University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wingo 214

MINUTES

1. Welcome: The Council of Deans met on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 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, and Dr. Tom Williams.

2. Action Item
    - September 23, 2026 COD Minutes: A motion by Dr. Addison and second by Dr. Williams was made to approve the minutes from September 23, 2026 as written. The motion carried with one abstention.
    - September 17, 2026 Graduate Council Items: A motion by Dr. Mills and second by Dr. Addison was made to approve the September 17, 2026 Graduate Council items as presented. Following discussion the motion carried.
    - October 1, 2026 Undergraduate Council Items: A motion by Dr. Boniecki and second by Dr. Addison was made to approve the October 1, 2026 Undergraduate Graduate Council items as presented. Following discussion the motion carried.
    - CIP Code Change Request - Gifted & Talented Education: A motion by Dr. Boniecki and second by Dr. Addison was made to approve the CIP Code change request for the GC in Gifted & Talented Education. Following discussion the motion carried.
    - CIP Code Change Request - HSCI: A motion by Dr. Boniecki and second by Dr. Addison was made to approve the CIP Code change request for the BS in Radiography. Following discussion the motion carried.

3. Discussion
    - The University Strategic Planning Committee will begin meeting quarterly. Dr. Addison volunteered to serve as the Council of Deans representative. Members agreed unanimously.
    - Members reviewed the standing academic affairs strategic alignment items and touched on current surface obstacles to be addressed during the next deep dive meeting. April Gunn will create a Google document to allow members to contribute and prioritize topics.

4. Provost Updates
    - College Town Halls - UCA Core
        i. CHBS: 10/8/2026, x-period, IHSB 227/9
        ii. COB: 10/13/2026, x-period, COB 302
        iii. COE: 10/20/2026, x-period, Mashburn 101
        iv. COSE: 10/22/2026, x-period
        v. CAHSS: 10/27/2026, x-period, McCastlain 143

5. Report Out/Unit Updates
    - Dr. Boniecki shared the Core Council's proposed Lower-Division UCA Core Check Sheet. Members will be kept apprised of submission and approvals.

6. Important Information Items and Dates
    - UCA 2035
    - 2026-2027 Academic Timetable
    - COD Meeting
        - October 21, 2026, 9:00 am, Wingo 214-Amy Hawkins
        - November 4, 2026, 8:00 am, Elizabeth House
        - November 11, 2026, 9:00 am, Wingo 214
        - November 18, 2026: 9:00 am, Wingo 214
    - November 9-11, 2026: HLC Mock Site Visit
    - December 2, 2026: Academic Affairs Leadership Team Meeting, 9:00 am, Wingo 315
    - December 4, 2026: Board of Trustees Meeting

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