

Council of Deans
November 18, 2015

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:03 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 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. Jane Ann Williams, Associate Vice President for International Engagement, and Ashley Pettingill, Associate Director of International Engagement, were present for agenda item number one.

- 1) J.A. Williams and A. Pettingill addressed council members regarding the following:
 - The inaugural ‘Friends of Fulbright’ program will sponsor 20 Argentinian students at UCA in the spring. A handout was provided detailing program information. Discussion followed
 - A Study Abroad Advisory Committee has been proposed with the intent of enhancing UCA’s Study Abroad program. Proposed Faculty Handbook language regarding the committee was provided to council members. Discussion followed.
 - A proposed policy regarding UCA Study Abroad eligibility was provided to council members. The policy, as proposed, clarifies how student applications will be prioritized. Discussion followed.
 - A Candlelight Gathering for Global Peace has been planned for Thursday, November 19th at 4:45 p.m. in the campus amphitheater.
- 2) The CoD minutes of November 11, 2015 were approved with revision. M. Lee abstained due to having not been present at the November 11th meeting.
- 3) Following up on an October 21st CoD discussion, S. Runge led a discussion regarding the possibility of providing an honorary posthumous degree for UCA students who pass away prior to degree completion. Council members were provided with a copy of a sample policy that is currently used by another Arkansas institution. Discussion followed. Consensus was reached to take the necessary steps to adapt this policy for UCA.
- 4) S. Runge provided council members with an update on the ongoing discussion with Dr. Mike DeLong, Provost of Pulaski Technical College (PTC), regarding the creation of a University Center at PTC. PTC will provide space and allow UCA to provide PTC students the opportunity to complete a UCA baccalaureate program (full UCA curriculum and tuition) while remaining on the PTC campus. Discussion followed.
- 5) S. Runge provided council members with an update on the implementation of Apple Education technology on the UCA campus. Programs that will benefit from use of this technology are currently being identified. The Center for Teaching Excellence, with assistance from UCA’s Distinguished Apple Educator Dr. Michael Mills, will provide faculty

training on this technology. Training is expected to take place during the Spring 2016 semester with implementation in Fall 2016. Discussion followed.

6) Provost's Announcements:

- Discussions continue with Conway Public Schools regarding the possibility of UCA providing a pathway to an Associate of Arts degree for Conway High School students through a combination of concurrent coursework and other credits including on-campus UCA courses.
- The UCA STEM Institute will hold an open house today from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- A retirement reception for Dr. Don Bradley will be held at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow in the College of Business.
- The final faculty forum regarding possible revisions to the definition of tenurable ranks will be held this afternoon in the College of Education. Faculty who have suggestions on this topic should send their ideas to the Faculty Handbook Committee via the Provost, Faculty Handbook Committee Chair or the Faculty Senate President.
- CoD members are asked to hold their calendars for both April 22nd and 23rd for the 2016 UCA Night of Distinction.
- CoD will not meet on Wednesday, November 25th.
- The December 2nd CoD meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m.

7) Member Reports:

- The Registrar's office has downloaded the list of courses UCA currently accepts from transfer students. A copy of this list will be provided to the chairs and deans.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.