

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wingo 214

MINUTES

1. Welcome: The Council of Deans met on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Wingo 214. Provost Michael Hargis presided, and the following members were present: Dr. Stephen Addison, Dr. Tim Bisping, Dr. Kurt Boniecki, Dr. Debbie Dailey, Dr. Michael Mills, Dr. Nancy Reese, Dr. Patricia Smith, and Dr. Tom Williams. Guests: Mr. Jeremy Gillam, Director of Government Affairs and External Relations and Dr. Jacob Held, Assistant Provost for Academic Assessment and General Education
2. Guests
 - a. Mr. Jeremy Gillam, Director of Government Affairs: Mr. Gillam and members discussed courses, committee charges, and our ongoing compliance review. Members were encouraged to contact Mr. Gillam with any questions or concerns.
3. Action Items
 - a. September 24, 2025 COD Minutes: A motion by Dr. Stephen Addison and second by Dr. Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes from September 24, 2025 as presented. The motion carried with one abstention.
 - b. September 19, 2025 Graduate Council Items: A motion by Dr. Michael Mills and second by Dr. Stephen Addison was made to approve Graduate Council items as presented. The motion carried.
 - c. October 2, 2025 Undergraduate Council Minutes: A motion by Dr. Kurt Boniecki and second by Dr. Stephen Addison was made to approve Undergraduate Council items as presented. The motion carried.
 - d. Core Council Diversity Pillar Title Change: A motion by Provost Hargis and second by Dr. Kurt Boniecki was made to approve the recommendation by the Core Council Diversity Subcommittee to rename the Diversity Pillar the Global Learning Pillar. Following discussion the motion carried with two abstentions.
4. Provost Updates
 - a. CRN Roll: Courses for fall 2026 and spring 2027 will roll on October 14, 2025.
5. Discussion Items
 - a. Dr. Kurt Boniecki: Dr. Boniecki shared the revised Minimum Teaching Qualifications Exception Form. A link to the form will be posted on the Academic Affairs Publications & Information webpage.
 - b. Dr. Michael Mills: Dr. Michael Mills shared a proposal currently under review for revisions to the graduate bulletin. Members were asked to contact the Graduate Office with any questions or concerns. Members

received information regarding the Pivot Forward Policy Proposal. More information will be shared as it develops.

6. Unit Updates

- a. Kurt Boniecki: Dr. Bonicki provided a status update regarding common course numbering.

7. Important Dates and Information Items

- [2025-2026 Academic Timetable](#)
- [Academic Year 2025–2026 Schedule for Student Course Experience Surveys](#)
- COD Meetings
 - November 5, 2025: Guest-Ms. Tiffany Head, Director of Media Relations
- October 8, 2025: Distinguished Faculty Emeritus recommendations due to dean
- October 22, 2025: Distinguished Scholars Day
- October 29-November 11, 2025: Spring 2026 Priority & Advanced Registration
- December 1, 2025: Promotion/Tenure/Advancement applications due to dean
- December 11-12, 2025: Winter Commencement
- March 12, 2026: UCA Day of Giving/March 13, 2026: Announcement

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 am