

**Council of Deans**  
**March 28, 2018**

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. Provost Michael Hargis presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Ken Griffin, Peter Mehl, Victoria Groves-Scott, Patricia Smith, Kurt Boniecki, Angela Barlow, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, and Stephen Addison. Julia Winden-Fey was present for item two.

1. M. Hargis thanked Dean Addison for his role in the Cyber Security initiative at UCA. The Provost's office has received positive feedback on Dean Addison's leadership in the newly created Cyber Program and the associated Cyber Range.
2. K. Boniecki and J. Winden-Fey discussed the Gateways to Completion (G2C) conference that they recently returned from. They also discussed the Gateway Courses data that was distributed at the last meeting of the Council of Deans. They asked the deans to discuss the data with their department chairs and to identify those courses within their college that might be a good fit for the first round of the G2C program. Those courses that opt to participate in the program will have the support of the Center for Teaching Excellence and G2C.

K. Boniecki and J. Winden-Fey agreed to meet with the department chairs from each college to help explain the initiative and to answer any questions they may have. The goal is to identify four to six courses to participate in the first round of the program. These courses should be identified by the end of this spring term.

3. The minutes from the March 14, 2018 meeting were discussed and approved.
4. The Council considered the tabled proposal from the January 16, 2018 Undergraduate Council regarding new course ENGL 4355 Topics in Film as Literature. P. Mehl distributed a handout from the English department faculty outlining their rationale for the proposal. T. Wright distributed a handout from the Film faculty outlining their response to the course proposal. After review of the two documents and discussion, the Council voted not to recommend approval of the course proposal for ENGL 4355 Topics in Film as Literature.
5. Action items from the March 15, 2018 Graduate Council meeting were considered as follows:
  - New graduate certificate program in Data Analytics from the Management Information Systems Department;
  - New course ACCT 6382 Graduate Internship in Accounting;
  - Program-specific admission requirements for the Mental Health Counseling MS;
  - Program-specific admission requirements for the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Special Education;

- Program-specific admission requirements for the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) for all concentrations;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the Creative Writing MFA;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the Educational Leadership EdS;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the Building Level Administration PMC;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the District Level Administration PMC;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the College, Student, Personnel Services and Administration MS;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the School Leadership, Management & Administration (SLMA) MS;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the History MA;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the Special Education MSE, and GCs;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the School Counseling MS;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership (ASTL) MSE;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the Reading MSE and Dyslexia Therapist GC;
- Program-specific admission requirements for the Gifted and Talented (GATE) GC; and
- Program-specific admission requirements for the Applied Computing MS.

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

## 6. Member Reports

- K. Griffin announced that the College of Business received a pledge for a new scholarship focusing on women in finance.
- P. Mehl announced that Mark Mullenbach received a \$35,000 pledge of support from the Arkansas Department of Education to fund the Model UN Summer Camp.  
It was previously discussed that the Washington Center had exhausted their state of Arkansas supplied scholarship budget for supporting student internships. They have since agreed to fund two more UCA students for the summer. The funding totals \$14,000 for both students.
- V. Groves-Scott reported that Patty Kohler-Evans and Renee Crow received a \$100,000 grant from the Arkansas Department of Education for content literacy development.
- P. Smith stated that the Honors College made offers to incoming freshmen. The deadline for acceptance is April 1. So far, 66 students have submitted their

acceptance. There are 75 spots available. There have also been 34 students accepted for the 30 spots available for the University Scholars program. Representatives from the Arkansas Governor's School will be touring UCA's campus during the second week of May. If the deans have any areas that they would like to be included in the tour, please send that information to her.

- A. Barlow asked that the deans discuss the upcoming change to the F&A allocation amounts with their department chairs. She asked that they communicate that there will be a change to the percentage allocated to the department and that this change will not go into effect until the new fiscal year.
- T. Wright shared that the College of Fine Arts and Communications is seeing the fruits of the \$500,000 gift from the Bridges-Larson Foundation. In 2018, the experiential learning initiative allowed 9 creative writing students to attend the national Associated Writing Program conference in Indianapolis, 23 film students to attend the South by Southwest film festival in Austin, and 30 theatre students to attend the Humana Festival of New American Plays sponsored by the Actor's Theatre of Louisville. This was a wonderful opportunity for those students.
- S. Addison announced that Metova was selected as the winning bidder for the Cyber Range. UCA will take delivery of the Cyber Range in 30-60 days and he will be meeting with Metova tomorrow to discuss the delivery.

#### 7. Provost's Announcements

- The next Council of Deans meeting will be Wednesday, April 4.
- Faculty Senate President, Taine Duncan, provided the Provost with a list of questions regarding evaluations. The Provost would like the deans' and chairs' perspectives on the new question set that was implemented last fall. This is an opportunity to improve communication. Please send any responses to Alicia Crow who will then compile the information to be provided to Dr. Duncan.
- The computer refresh schedule data is due to Lori Hudspeth today.
- The items to be used in the Strategic Planning Committee presentation are due March 30.
- The list of achievements for the Annual Report are due March 30.
- Please add the following items to your calendars:
  - Student Convocation will be the morning of August 20. Deans and chairs should plan to attend.
  - Faculty Convocation will be on August 22. Would like full faculty attendance. The faculty awards winners will be honored at the event.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.