

Council of Deans
August 7, 2019

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019. Provost Patricia Poulter presided and the following members were present: Michael Hargis, Jimmy Ishee, Vicki Groves-Scott, Leah Horton (in the absence of Patricia Smith), Kurt Boniecki, Angela Barlow, Thomas Williams, Terry Wright and Brent Hill (in the absence of Stephen Addison).

1. Information Items:

- a) As a reminder, faculty obligations begin August 16 as per their contract and not on the first day of classes.
- b) Deans were encouraged to recognize the department chairs who attended the Chairs Retreat.
- c) V. Groves Scott announced that UCA has been awarded the Winthrop Rockefeller grant for the educational equity program.

2. The minutes from the July 24, 2019 meeting were considered and approved.

3. Discussion Items:

- a) P. Poulter led a discussion on metamajors and momentum year. K. Boniecki will work with IR to identify the most common academic major changes. Deans were charged with drafting an implementation timeline due by September 4, 2019.
- b) A. Barlow gave a position update on the Director of Sponsored Programs. Two candidates will be on campus next week for interviews. Also, a new search is beginning for the Post Award Specialist.
- c) L. Horton shared information from the recent Arkansas Honors College conference, where participants expressed their desires and efforts to slow the “brain drain” on Arkansas.
- d) B. Hill shared his perspective of the Chairs Retreat. A goal for the planning committee is to formulate a guidebook for department chairs.
- e) P. Poulter provided results of the Chairs poll which included (1) coaching for goal setting (2) coaching for meaningful performance and (3) coaching for improved instruction.

4. Important Dates:

- a) Summer Commencement will be August 10 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- b) New Faculty & Professional Staff Reception August 15 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. @ UCA Downtown
- c) Board of Trustees meeting will be August 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- d) Student Convocation will be August 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Farris Center. Please be at the Farris Center by 9:00 a.m. in your regalia.
- e) Fall Convocation will be August 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ida Waldran Auditorium
- f) Next Council of Deans Meeting – August 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- g) Distinguished Scholar’s Day – Saturday, September 28
- h) Bear Facts Day – Saturday, October 12
- i) Dean’s Fall Retreat – October 23, 2019 @ Elizabeth House
- j) Diversity & Inclusion Leadership for Academic Administrators – Part One, October 8, 2019 and Part Two, February 18, 2020 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.