

Council of Deans September 6, 2017

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Provost Michael Hargis presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Ken Griffin, Peter Mehl, Vicki Groves-Scott, Kurt Boniecki, Angela Barlow, Jacquie Rainey (in the absence of Jimmy Ishee), Terry Wright, and Stephen Addison. Kale Gober was present for agenda item number one. Angela Webster was present for agenda item number two.

1. Dr. Kale Gober provided the Council with a Fiscal Year 2017 Advancement Report. He also outlined the Fiscal Year 2018 objectives and the current progress being made toward those objectives. Discussion followed.
2. Dr. Angela Webster provided a calendar of events for the Office of Institutional Diversity that are scheduled to take place during the current academic year. She reviewed the list with the deans, highlighting the events where the deans might encourage participation and attendance from their colleges. She will be attending the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) conference on October 26, 2017 and would like a list of current position openings and descriptions to distribute at the conference. M. Hargis asked the Council to email their lists to him, copying Alicia Crow, before the conference so that they can be condensed into a single list and provided to Dr. Webster. Discussion followed.
3. The CoD minutes from the August 30, 2017 meeting were considered and approved.
4. M. Hargis discussed the Student Success and Student Professional Development funds that were placed in the deans' M&O budgets at the beginning of the fiscal year. A portion of the funds are to be used for faculty involvement in student graduate initiatives. The other portion of the funds are to increase co-curricular career preparation and professional development opportunities. He asked that the deans keep him informed of their plans for using the funds. Discussion followed.
5. Member Reports:
 - K. Griffin stated that Biz Fest, the College of Business Day on the Lawn, will be announced to students this morning. The event will be held in front of the College of Business on September 20.
 - P. Mehl announced that Dr. Roger Pauley, Associate Professor, will be partnering with AETN as Project Historian of the AETN Salutes Vietnam Veterans Initiative. Dr. Pauley will be writing "The Demystified Zone" blog series which will be available on AETN's website. P. Mehl also stated that Judge Troy Braswell will be speaking at Constitution Day on Tuesday, September 19, in Irby 215.

- V. Groves-Scott stated that the College of Education will be hosting a Digital Curiosity Day on September 21. The event will feature two Apple Distinguished Educators as speakers. Digital Curiosity Day will be open to local teachers, faculty, and students. The morning session (9:00-11:00) will be for students and the afternoon session (1:00-3:00) will be for teachers. Dr. Groves-Scott also stated that the college is starting a blog. TJ Hendrix will be involving her students in writing the blog.
- A. Barlow reminded the deans that the new student orientation hosted by the Graduate School will be next Monday, September 11.
- J. Rainey stated that the Military Science Contracting Ceremony will be Thursday, September 7, at 3:00.
- T. Wright announced that the Dutchman theatrical performance will be running this week and next. He announced that the Theo Crockett Quartet will perform Thursday at South on Main. The Fall Festival for College of Fine Arts and Communication faculty will be next week at UCA Downtown.

6. Provost's Announcements:

- The next Council of Deans meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m.
- Annual Reports are due to the Provost's office on Monday, October 2.
- Distinguished Faculty Emeritus nominations are due to the Provost's office on Monday, October 16.
- Grades First training sessions through the Academic Advising Center will be held on September 12 and 13. An email announcement will go out to campus following today's meeting. There are only 50 available seats for the training sessions so please share this with the department chairs to encourage faculty attendance.
- The SBAC base budget proposal requests for FY19 are due to Tammy Rogers, SBAC chair, on Thursday, October 5. The deans should have their completed requests submitted to the Provost, copying Alicia Crow, by Wednesday, September 27. The Provost is happy to discuss any concerns or answer any questions that the deans may have while completing their requests.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.