

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wingo 315

MINUTES

The Council of Deans met on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 9:00 in Wingo 315. Provost Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Kurt Boniecki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Michael Hargis, Art Gillaspay (for Nancy Reese), Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams. Guest: Angela Webster, Chief Diversity Officer and Associate VP for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion.

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed members and guests and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Presentation/Discussion
 - a. Institutional Diversity & Inclusion Updates - Dr. Angela Webster: Dr. Webster shared updates and information regarding current and new programs in the Department of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion.
3. Action Items
 - a. COD Minutes
 - i. September 28, 2022 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes from September 28, 2022 as presented. With no discussion the motion carried with one abstention.
 - b. Graduate Council Items: A motion by Angela Barlow and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve items as presented by the Graduate Council. With no discussion the motion carried.
 - c. Undergraduate Council Items: A motion by Kurt Boniecki and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve items as presented by the Undergraduate Council. With no discussion the motion carried.
4. Business
 - a. Provost Updates
 - i. Covid Resource Group Update
 1. UCA continues to follow the state trends. There will be a flu shot clinic at the ITC on October 27th and November 3rd.
 - ii. VERI: Members received an update regarding VERI.
 - iii. Other
 1. Members received updates from the Faculty Senate meeting.

2. The Consensual Relationship Policy Language Committee will meet after fall break. Members were asked to review the policy language.

5. Discussion

- a. Hybrid Courses: Members discussed how to define hybrid courses.
- b. Division Updates: Members shared updates on their prospective colleges. Kurt Boniecki announced that UCA was awarded a five-year, \$1,670,884 Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) grant from the US Department of Education to improve the academic outcomes of low-income students. The grant begins October 1, 2022, and will serve approximately 150 low-income students each year.

6. Important Dates

- a. October 18th, X-period, COB Auditorium - Campus Talk
- b. October 26th, COD - Ronnie Williams Presenting
- c. November 2nd, Academic Affairs Leadership Team Meeting

7. Academic Timetable

- a. October 15th - Distinguished Faculty Emeritus Nominations due to Provost
- b. October 31st - Honorary Doctorate Nominations to Provost
- c. November 1st - Annual Reports due to Provost

● 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

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.