

Faculty Senate – Provost’s Topics
10/27/2016

1. Student Research Funds – The Provost has increased this year’s funding for student research to \$20,000.
2. Mrs. Elizabeth Farris, member of the UCA Board of Trustees, serves as the Board’s liaison to Academic Affairs this year.
 - a. On October 20th, she met with the Provost and the staff of the Academic Advising Center, the Registrar’s Office, and the Office of Student Success.
 - b. She will meet in early December with the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences.
3. New procedures are in place for students on academic probation.
 - a. Students will be offered a success coaching session in place of the previous workshop and intensive advising session requirements.
 - b. An email has been sent to campus regarding the new procedures. (See handout for a copy.)
4. The Provost’s office is working with HR to add hiring of adjunct faculty to the PeopleAdmin system.
 - a. Paper hiring forms (PAFs) will be eliminated.
 - b. The process will be streamlined and will allow for tracking of the hiring approval process
 - c. Postings can be kept private with a link to apply sent directly from the department chair to the applicant
 - d. Once an applicant creates a profile in PeopleAdmin, it will remain in the system to be easily used in the future.
 - e. HR is working to develop a process to allow applicants to complete the new hiring package electronically.
 - f. The proposed procedures have been discussed with the Council of Deans and Academic Council and they are in favor of the new procedures.
 - g. The new processes may be in place in December. For hiring for adjuncts for spring 2017, departments may use either paper PAFs or, once launched, the new procedures via PeopleAdmin.
5. Upcoming Events
 - a. The Arkansas Math Pathways Task Force meets on October 28th at Pulaski Tech. Dr. Runge and Dean Vicki Groves Scott plan to attend.
 - b. The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Meets on October 28th. Dr. Runge and Dr. Glenn will attend.
 - c. The AAUP State Conference Meeting will be held this Saturday in downtown Conway. Dr. Maria Markham is the keynote speaker.
 - d. The Governors Press Conference on the higher education funding formula will be held October 31st at 1:30 pm.
 - e. The Legislative Budget Hearing will be held November 1st.
 - f. Educator Prep Provider Partner Meeting 11/2
 - g. HLC Site Visit will be held November 14th and 15th