

University of Central Arkansas  
Council of Deans  
Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Wingo 315

MINUTES

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on May 12, 2021 in Wingo Hall 315. Provost Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Angela Barlow, Kurt Boniecki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Laci Lyons (for Michael Hargis), Jacqueline Rainey (for Nancy Reese), Leah Horton (for Patricia Smith), and Tom Williams. Guest: Jeremy Gillam, Director of Governmental Affairs and External Relations

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.
2. Legislative Update: Mr. Jeremy Gillam, Director of Governmental Affairs and External Relations: Mr. Gillam shared information regarding this year's legislative session. Members and Mr. Gillam discussed how to prepare for the next session.
3. Action Items
  - a. COD April 14, 2021 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Leah Horton was made to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021 as presented. The motion carried with three abstentions.
  - b. COD April 28, 2021 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Leah Horton was made to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021 as presented. The motion carried with three abstentions.
  - c. COD May 3, 2021 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Leah Horton was made to approve the minutes of May 3, 2021. The motion carried with three abstentions.
  - d. Undergraduate Council Action Items-Kurt Boniecki: Kurt Boniecki made a motion to approve a series of action items recommended by the Undergraduate Council. A second was made by Stephen Addison. The floor was opened for discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried.
4. Discussion Items
  - a. Business
    - i. Provost Updates
      1. UCA faculty and staff family members over the age of twelve may now receive COVID vaccines from the Student Health Center.

The University continues testing and tracing and is reviewing the new CDC face covering guidelines.

2. BOT agenda: Members received and discussed information regarding items on the May 27, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting agenda. Provost Poulter recognized members and their colleges for the work done to complete the PhD program in Leadership, and the new programs in Data Science, and Applied Data Analytics.
  3. BA-BS memo: Discussions will begin on how to approach content areas with both BA and BS programs. Members with these programs will be contacted to schedule meeting times.
  4. New building signs will be posted stating new face covering requirements. Face coverings are still mandatory through July 28, 2021.
  5. Members received and discussed updates to funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
  6. Members may begin hiring adjunct faculty and were asked to focus on filling sections that meet programmatic needs for incoming freshmen.
  7. Members reviewed the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar to be presented to the Board of Trustees on May 27, 2021.
- b. Division Updates: Members provided an update on their respective college/division.
5. Important Dates
- a. May 26: COD: Cassandra McCuien-Smith, Director of Purchasing and Travel and Holly Gibbons, Travel Supervisor
  - b. 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

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.