

University of Central Arkansas  
Council of Deans  
Wednesday, February 23, 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 23, 2022. Provost Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Angela Barlow, Kurt Boniecki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Michael Hargis, Patricia Smith, Tom Williams and Jacquie Rainey for Nancy Reese.

1. Welcome

2. Action Items

- a. COD February 9, 2022 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes of February 9, 2022. With no discussion the motion carried.
- b. Undergraduate Council Items: A motion by Kurt Boniecki and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve the February Undergraduate Council items. With no discussion the motion carried.
- c. Graduate Council Items: A motion by Angela Barlow and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve the January Graduate Council items. With no discussion the motion carried.

3. Discussion Items

a. Provost Updates  
Pandemic:

- UCA had a 4.9% Covid-19 positivity rate last week.
- The Student Health Center is seeing some flu cases with particularly high fevers.
- The campus will most likely pivot to YELLOW status next week which means masking will be optional. Faculty cannot require students to wear masks.
- PPE will still be readily available through the physical plant.

Information Items:

- Budget Office personnel will attend an upcoming COD meeting.
- The campus ROI talk is scheduled for March 17 in the Student Center Ballroom.

- President Davis will meet with academic leadership to discuss budget strategy.

b. Division Updates

- A member of Congressman French Hill's staff toured the ITC and simulation lab.
- Graduate School is working with HR to create a unique hiring process for graduate assistants.
- The College of Business is making final preparations for the "Women in Business" showcase scheduled for March.
- The College of Education hosted retreats for educators in K-12 and community colleges.
- Honors College is wrapping up prospective student interviews and will make final selections this Friday for the Fall 2022 freshman class.
- Three candidates have been identified for the Director of the Library position.
- "Girl Power in STEM" is returning for F2F this summer after a two year hiatus.
- The Faculty Senate Academic Affairs subcommittee is reviewing a proposal from the Council for Student Success (CSS) High Impact Practices (HIP) working group to revise the First-Year Seminar (FYS) program at UCA based on best practices. If the Faculty Senate endorses the proposal, it would still have to go through the normal curriculum review process beginning with the UCA Core Council.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.