

University of Central Arkansas  
Council of Deans  
Wednesday, July 16, 2025  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Wingo 214

MINUTES

1. Welcome: The Council of Deans met on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Wingo 214. Provost Michael Hargis presided, and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Tim Bisping, Jason Trumble (for Debbie Dailey), Nancy Reese, Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams.
2. Provost Updates:
  - a. During the search for the new Director of Media Relations, Amy Whitehead is the direct contact for all FOIA requests. Copy Warren Readnour when forwarding FOIA requests.
  - b. Members were asked to share with Department Chairs, School Directors, and other Hiring Managers that faculty/staff cannot begin employment until the hiring process is complete and employees receive a completed packet from Human Resources.
  - c. Fridays are designated remote work days through July 31st. Offices should be open and staffed Monday through Thursday. Staggered remote days are at the discretion of unit directors. Any other variations need to be discussed with the Provost.
3. Action Items
  - a. July 2, 2025 COD Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and a second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes from July 2, 2025, as presented. The motion carried with one revision and one abstention.
4. Discussion Items
  - a. Strategic Planning Status Update and Action Request: Members discussed the outcomes from the July 15th strategic planning meeting and were asked to provide feedback to share with teams. Items discussed were:
    - i. Creating a list of high priorities of internal processes.
    - ii. External collaboration and campus partnerships.
    - iii. Infrastructure improvements and centralization of technology.
    - iv. Pedagogy initiatives for student retention and success.
    - v. Faculty and staff resources.
5. Unit Updates
  - a. College of Science and Engineering

- i. The AASCU, with support from NSF, is hosting the 2025 Reframing Institutional Transformation Institute in Washington, DC, on July 27-31, 2025. A team from COSE will attend.
  - b. College of Education
    - i. The college completed a successful site visit and grant review from the Blue & You Foundation.
    - ii. The college continues to monitor state education grants.
  - c. College of Health and Behavioral Sciences
    - i. The NCAD preconference begins today and the full conference will continue tomorrow through Friday.
    - ii. A Physical Therapy site visit is scheduled for September 7-10, 2025.
  - d. College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
    - i. Dates are being finalized for the Artists in Residence.
  - e. Honors College
    - i. The Executive Director for Outreach and Community Engagement search is underway. Interviews will begin next week and it is anticipated that on-campus interviews will take place the week of August 11th.
    - ii. Distinguished Scholars Days are scheduled for September 16th and October 22nd.
  - f. College of Business
    - i. DeEnna Runyon is the new Senior Director of Development for the College of Business.
6. Important Dates and Information Items
- July 16-18: NCAD
  - July 21-22: CETAL Chairs & Directors Retreat
  - August 6: Dean's Retreat
  - August 9: Graduate Commencement
    - 9:00 a.m.
      - College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
      - College of Business
      - College of Health and Behavioral Sciences (Communication Sciences and Disorders, Occupational Therapy, Psychology & Counseling, Exercise Science, Sport Management, Nursing)
    - 12:00 p.m.
      - College of Education
      - College of Science and Engineering
      - College of Health and Behavioral Sciences (Physical Therapy, Health Science, Nutrition & Family Science)
  - August 18-22: Welcome Week

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am