

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
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 January 26, 2022. Provost Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Angela Barlow, Kurt Boniecki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Michael Hargis, Steve Tucker (for Nancy Reese), Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams.

Guest: Kevin Thomas

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed and thanked members and guests for their attendance.
2. Discussion
 - a. Diversity Reports and Next Steps: Kevin Thomas, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management: Dr. Thomas shared updated diversity reports with members. The reports can help colleges build strategies and plan for future growth as well as assist with the review of recruitment efforts. Members shared their appreciation for this information and thanked Dr. Thomas for the valuable tools he and his team provide.
3. Action Items
 - a. COD December 1, 2021 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes of December 1, 2021. With no discussion the motion carried with two abstentions.
 - b. Undergraduate Council Items: A motion by Kurt Boniecki and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve action items as presented by the Undergraduate Council. With no discussion the motion carried with one abstention.
 - c. Graduate Council Items: A motion by Angela Barlow and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve action items as presented by the Graduate Council. The incomplete grade policy was included in the items and Kurt Boniecki requested a friendly amendment to ensure the policy language mirrors that in the Undergraduate Bulletin. With no further discussion the motion carried with one abstention.
4. Business

- a. Provost Updates
 - i. Pandemic
 - 1. UCA is averaging over 500 weekly tests and vaccine appointments remain steady.
 - 2. Student Affairs will be holding a town hall meeting with Dr. Pastor to address student concerns regarding returning to and maintaining on-campus classes.
 - 3. Students and faculty with questions regarding quarantine timelines should be directed to Student Health's website or asked to email covid19@uca.edu
 - ii. Information Items
 - 1. UCA has converted all metered parking to contactless metered parking via ParkMobile.
 - 2. IT will begin preparing to implement multi-factor authentication for smartphones. Details and a timeline will be shared via email.
 - 3. Members received updates on all campus building projects.
 - 4. The Council discussed the current situation with the BA in African/African American Studies, clarified ADHE and AHECB processes, and how best to make the annual Viability report and institutional response more transparent to campus.

- b. Division Updates: Members provided an update on their respective college/division.

5. Important Dates

- a. February 9th - COD Meeting
 - b. February 18th - Board of Trustees Meeting
 - c. February 23rd - COD Meeting
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- 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 11:00 a.m.