

Council of Deans  
October 16, 2019

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Provost Patricia Poulter presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Jimmy Ishee, Michael Mills in the absence of Vicki Groves-Scott, Kurt Boniecki, Tom Williams, Stephen Addison, Patricia Smith, and Gayle Seymour in absence of Terry Wright.

Guests Jacob Held, Peter Mehl, Jacquie Rainey, and Thomas Snyder were present for information items.

1. Information Items:

- a) Council members and guests watched an online presentation of the *MyMajors* app and reporting tool. P. Poulter asked everyone to visit the *MyMajors* website for additional information and to gather feedback from colleagues at institutions who are using *MyMajors*, particularly the University of Oklahoma since they helped with the development of *MyMajors*.
- b) M. Hargis announced the upcoming Davis Family lecture on October 22<sup>nd</sup> featuring UCA alum Curtis Barnett. Mr. Barnett, President and CEO of Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield, will be speaking on the transferability of skills for leadership.
- c) P. Poulter thanked J. Ishee and J. Rainey for a great groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Integrated Health Sciences building.
- d) P. Poulter introduced her new Executive Assistant, Ms. Kinsey Carr.
- e) P. Poulter answered questions regarding VERI (Voluntary Early Retirement Initiative).
- f) J. Ishee requested commencement information (i.e., which colleges are at which ceremony).

2. The minutes from October 2, 2019 were considered and approved with two minor corrections.

3. Discussion Items:

- a) K. Boniecki led a discussion concerning major migration. The research revealed that during the current cohort's first four semesters, a major change most often occurred in the first term (26.6%).

- b) T. Williams provided an update on the CAHSS Task Force that has been developed to identify and address crucial issues that may arise from the creation of a new college, such as: Tenure and Promotion; Committees; Faculty Handbook; Mission and Culture; and Budgets. Faculty are also being encouraged to voice their concerns to faculty senators.
- c) J. Glenn indicated the Board reporting approval timeline for the new College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Also included for the Boards will be the move and reconfiguration of Interior Design department.

4. Important Dates:

- a) Honorary Doctorate Nominations due to the Provost by October 31
- b) Annual Reports due to the Provost by November 1
- c) Upcoming CoD meeting dates:
  - October 23 – Deans Fall Retreat @ Elizabeth House
  - October 30

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.