

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wingo 315

MINUTES

The Council of Deans met in regular session on March 9, 2022 in Wingo 315. 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. Guests: Phoenix Vu, Toshiki Takayama, Anita Mahathay, Skyler Austen, Summer Lineberry, Lauren Geier, Anthony Pignatelli, and Shelby Morris

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.
 - a. Dean for a Day: Provost Poulter welcomed student deans selected to participate in UCA's Dean for a Day program.

2. Action Items
 - a. COD February 23, 2022 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes of February 23, 2022 with the following friendly amendment:

Division Updates: 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 motion carried.
 - b. Undergraduate Council Items: A motion by Kurt Boniecki and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve all of the action items as reflected in the minutes of the Undergraduate Council from March 3. Kurt Boniecki discussed the Math Pathway proposal. 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 as presented. The motion carried.

2. Discussion Items
 - a. Business
 - i. Provost Updates
 1. Pandemic

- a. Covid information is available in the UCA A-Z directory online.
 - b. PPE continues to be available. Please follow the regular channels for requests.
 - 2. Information Items
 - a. Weather Event: The weather event from two weeks ago showed that past planning and implementation was successful. The administration continues working on guidelines regarding courses during inclement weather.
 - b. Members reviewed an ADHE spreadsheet on university retention rate for bachelor degree seeking students. A detailed spreadsheet will be shared with deans.
 - b. Discussion
 - 1. Counseling Services for Online Out of State Students: Dr. Groves-Scott inquired about graduate students and out-of-state online students being unable to use the Counseling Center. Provost Poulter suggested that Dr. Williamson and Dr. Sobel attend a future COD meeting to address concerns and discuss accommodations and options for students.
 - c. Division Updates: Members provided an update on their respective college/division.
3. Important Dates
- a. March 30th - COD Meeting, Maegan Dyson and Joy Ritchey attending
- 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 11:06 a.m.