

Council of Deans
August 24, 2016

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2016. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Victoria Groves-Scott, Kurt Boniecki, Joan Simon, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison and Laura Young.

- 1) The CoD minutes of August 3, 2016 were approved. M. Lee and V. Groves-Scott abstained.
- 2) S. Runge led a discussion regarding targeted marketing of academic programs and colleges. C. Madsen, Associate Vice President for University Relations and Creative Services, will be attending an upcoming CoD meeting to discuss potential areas of focus for advertising in the coming year. Council members will visit with their department chairs/directors to identify specific target areas. Discussion followed.
- 3) S. Runge led a discussion regarding current information technology support needs.
- 4) S. Runge provided council members with an overview of the new Student Success Scholarship. The scholarship is a need-based, one-time scholarship equal to \$250 and is only available to first-time freshmen students who are PELL eligible and who complete a series of student success activities. This is an initiative that resulted from the Black Male Retention Working Group, in coordination with the Student Success & Retention Council, to incentivize at-risk students to attend UCA student success programming activities. The scholarship is being managed by the Office of Student Success, in coordination with the Office of Financial Aid. Discussion followed.
- 5) Provost's Announcements:
 - The Distinguished Alumni Award policy has been revised (a copy of the new policy was provided).
 - Diversity After Hours Reception – September 20, 4:30pm to 6:00pm, McCastlain Fireplace Room. Deans and department chairs are encouraged to attend.
 - A meeting regarding the Maker Space in Donaghey Hall was held last week. The Maker Space will serve as an equipment and activity hub for faculty, staff, students and community to work on innovation projects.
 - A meeting regarding changes to SEVIS admission regulations was held last week. Universities are no longer permitted to admit international students conditionally.
 - A meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 29, with the UAMS Provost, Associate Dean of the College of Medicine, and the Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion to discuss a possible agreement/program for assisting students with non-traditional academic backgrounds with gaining admission into UAMS professional programs.
 - Reminders:
 - Department chairs should manage approval of all course substitutions.
 - Advisors and faculty should remind students to update their majors and minors. The accuracy of this information is critical to the advising process.
 - Spring reassignment requests are due to the provost's office by the end of the day on September 9th.

6) Member Reports:

- M. Lee announced that he is planning to retire following the 2016-2017 academic year. Faculty and staff in the College of Liberal Arts have been notified.
- V. Groves-Scott stated that students and department chairs are invited to attend an upcoming meeting regarding the P3T (Partnership for Transition to Teaching) grant and the opportunity to come back to UCA for a masters degree. Chairs are encouraged to attend and to invite any students who might be interested. Deans are also welcome to attend. [The meeting has been scheduled for September 7th at 12:30pm in the Presidents Dining Room.]
- J. Simon stated that she is scheduled to meet with the Academic Council on Friday regarding the GA survey. She will also request their assistance in identifying institutes or programs that are doing research or grant funded projects. The Sponsored Programs website is currently being updated and will be linked to the new research link on the academics tab of the website; and the information provided will be highlighted here.
- T. Wright announced that the new Baum Gallery Interim Director is Brian Young.
- L. Young stated that T.J. Johnston is now the Director of Corporate Giving, and his office is now located in Buffalo Alumni Hall. He will be contacting deans in the near future for assistance in identifying the top employers of graduates from each college.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.