

**Council of Deans**  
**October 25, 2017**

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Provost Michael Hargis presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Stephanie Watson (in the absence of Ken Griffin), Peter Mehl, Victoria Groves-Scott, Patricia Smith, Kurt Boniecki, Angela Barlow, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, and Stephen Addison.

1. The CoD minutes from the October 11, 2017 meeting were considered and approved with Stephanie Watson abstaining.
2. Action items from the October 12, 2017 Graduate Council meeting were considered as follows:
  - Reconfigure the M.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences to create a new degree program, the M.S. in Nutrition;
  - Add new course FACS 6V44 Thesis Research (variable 1-3 credit hours);
  - Add new course NUTR 5V30 Special Topics online (variable 1-3 credit hours); and
  - A proposal to change the Graduate School admission policy, eliminating the GRE as a Graduate School admission requirement and allowing each graduate program to choose either to continue using the GRE or to determine another program-specific requirement for admission.

A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Council voted to approve all action items.

3. Patricia Smith discussed the Latin Honors proposal that was submitted by the University Honors Council at the request of the Student Government Association. The Honors Council, after reviewing the Latin Honors system used for all of UCA's peer and aspirant institutions and other four-year public institutions within the state, submitted a request that will better align UCA's Latin Honors system with those of our peer and aspirant institutions. The recommendation revises the range for cum laude to 3.500-3.699 and the range for magna cum laude to 3.700-3.899.

The Council voted to approve the proposal and discussed the timeline of when it will go into effect. The new Latin Honors system will be added to the 2017/2018 Undergraduate Bulletin in January 2018 and be effective in spring 2018.

4. Member Reports:
  - S. Addison stated that the House Cyber Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce had a joint meeting last week to discuss the push to

fill CyberSecurity positions in the workforce.

He had a very positive meeting with Courtney Pledger of AETN on Monday to discuss the link with the Cyber Range.

- T. Wright reported that he also had a very good meeting with Courtney Pledger of AETN to discuss partnering with the Film program and the *Oxford American* to work cooperatively on creative projects with the College of Fine Arts and Communication. They are also interested in exploring grant opportunities. There will be a choral concert for the President's Investiture ceremony tomorrow. Jack Hanna will be at Reynolds Performance Hall at 7:00 on Friday, October 27. The Conway Symphony Orchestra is performing from 4:00 until 6:00 on Sunday, October 29.
- J. Ishee announced that the Psychology & Counseling department will have their 50-year celebration this Friday night.
- A. Barlow reminded the Deans that she sent a message to them about the planned events in January. She needs their response in the next two weeks.
- P. Smith announced that eight students will be presenting their thesis at the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Atlanta.
- V. Groves-Scott stated that the College of Education will be hosting a Teacher Cadet Day on Friday, February 2, 2018. They anticipate 300-600 students to be on campus for the event. She will send the dates to the Council. The Arkansas Department of Education has released Teacher preparation rules for public comment. She will send a link to the rules to the Council. Everyone is encouraged to comment.
- P. Mehl reported that Steve Darr with Peacework will be on campus on November 13 to meet with interested faculty. If any of the Deans have faculty interested in the program, please send them to the meeting at 1:30 in the CLA Dean's Conference Room, Irby 120. There will be a Student Ethics Bowl in Little Rock this evening. UCA students will be competing against UALR students. Dr. Ken Barnes will be receiving the Booker Worthen Literary Prize Thursday evening at the Butler Center in Little Rock for his book "Anti-Catholicism in Arkansas: How Politicians, the Press, the Klan, and Religious Leaders Imagined an Enemy".
- S. Watson stated that UCA has been asked to host the upcoming meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountants. Steve Nelson will be honored as CFO of the Year at a luncheon next Wednesday, November 1.
- J. Glenn stated that he is available if the Council is needing to contact him about items that he is working on with the colleges. He is still receiving responses to participate in tomorrow's Investiture ceremony.

##### 5. Provost's Announcements:

- The next Council of Deans meeting will be Wednesday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m.
- Two representatives from the SGA Academic Affairs Committee will attend next week's meeting.
- Courtney Bryant, Director of Admissions, will also attend next week's meeting.
- Vaughn Scribner, Assistant Professor in the History Department, was recently interviewed by Sky News on mythical creatures and their current popularity. Channel 7 News also interviewed him on the same topic.
- Please submit any notable ideas for consideration and inclusion in an upcoming Bear C.L.A.W.S. report to Christina Madsen, copying Michael Hargis.
- Be keeping a list of your college's accomplishments throughout the year for submission in the spring.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.