

University of Central Arkansas  
Council of Deans  
Wednesday, August 26, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on August 26, 2020 via Zoom. Provost Patricia Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Angela Barlow, Kurt Boneicki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Michael Hargis, Nancy Reese, Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams.

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter thanked members for their attendance.
2. Action Items
  - a. COD August 12, 2020 Minutes: Minutes approved as presented.
3. Discussion Items
  - a. Provost's Report:
    - i. Beginning September 2nd, the Council of Deans will meet bi-monthly.
    - ii. UCA Covid-19 testing trends will be posted weekly on the Covid-19 website.
    - iii. Students, faculty, and staff exempt from wearing face masks will be tested for Covid-19 on a weekly basis.
    - iv. There will be no December Commencement ceremony. There is discussion to provide something similar to the Spring 2020 recognition. December graduates will be invited to participate in May ceremonies.
  - b. College Updates: Members provided an update on their respective college/division. Specifically, observations on the first week of classes.
  - c. Department Name Change for Family & Consumer Sciences: Dr. Glenn shared information regarding a request for department name change from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences to the Department of Nutrition and Family Services. A motion by Dr. Glenn and second by Dr. Reese was made to recommend the name change from the Department of Family and Consumer Science to the Department of Nutrition and Family Services. The name change will be effective January 2021 upon approval by the president, Board of Trustees, and the ADHE Coordinating Board. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation will be forwarded to Provost Poulter for approval.

- d. College Advisors: Members discussed the status of placing advisors in individual colleges. Provost Poulter shared updates.
  - e. New Business
    - i. Dr. Barlow announced that the Graduate School has hired a Graduate Student Support GA. The position is dedicated to the support of first-time graduate students.
    - ii. Dr. Smith stated she will present a policy to the Council of Deans at a later date regarding earned hours at UCA to receive Latin honors.
4. Important Dates
- a. August 26: Suffrage Centennial Kickoff
  - b. September 2: COD with Board of Trustee Curtis Barnett attending
  - c. October 1: Annual Reports to Provost
  - d. October 5: Sabbatical Leave Applications to Kurt Boniecki
  - e. October 14: COD Retreat. Ms. Mikel Oliver, Mpack Consultants presenting
  - f. October 15: Distinguished Faculty Emeritus Nominations Due
- AY20-21 Initiatives
    - Instructional and Campus Continuity
    - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
    - Assignment of Instructional Duties – Finalize
    - BA-BS Discussions and Decisions
    - Momentum Year (includes Meta-Majors)
    - Policy and Process Improvements
    - HLC Assurance Argument Update
    - Strategic Plan Refresh
    - G2C Expansion on Campus

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.