

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wingo 214

MINUTES

1. Welcome: The Council of Deans met on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 9:00 am in Wingo 214. Provost Hargis presided, and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Kurt Boniecki, Laci Lyons (for Mike Casey), Victoria Groves-Scott, Michael Mills, Nancy Reese, Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams.
2. Action Items
 - a. January 29, 2025 COD Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes from January 29, 2025, as presented. The motion carried with two abstentions.
 - b. February 6, 2025 Undergraduate Council Items: A motion by Kurt Boniecki and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve the Undergraduate Council items as presented. Tom Williams recognized the College of Education faculty for their outstanding work. The motion carried.
3. Discussion Items
 - a. Provost Updates
 - i. Campus Survey and Open Forums: The Strategic Planning Committee will meet on February 25th. The committee will review data to identify and prepare the pillars for the new strategic plan. A campus survey will be sent to faculty, staff, and students the week of February 24th. Please participate and encourage faculty and staff to participate in the survey. The information received will be discussed at the March and April strategic planning meetings. Additionally, we are working to schedule community conversations within existing Department meetings. Please share possible meeting dates/times with Laci Lyons.
 - ii. Service-Learning: Service-learning faculty buildout and support will be housed in CETAL. A structure for transition is currently being developed.
 - iii. Non-Standard Faculty Appointments: Members discussed the current faculty salary review and identification of faculty not serving a nine-month contract. Conversations will begin with Institutional Research and Human Resources to review the budget model and expectations set for faculty. These conversations are not regarding reducing salaries. The goal is to assist in developing benchmarks for subsequent salary studies.
 - iv. Veterans Center Event-February 20th, 5:30-6:30 pm: Student veterans-led presentation on the history and significance of the UCA campus memorials.

- v. Graduate Education Excellence Awards reception-April 24th, X-period, Fireplace Room: Celebrating Dr. Ginny Adams (Outstanding Grad Mentor) and Dr. Chris Ryan (Outstanding Contributions to Grad Education).
 - vi. Faculty Senate Committees in April: The Faculty Senate will staff committees in April instead of August for 2025-2026 and future academic years.
- b. Unit Updates: Members shared updates on their respective divisions.
4. Important Dates
- [Academic Timetable 2024-2025](#)
 - February 18th: Artists in Residence 25th Anniversary Celebration-McCastlain Ballroom
 - February 21st: I-TAP Open House-8:30 am-10:00am-IHSB 417
 - February 27th: COB Admissions Event-11:30 am-3:00 pm
 - February 28th: CoSE Admissions Event-9:00 am-1:00 pm
 - February 28th: Board of Trustees, 10:00 am
 - March 7th: School of Communication Admissions Event-9:00 am-1:00 pm
 - March 18th - Poulter Commons Unveiling-X-period-Student Success and Veterans Resource Center
 - March 20th: Campus Talk,-X-period
 - April 5th: Bear Necessities Day
 - April 12th: Laurels & Stripes-7:00 p.m.-HPER Center
 - April 15th: Faculty and Staff Recognition Celebration-1:40 p.m.- RWSC Ballroom
 - April 17th: Forever a Bear Ceremony-1:40 p.m.-Amphitheatre

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.