

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, March 31, 2021
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 March 31, 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, Nancy Reese, Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams.

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed and thanked members for their attendance
2. Action Items
 - a. COD March 10, 2021 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021 as presented. The floor was opened for discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried.
 - b. Undergraduate Council Action Items-Kurt Boniecki: A motion by Kurt Boniecki and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve action items one through eight recommended by the Undergraduate Council. The floor was opened for discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried. A motion by Kurt Boniecki and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve item nine recommended by the Undergraduate Council. The floor was opened for discussion. A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Kurt Boniecki was made to table item nine pending the development of a more appropriate solution. With no discussion, the motion carried with one abstention.
 - c. Mentor Award Proposal-Patricia Smith: A motion by Patricia Smith and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve the Mentor Award Proposal as presented. The floor was opened for discussion. Stephen Addison recommended removing the college level review as a friendly amendment. The motion carried.
 - d. Honors in the Major Proposal: A motion by Patricia Smith and second by Victoria Groves-Scott was made to approve the Honors in the Major Proposal. The floor was opened for discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried. Changes will be added to the Fall 2021 Bulletin.
3. Discussion Items
 - a. Business
 - i. Provost Updates

1. Provost Poulter shared current campus updates from the Pandemic Planning Committee regarding COVID. Of note, UCA's campus will house a vaccination clinic.
 2. Provost Poulter shared budget updates.
- ii. Discussion
1. Graduate Council Proposed Policies: Angela Barlow shared a draft of proposed policies and stated the Graduate Council has worked to identify issues in the policies. Members were asked to review. A Q&A forum will be held April 8th and the policies will be presented to the Council of Deans as an action item at a future meeting.
 2. Proliferation of Hybrid and Fully-Online Courses in the Fall 2021 Schedule: Jonathan Glenn shared the Instructional Method Monitor for Fall 2021. Members discussed and were asked to review for further conversation at the April 14th meeting.
 3. Faculty Concerns
 - a. Faculty Input on Zoom Contract Renewal: UCA has signed a 3-year agreement with Zoom for a 1,000 seat license, 3TB of storage, and 300 participants.
 - b. Faculty Travel: Travel is still on hold and most conferences are offered online only.
 - c. Policy on Zoom Classroom Visits: Members requested clarification regarding who is permitted to attend classes via Zoom; specifically, non-students, participating with students. Dr. Poulter will discuss this with General Counsel.
4. Important Dates
- a. April 28: COD
 - b. May 7 & 8: Commencement
 - c. May 27: 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

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.