

Council of Deans  
March 16, 2016

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Vicki Groves-Scott, Kurt Boniecki, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison and Laura Young. Camille Shepherd, Director of Assessment, was present for agenda item number one. Rick Scott, Dean of the Schedler Honors College, was present for agenda item number two.

- 1) C. Shepherd gave an overview of the ongoing work to align the assessment process among the academic colleges. She is planning to meet with each college dean and their department chairs in the next month to receive feedback on the assessment process, including feedback on the current continuous improvement form. Deans are asked to contact C. Shepherd regarding scheduling a time for this meeting. Discussion followed.
- 2) In continuation of discussion at the March 2, 2016 CoD and at the request of the CoD, R. Scott participated in a discussion regarding the need for language regarding the Honors in the Major program to be clearly stated, consistent across all departments and to be located in one place.

S. Addison provided council members with documentation showing how Undergraduate Bulletin (UGB) language regarding the program has evolved over time. Discussion followed regarding presentation in the UGB (specifically, language regarding the required GPA for graduation with honors). R. Scott and J. Glenn will work together to identify the best way to organize the information so that students can utilize the UGB to navigate through the pathway for honors.

Also discussed was the required GPA for graduation in the Honors in the Majors program, which is currently at least a 3.4 in the major with at least a 3.25 overall. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of raising the minimum requirements for both admission to and graduation from the program. The UCA Honors Council will be discussing this possibility at their next meeting.

- 3) The CoD minutes of March 2, 2016 and March 9, 2016 were approved.
- 4) Action items of the UCA Core Council were considered as follows:
  - UCA Core Council recommendation for approval of new course ANTH 4360. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.
  - UCA Core Council recommendation for approval of new course ENGL 4325. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.

- UCA Core Council recommendation for approval of new course ENGL 3345. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.
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- UCA Core Council recommendation for approval of new course EDUC 2310. A motion to approve this recommendation was previously table at the February 17, 2016 CoD meeting for clarification of the logistics of how this course will be delivered. A motion to remove the previous motion from the table was made, seconded, discussed and approved. The course will be delivered as a 3 credit hour course over one semester. A motion to approve the recommendation was then made and seconded. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the recommendation.

K. Boniecki provided an overview of information items from the March 1, 2016 UCA Core Council meeting. Discussion followed.

- 5) J. Ishee led a discussion regarding a request from the Department of Nursing to change the department's name to the School of Nursing. Discussion followed. Other nursing programs have changed their titles to "school" rather than department, and this places UCA at a disadvantage when competing with outside institutions for students and faculty. The school will have a director instead of a chair but will remain in the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, and reporting lines will remain the same. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. Discussion followed. The CoD voted to approve the request.
- 6) S. Runge led a discussion regarding equity/merit allocations for faculty for next year. Most colleges/units have submitted their inequity analyses to the provost's office. We will not know if funds are available for an equity/pool until the budget is finalized in May.
- 7) S. Runge led a discussion regarding capital funding to be submitted to the state. The university is required to submit capital funding priorities soon. Council members were provided a copy of the prioritized list previously discussed in August 2015 and asked to review. Discussion followed regarding the various priorities. Council members were given the opportunity to individually re-rank the priorities in order of their preference. The individual rankings were then averaged and the top priority continued to be the Institute for Wellness and Restorative Health.
- 8) Provost's announcements:
  - Notification of promotion/tenure/advancement recommendations were provided to faculty yesterday.
  - S. Runge and J. Glenn met recently with external reviewers for both English and Philosophy.

- S. Runge met with faculty in Health Sciences, Geography, and Family & Consumer Sciences in the past week. He will meet with faculty in Mathematics and Computer Science today.
- S. Runge will meet with SGA executive officers this Thursday regarding advising needs.
- A meeting regarding UCA Online will be scheduled soon to look at progress and needs.
- A meeting regarding interstate passport (portability of credit for passport states) has been scheduled for Friday.
- The Service Learning awards reception is scheduled for April 19, 2016, at 5:00pm in Brewer Hegeman Conference Center.
- Dr. William Sheehan, candidate for the VP for Advancement position, will be on campus after spring break. An announcement will go out soon.
- S. Runge spoke with Dr. Mike DeLong, provost of Pulaski Technical College, and he informed S. Runge that they are working on getting the student survey of program interest completed.
- Council members are asked to distribute UCA Day of Giving postcards.

#### 9) Member Reports:

- K. Boniecki reminded CoD that the deadline for items for the final Undergraduate Council meeting for this academic year is April 1. Anything received after April 1 will not be considered until the fall.
- J. Ishee stated that on Monday, the university announced a donation from the Nabholz Charitable Foundation of \$500,000 to the UCA Foundation for the Nabholz Center for Healthcare Simulation.
- T. Wright stated that the UCA Wind Ensemble will perform tomorrow night at 7:30pm in Reynolds Performance Hall.
- S. Addison stated that he attended the STEM career fair for Northwest Arkansas schools yesterday in Alma. Approximately 650 students attended. Other universities that were represented included University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith, and Arkansas Tech University.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.