

Council of Deans

August 28, 2019

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Provost Patricia Poulter presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Rubach (in the absence of Michael Hargis), Vicki Groves-Scott, Jimmy Ishee, Patricia Smith, Angela Barlow, Kurt Boniecki, Thomas Williams, Terry Wright, and Ginny Adams (in the absence of Stephen Addison).

Jeremy Gilliam, Director of Governmental Affairs and External Relations, was present for information item 1.b and Diane Newton, Vice President of Finance and Administration, was present for information item 1.c.

1. Information Items:

- a) The Council of Deans will not meet next week.
- b) J. Gilliam shared news of the recent modification to Act 911 of the 2017 Arkansas General Assembly. The new bill (Act 604) requires that all state funded colleges and universities display signage of the national motto. Physical plant personnel will install signs in all 217 UCA classrooms; they will also address any other required signage deficiencies at that time. An announcement will be issued to campus.
- c) D. Newton provided an overview of Resource Optimization and Anaplan budgeting software.

2. The minutes from the August 7, 2019 meeting were considered and approved.

3. Discussion Items:

- a) P. Poulter announced a time frame change for summer registration. Students will now be able to register for the summer term during spring registration periods.
- b) P. Poulter provided an update on the meta-majors/momentum year timeline and benchmarks. J. Ishee volunteered to lead the initiative on campus.
- c) P. Poulter shared rollout information on UCA Inform. It is designed to announce future events, not news. It is also not for RSOs. There will also be a new website for all construction related items, such as street closings and revised shuttle routes.
- d) K. Boniecki led a discussion concerning UCA Online strategic planning. The proposed timeline and involvement of OLAC will need to be reconsidered.
- e) K. Boniecki provided information on the reconfigured Council for Student Success (CSS). The Graduate Dean will be added to the core membership.
- f) P. Smith announced minor schedule changes to Distinguished Scholars Day on September 28.
- g) P. Poulter shared her positive experience of the First Year Multicultural Dinner. UCA will fund Project X going forward since the grant is coming to an end.

4. Important Dates:

- a) Campus Talk – Thursday, September 12 during x-period in the Student Center Ballroom
- b) Council of Deans Meeting – September 18 @ 9:00 a.m.
- c) Distinguished Scholar’s Day – Saturday, September 28
- d) Diversity & Inclusion Leadership for Academic Administrators – October 8, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- e) Board of Trustees Meeting – Friday, October 11
- f) Ground-breaking for the new Health & Behavioral Sciences building – October 11 at 1:00 p.m.
- g) Bear Facts Day – Saturday, October 12
- h) Dean’s Fall Retreat – October 23, 2019 @ Elizabeth House