

University of Central Arkansas  
Council of Deans  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 am on January 27, 2021 via Zoom. Provost Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Angela Barlow, Kurt Boniecki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Michael Hargis, Jacquie Rainey (for Nancy Reese), Patricia Smith, Tom Williams. Guest: Jeremy Gillam

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed and thanked members for their attendance. Mr. Jeremy Gillam, Director of Governmental Affairs and External Relations was given the floor.
2. Proposed Legislation Updates-Mr. Gillam provided updates and shared information regarding legislation affecting UCA that may be presented and discussed during the current Arkansas General Assembly.
3. Action Items
  - a. COD January 13, 2021 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes of January 13, 2021 with one change. Joy Ritchie attended the January 13th meeting on behalf of Angela Barlow. The motion passed with the correction.
  - b. Undergraduate Council Action Items: Dr. Boniecki made a motion to approve a series of six action items recommended by the Undergraduate Council. A second was made by Stephen Addison. The motion passed.
4. Discussion Items
  - a. Business
    - i. Provost Updates
      1. Pandemic planning: Provost Poulter provided updates from the Pandemic Planning Committee. UCA is awaiting approval to become a vaccine site. Campus positivity rates are down.
      2. Opening in Fall working group: A new working group is being created to discuss campus opening for the Fall semester.

3. UCA will not offer study abroad this summer but are discussing an opportunity for national student exchange in the fall.
  4. Members are encouraged to read the new Student Guide to Returning to Campus.
- b. Grade Appeal Policy - Draft: Members received and discussed a draft of the Grade Appeal Policy. Suggestions were made and will be incorporated.
  - c. Division Updates: Members provided an update on their respective college/division.
5. Important Dates
- a. February 10: COD Meeting-Advancement Update/Mary Lackie
  - b. February 19: Board of Trustees Meeting
- AY20-21 Initiatives
    - Instructional and Campus Continuity
    - Diversity, Belonging, Inclusion, and Equity
    - 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 10:55am