

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
April 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 2020, via Zoom. Provost Patricia Poulter presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Jimmy Ishee, Victoria Groves-Scott, Patricia Smith, Kurt Boniecki, Angela Barlow, Stephen Addison and Gayle Seymour.

1. Action Items

- a. April 2020 Undergraduate Council action items were approved.
 - i. Department of Political Science/International Studies: new course, PSCI 4392, Internship in International Studies.
 - ii. Department of Political Science/International Studies: new course, PSCI 4393, Experiential Learning in International Studies.
 - iii. Department of Political Science/International Studies: new course, PSCI 4394, Research in International Studies.
 - iv. Department of Political Science/International Studies: (a) change the list of required program core courses for the major and minor; (b) add a 3 credit-hour Experiential Learning requirement to the major; (c) increase the total credit hour requirement for the major from 33 to 36 hours; (d) change the names of the three concentrations within the major and minor; and (e) change the elective courses list within each concentration.
 - v. Department of Psychology & Counseling: new course, PSYC 3334, Data Analysis & Application.
 - vi. Department of Music/Bachelor of Music Education/All Concentrations: adjust the total number of required credit hours from 123 - 125 to 126 - 130 to accurately reflect what is required of BME students.
 - vii. Department of Family and Consumer Sciences/BS in FACS: change the credit hour/course numbers for FACS 3456 to FACS 3356 and FACS 4350 to FACS 4450.
 - viii. Department of Family and Consumer Sciences/BS in FACS: new course, FACS 4340, Family and Consumer Science Professional Practice.
 - ix. Department of Family and Consumer Sciences/BS in FACS: change the total credit requirement from 43 to 42 hours and to add FACS 4340 to the list of required courses.
 - x. Department of Family and Consumer Sciences/BS in Community Nutrition: new course, NUTR 4339, Community Nutrition Practicum.
 - xi. Department of LLLC/Linguistics: add existing course, LING 3325, Sociolinguistics to the UCA Core as an upper-division course in Responsible Living.
 - xii. Department of Philosophy and Religion/Religious Studies: new course, RELG 3302, Religion and Social Justice.
 - xiii. Department of Philosophy and Religion/Religious Studies: new course, RELG 3318, Religion, Pop Culture & Film.
 - xiv. Department of Philosophy and Religion/Religious Studies: new course, RELG 3326, Asian Religions in American Society and Culture.

- xv. Department of Philosophy and Religion/Religious Studies: add, RELG 3345, African-American Religious Thought to the UCA Core as an upper-division course in Responsible Living.
- xvi. Department of Art/BFA in Studio Arts: remove the foreign language requirement and require an additional 3 credit hours of technology-oriented ART courses.
- b. April 2020 Graduate Council action items were approved.
 - i. Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership (ASTL; Master of Science): school district letter as an additional program admission requirement.
 - ii. Gifted and Talented (GATE; Graduate Certificate): school district letter as an additional program admission requirement.
 - iii. Data Analytics (Graduate Certificate): modification of program-specific admission requirements.
- c. Approval of the Graduate School's probation policy was tabled for an electronic vote pending feedback to be gathered on language pertaining to students participating in cohort programs. A friendly amendment was added to clarify that the policy will be effective upon approval.
 - i. Changes to the Graduate School's probation policy were approved via electronic voting on May 6, 2020.
- d. April 22, 2020 COD meeting minutes were approved.

2. Discussion Items

- a. Budget questions
 - i. P. Poulter addressed budget related questions from the Council. Discussion followed.
 - ii. Deans provided updates on plans for academic operations in areas such as class enrollment and scheduling, methods of instruction and social distancing practices for students.
 - iii. P. Poulter shared that plans are underway to organize a full day of remote operation for faculty and staff in order to test capacity of all online systems and servers.
 - iv. P. Poulter provided several updates including laptop inventory and replenishment, distribution of CARES Act money to students, and upcoming use of DocuSign.
- b. Academic calendar
 - i. P. Poulter shared that a calendar decision should be shared by next Friday, May 8.
- c. Upcoming COD meeting schedule
 - i. The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

3. Important Date(s)

- a. May 28: Board of Trustees meeting