

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, July 2, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wingo 214

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Action Items: The Council of Deans met on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Wingo 214. Provost Michael Hargis presided, and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Tim Bisping, Kurt Boniecki, Debbie Dailey, Michael Mills, Nancy Reese, Patricia Smith and Tom Williams.
 - a. June 18, 2025 COD Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes from June 18, 2025 as written. The motion carried with no discussion.
2. Discussion Items
 - a. Graduate School Probation Policy: Michael Mills shared a draft of the revised Graduate School Probation Policy. Members discussed the policy's flexibility and openness in helping students succeed. The policy will be submitted to the Graduate Council in September.
 - b. Strategic Plan, Working Groups, and Next Steps: The central strategy team will hold its last individual working meeting on July 15, 2025. Members were asked to make every effort to attend. The goal of this meeting is to provide working groups with understanding and a strong knowledge-base to proceed with their work. The central strategy team will continue meeting throughout the Strategic Plan Development to provide insight and guidance to the Working Groups. A status update will be presented to the Board of Trustees during the August 8, 2025 meeting.
 - c. Payroll and Hiring Forms: Members were directed to maintain strict quality control of PAF submissions. Instructions for the hiring process are available on the Human Resources webpage.
3. Provost and Unit Updates
 - a. Honors College
 - i. Completing building projects.
 - ii. August 15, 2025 is freshman move-in day.
 - iii. Currently interviewing for a visiting instructor position.
 - iv. Learning Communities is now fully staffed.
 - b. College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
 - i. The following faculty will serve in a chair capacity:
 1. Mike Mullenbach, Government, Public Service, and International Studies
 2. David Welky (interim), History

3. Glenn Jellenik (interim), Language and Literature
- c. College of Health and Behavioral Sciences
 - i. Kim Eskola is the chair of Exercise and Sport Sciences.
 - ii. Rebecca Luong will serve as interim chair of Nutrition and Family Sciences.
 - iii. The care clinic received a positive annual review.
- d. Graduate School
 - i. The CAYUSE portal is being finalized and will go live on August 25, 2025.
 - ii. URC application submission for students is now open.
 - iii. Grant proposals for research and stipends are not to be submitted without IRB approval.
- e. College of Education
 - i. Currently monitoring state and federal grant activity.
- f. College of Science and Engineering
 - i. Carl Frederickson is stepping down as the chair of Physics, Astronomy, and Engineering in June 2026. There will be an external search for this position.
 - ii. Re-accreditation in computer science and cybersecurity and a new accreditation in data science are scheduled for October.
- g. College of Business
 - i. Tom Snyder will serve as interim chair of Economics, Finance, and Insurance & Risk Management

4. Important Dates and Information Items

- July 16-18: NCAD
- July 21-22: CETAL Chair & Director Retreat
- August 6: Dean's Retreat
- August 9: Graduate Commencement
- August 18-22: Welcome Week

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:40 am