

Council of Deans
April 11, 2018

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. 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 minutes from the March 28, 2018 meeting were discussed and approved.
2. Action items from the March 29, 2018 Undergraduate Council meeting were considered as follows:
 - Change course level and number from ENGL 6325 Asian/Asian American Literature to ENGL 4383;
 - Change the credit value of NURS 3515 to NURS 3304 Nursing Care of the Older Adult;
 - Add existing course HSC 4314 Multicultural Counseling and Addiction to the UCA Upper Division Core in the category area of Diversity;
 - New course GEST 4380 General Studies Capstone in the Bachelor of General Studies program;
 - Change the list of upper-division electives and to modify language in the Undergraduate Bulletin for the International Studies program;
 - New courses PSCI 3355 Race and U.S. Politics and PSCI 4313 Contemporary Issues in American Politics;
 - Add WRTG 4381 Special Topics in Writing to the requirements for the Professional Writing minor. The course will be listed as both a requirement and as an elective since students may repeat the course for elective credits;
 - New course AFAM 4300 Special Topics in African and African American Studies;
 - From the department of History/Southern and Arkansas Studies Minor to change the total credit hour requirements from 21 to 18 and to remove the Core and elective components and create one pool of classes;
 - Remove MUS 2150 Strings class and add MUS 4160 Vocal Pedagogy to the list of required courses in the department of Music/Music Education/Piano Vocal;
 - Change course level from MIS 4328 to MIS 3328 and remove prerequisite of MIS 3365 and CSCI 3360; and
 - From the College of Education/Teacher Education Programs to change the admission requirements.

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

The Council voted to remove from the table the discussion of changing the placement requirements for UNIV 0361. Also discussed was agenda item one from the March 29 Undergraduate Council minutes, the recommendation to change the placement standards for MATH 1360, MATH 1390, and WRTG 1310. K. Boniecki provided the Council with information about the Arkansas Department for Higher Education's requirement that all institutions submit a placement plan by June 29. He distributed three handouts: Student Placement into First-Year Courses Executive Summary, Placement Plans of Four-Year Arkansas Universities Submitted to ADHE and the Placement Plan for the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith. After discussion, the Council voted to table both proposals until the Director of Admissions can speak to them about the possible enrollment ramifications.

3. Member Reports

- S. Addison reported that after meeting with Metova, it was arranged that the university will take delivery of the Cyber Range the week of June 4. He is currently developing a program to partner with two-year schools within the state. He also provided a cost comparison of attending medical school at UAMS and the new DO programs in Jonesboro and Fort Smith.
The skype interviews for the CLA Dean search were completed yesterday. The committee will meet at 7:00 a.m. tomorrow to decide which candidates to invite for campus interviews.
- T. Wright announced that Oxford American will be sponsoring a reading of the graduate MFA class at UCA Downtown on April 11.
George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" will be presented this week and next in the Bridges/Larson Theatre.
- J. Ishee reported that Fort Smith is beginning a Physical Therapy program.
- A. Barlow announced that Sponsored Programs will be hosting a SURF panel next Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
The Graduate Admission process changes have been fully approved. She plans to meet with program coordinators to discuss the updated process.
- K. Boniecki stated that the meetings to discuss the G2C initiative with the various chair councils are going well. He thanked the chairs for their time and participation. He asked that the deans provide feedback on their colleges' recommendations by the end of next week.
The NCAD conference is scheduled for July 18-20. Please pass this information to the department chairs. Bob Cipriano and Jeff Buller will be speaking again this year and John Gardner will be the keynote speaker.
- P. Smith stated that there were 80 participants at last Saturday's Issues in the Public Square event.
The Fulbright Cultural Exchange Program will be tomorrow.
The Arkansas Governor's School site visit will be May 7 from 1:30 until 3:30.
There will be 12 representatives from the selection committee and two representatives from ADE.

- V. Groves-Scott reported that the College of Education hosted the Arkansas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education last Friday. Joyce Elliott spoke to the 120 attendees.
- P. Mehl stated that the College of Liberal Arts hosted a successful History Day event on April 7 with more than 350 high school students competing. Two representatives from the U.S. State Department will be visiting campus next Thursday, April 19. They will hold a general information session at x-period about employment and internship opportunities, and then attend the College of Liberal Arts' Research Symposium.
- S. Watson announced that the College of Business will host their research and project day on April 19.
- J. Glenn reported that he just returned from the annual HLC conference. He reminded COD that the Four-Year Assurance Review will take place in 2020 and the university's Quality Initiative proposal will be submitted shortly thereafter. While at the conference, he was able to meet with the university's new HLC staff liaison, Dr. John Marr.

4. Provost's Announcements

- The next Council of Deans meeting will be Wednesday, April 18.
- Courtney Mullen will attend next week's meeting to discuss placement requirements and its potential effect on Admissions.
- Be prepared to discuss special degree requirements at the next meeting.
- The Employee Service Awards ceremony will be April 17 at 1:40.
- Dr. Patricia Poulter has expressed that she would like to schedule one-on-one meetings with the Council members in July.
- The candidate visits for both the College of Liberal Arts Dean position and the AVP of International Engagement position will likely be completed by the end of April. Each candidate will have the opportunity to meet with the Council of Deans. Thank you to the chairs of each search committee for their work on these important searches.
- The Provost's Office is currently working on the schedule for the May 9 Deans Retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.