

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Zoom

MINUTES

The Council of Deans met in regular session via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2021. Provost Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Kurt Boniecki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Michael Hargis, Nancy Reese, Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams. Absent: Angela Barlow
Guests: Ginny Adams, Phillip Bailey, Shaneil Ealy, Leslie George, Leah Horton, Lori Hudspeth, Laci Lyons, Michael Mills, and Jacquie Rainey

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed and thanked members and guests for their attendance.
2. Action Items
 - a. COD November 17, 2021 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Victoria Groves-Scott was made to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021. With no discussion the motion carried.
3. Discussion Items
 - a. Business
 - i. Provost Updates
 1. Pandemic-No update
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Enrollment Projections: Provost Poulter shared information from EAB's Enrollment Scenario Explorer addressing the effects of a projected 11% enrollment decline from 2025 to 2030. UCA is presently building budgets for 2026 and our ROI planning is well ahead of other universities. The group discussed non-demographic forces that will affect enrollment and how to estimate enrollment trajectory, attainable goals, and marketing strategies to attract students.

2. Momentum Year Update: Kurt Boniecki updated the group on the Momentum Year Task Force. The task force is charged to start moving things forward to create a cohesive momentum year program. They will be meeting on December 15th to brain-storm and begin developing Focus Areas based on data on student interests.

iii. Information Items-No items.

b. Division Updates-No updates

4. Important Dates

- a. December 3 - Board of Trustees - 3:00 p.m.
 - b. December 10 - Graduate Commencement - 6:00 p.m.
 - c. December 11 - Undergraduate Commencement (COE, CHBS, CNSM) - 10:00 a.m.
 - d. December 11 - Undergraduate Commencement (CAHSS, COB) - 1:00 p.m.
 - e. December 15 - Phased Retirement Applications for Tenured Faculty - Provost Decision
 - f. December 15 - Council of Deans/Academic Affairs Holiday Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. – BHCC 112/114
 - g. December 23-January 3 – University Closed
- AY20-21 Initiatives
 - Instructional and Campus Continuity - Completed
 - HLC Assurance Argument Update - Completed
 - Strategic Plan Refresh - Completed
 - Incomplete Grade Policy - Completed
 - Retaking courses for grade forgiveness policy - Completed
 - Academic Grade Appeal Process - Awaiting Undergraduate Council final approval
 - Assignment of Instructional Duties - Continuing project
 - BA-BS Discussions and Decisions - Continuing project
 - Momentum Year (includes Focus Areas) - Continuing project
 - G2C Expansion on Campus - Continuing project
 - Diversity, Belonging, Inclusion, and Equity - Continuing project
 - Policy and Process Improvements - Continuing project

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.