

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, February 9, 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 February 9, 2022. 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 January 26, 2022 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Tom Williams was made to approve the minutes of January 26, 2022. With no discussion the motion carried.
3. Discussion Items
 - a. Business
 - i. Provost Updates
 1. Pandemic
 - a. The campus testing average is 500 per week, positivity rates are dropping and isolation is down.
 - b. UCA will continue to follow the CDC guidelines for face-coverings.
 2. Information Items
 - a. The Faculty Senate approved all revisions to the Faculty Handbook. The handbook will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval on May 27, 2022.
 - b. The Provost's office will begin working with the President's office to align the university's Grand Challenges with the University Values and the Campaign Pillars.
 - c. The Office of Diversity & Inclusion and UMAC are developing materials and branding for DBIE at UCA.
 - ii. Discussion

1. Dean for a Day Planning Update: Patricia Smith shared updates on the March 9, 2022 Dean for a Day schedule.

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

4. Important Dates

- a. February 18th - Board of Trustees Meeting
- b. February 23rd - COD Meeting
- c. February 23rd - Faculty-Staff Appreciation Event
- d. February 28th - No Meeting Monday
- e. March 9th - COD Meeting
- f. March 9th - Dean for a Day
- g. March 10th - Day of Giving
- h. April 4-8 – Graduate Student Appreciation Week

● 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 - Completed
- 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.

Email Action Item:

On Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 1:04 p.m., Provost Poulter presented the following resolution via email for review and action:

Joint Resolution Supporting HBCUs and UCA's Students of Color

The Joint Resolution was passed by the Faculty Senate and Staff Senate. Provost Poulter asked members if they wanted, as a Council, to join in this resolution.

A motion by Patricia Smith and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve the Council of Deans joining in approval and participation of the Joint Resolution Supporting HBCSs and UCA's Students of Color. With no discussion the motion carried.

Provost Poulter closed the review and voting at 3:49 p.m.