

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wingo 214

MINUTES

1. Welcome: The Council of Deans met on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Wingo 214. Provost Michael Hargis presided, and the following members were present: Dr. Stephen Addison, Dr. Kurt Boniecki, Dr. Debbie Dailey, Dr. Michael Mills, Dr. Nancy Reese, Dr. Patricia Smith, and Dr. Tom Williams.
2. Action Items
 - a. June 3, 2026 COD Minutes: A motion by Dr. Stephen Addison and second by Dr. Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes from June 3, 2026. The motion carried with two abstentions.
 - b. 2026-2027 Academic Timetable: A motion by Dr. Stephen Addison and second by Dr. Patricia Smith was made to approve the 2026-2027 Academic Timetable with two revisions. The motion carried. April Gunn will send the final document to members as soon as possible. The timetable will be sent campus-wide on July 1, 2026 via email and through UCA Inform. A reminder email and UCA Inform post will be distributed in early August.
3. Discussion
 - a. Standing Academic Affairs Strategic Alignment Items: Members reviewed the Standing Academic Affairs Strategic Alignment Items document. The standing areas of focus are intended to guide Council of Deans' conversations throughout the 2026-2027 academic year and beyond. Members reviewed the document and discussed alternative language and additions. Revisions will be made and submitted as an action item at the July 1, 2026 meeting.
 - b. 2026 Opening Session Schedule: Members received and reviewed the 2026 Opening Session schedule. Confirmation is pending on one item. Upon confirmation, the schedule will be sent campus-wide July 31st.
4. Provost Updates
 - a. Safe@uca Awareness App: UCAPD is updating the infrastructure of the safe@uca app.
 - b. VERI: The Board of Trustees approved a 2026 Voluntary Employee Retirement Incentive (VERI) during the May 27, 2026 meeting. For more information, there is a Frequently Asked Questions webpage via Human Resources.
 - c. Cabinet Campus Tours: University cabinet members are taking campus tours this summer in order to gain a better knowledge of Academic programs and other spaces across campus.
5. Report Out/Unit Updates

- a. Honors College
 - i. The number of military and other deferrals continues to fluctuate, but we will have a strong incoming class.
 - ii. Study Abroad numbers have increased with several students participating this year.
 - b. College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
 - i. The Mid-South Sculpture Alliance will be installing five sculptures at the Windgate Center for Fine & Performing Arts. The one-year installment will begin September 1st.
 - c. College of Health and Behavioral Sciences
 - i. The IHSB elevator is out of commission until mid-fall for repairs.
 - d. Kurt Boniecki
 - i. The 2026-2027 Graduate and Undergraduate Bulletins have been posted.
 - e. Graduate Studies
 - i. A new Graduate Admissions Specialist has been hired and will begin Monday.
 - ii. The Grants Office will introduce a new manual in August.
 - f. College of Education
 - i. The college received and reviewed the AR Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Annual Report.
6. Important Dates and Information Items
- August 6, 2026: Board of Trustees Meeting
 - COD Meetings
 - July 1, 2026-Fall Convocation talking points for MBH
 - July 15, 2026
 - July 29, 2026
 - August 8, 2026: Summer Graduate Commencement
 - 9:00 am-CAHSS, COB, CHBS (CSD, OT, Psyc/Coun, ExSci, Sport Mgmt, Nursing)
 - 12:00 pm-COE, COSE, CHBS (PT, Health Science/NFS)

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 am