

University of Central Arkansas  
Council of Deans  
March 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
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The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Provost Patricia Poulter presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Jimmy Ishee, Michael Mills, Patricia Smith, Kurt Boniecki, Angela Barlow, Thomas Williams and Stephen Addison.

Discussion:

1. Dr. Poulter shared that dates have been set for the COD spring 2020 retreat, May 12-13. May 12 will be Deans only and May 13 will be spent with EAB to discuss interactive curriculum maps. On the 13th, Chairs, academic advisors and others deemed necessary will be in attendance.

2. Discussion amongst the group ensued regarding efforts underway to address COVID-19 and its implications on campus operations. Topics included: use of research funding, use of research labs, protocol for testing of presumptive cases within the campus community, communication protocols, cleaning of buildings, event cancellation, current and summer 2020 study abroad students, work from home planning as well as determining which employees are deemed “essential” and the building access they would need if changes resulted in a campus lockdown. Dr. Poulter walked the group through several scenarios that the leadership team are preparing for as the situation is rapidly changing. Drs. Poulter and Boniecki also shared the efforts underway in the CTE office to assist faculty in shifting classes from in-person to online. Additional discussion points included:

- X grades will not be granted – faculty must adjust expectations;
- Programs with practicum experiences should plan to document how the experience and delivery was changed. Dean Ishee shared that he had received word from several accrediting bodies that they are allowing flexibility with programmatic expectations;
- DOE has lifted the online instruction limits for international students;
- IT is conducting testing on capacity and has increased Hangouts bandwidth

Items still being researched are impacts on work study students, food pantry operation and summer courses, camps and orientation sessions. A comprehensive spreadsheet will be created to compile all of the event cancellations. Kinsey will be reaching out with the details needed from each college/program.

3. Due to the turn of events this semester, Dr. Poulter shared that the individual college visits have been cancelled.

Important Dates:

- a. March 18: Next COD meeting
- b. March 18: Lunch with CHBS Dean candidate (Dr. Alvin Malesky), 11:30 am
- c. March 19: Campus Talk, COB Auditorium, 1:40 pm
- d. April 6: Judging Innovation Fellowship presentations, 9:00 am
- e. April 8: COD meeting