six.

- 1) S. Mehl addressed council members regarding property in downtown Conway recently leased by the university. The front portion of the space will be used as a gallery, and the back portion will be used for a variety of purposes. An overview of the potential uses for the space was provided. Discussion followed, and council members were asked to consider any other ideas for use of the space and provide any feedback to S. Mehl.

The first UCA TEDx presentation is scheduled for March 12, 2016. A UCA TEDx Salon Series will take place leading up to the event.

- 2) The CoD minutes of September 16, 2015 were approved with minor revision. S. Bellar abstained.
- 3) S. Runge shared the Bear Facts data as provided by the Office of Institutional Research at <http://uca.edu/ir/facts-and-figures/bear-facts/>. The new Argos Dashboards will make such data readily accessible and will replace the UCA Fact Book. Argos Dashboard training will be provided within the academic colleges as needed. Discussion followed.
- 4) S. Runge shared with council members data on Supplement Instruction outcomes for fall 2014 students. The pass rate for SI participating students in fall 2014 was 96.4% compared to a pass rate of 74.3% for non-participating students. Discussion followed. Supplemental Instruction offerings are expected to be expanded in spring 2016 based on these previous success rates.
- 5) S. Runge led a discussion on the possibility of joint appointments with the Honors College. Based on previous discussions with Rick Scott, Dean of the Honors College, and the Council of Deans, S. Runge will bring forward the joint appointment proposal to the Faculty Handbook Committee and the Faculty Senate. Discussion followed.
- 6) Amber Hall addressed faculty members on the completed faculty instructional load analysis (the updated documents were provided). An overview of the summary documents was given, and council members were asked to review the documents and provide any necessary feedback by the end of the day. Following any necessary revisions, the documents will be provided to the Faculty Senate on Thursday, September 17, 2015. Discussion followed.

7) Provost's announcements:

- Amber Hall, Director of Institutional Research, will soon begin introducing the new Argos Dashboards to the academic colleges.
- The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with the Provost this week. Discussion included faculty instructional workload and concurrent credit.
- Colleges/department/units should continue updating webpages.
- The CoD will not meet on September 30, 2015.
- Applications for spring 2016 reassigned time are due to the Provost's office by October 15, 2015.
- Prioritized SBAC funding requests are due to the Provost's office by October 9, 2015.

8) Member Reports:

- Stephanie Bellar stated that information on student research workshops can be found on the Sponsored Programs website <http://uca.edu/sponsoredprograms/>. Deans are asked to ask their department chairs to encourage faculty and students to participate.
- T. Wright stated that:
  - Journalist Gene Foreman will be in residence September 23-25, 2015. He will participate in a panel tonight in Buffalo Hall and give a presentation tomorrow night in the College of Business auditorium.
  - Bill Nye will be here on October 6, 2015. The event is sold out. Other Reynolds Performance Series events are starting to sell out.
  - Art Fest will kick-off next week.
- S. Addison provided council members with a report on the recent Arkansas Deans' Association meeting. He provided an overview of a session on the new HLC process that had been presented by Harding University.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.