

University of Central Arkansas  
Council of Deans  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Wingo 315

MINUTES

The Council of Deans met in regular session on April 20, 2022 in Wingo 315. Provost Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Angela Barlow, Kurt Boniecki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Laci Lyons (for Michael Hargis), Nancy Reese, Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams. Guest: Jeremy Bruner, Terri Canino, Lori Hudspeth, Linda Lentz, and Diane Newton

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed and thanked members and guests for their attendance.
2. Action Items
  - a. COD April 6, 2022 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes from April 6, 2022 as presented. 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 April 7, 2022. The motion carried.
3. Business
  - a. Budget Discussion: UCA Department of Finance and Administration: Discussion was held regarding funding processes and budgets in the university's current and projected climate.
  - b. Provost Updates:
    - i. The Office of Disability Resources is changing its name to the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS). The change will reflect the office's new mission and focus. Members were encouraged to invite Doris Pierce, OARS Director, to meet with departments.
    - ii. Kelly Owens, Dean of Students, attended the Academic Council and shared information regarding a new care team approach to assist students. Faculty may continue to submit concerns through Navigate.
    - iii. The testing/tracing group will no longer be meeting, but will continue to share information. They will convene as necessary.
    - iv. Clorox wipes are available from the Physical Plant for offices and classrooms.

- v. The first Forever A Bear memorial service will be held Thursday, April 22nd at x-period. This annual event will be held on the third Thursday in April to recognize faculty, staff and students who have passed away in the previous year. A memorial garden at Ferguson Chapel will be dedicated in their honor.

#### 4. Important Dates

- a. May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dean Evaluation Close
  - b. May 6th, 7:00 p.m. - Graduate Commencement
  - c. May 7th - Undergraduate Commencement
    - i. 9:00 a.m. CHBS
    - ii. 12:00 p.m. COB/CNSM
    - iii. 3:00 p.m. CAHSS/COE
  - d. May 13th - Vector courses completion deadline
  - e. May 26th - Board of Trustees meeting
- AY21-22 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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.