

**Council of Deans**  
**July 24, 2019**

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Provost Patricia Poulter presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Michael Mills (in the absence of Vicki Groves-Scott) Kurt Boniecki, Thomas Williams, Jimmy Ishee, Stephen Addison, and Patricia Smith. Julia Winden Fey was present for item one.

1. Julia Winden Fey spoke with the Council about the new Bear Central online orientation and transition course in Blackboard. Also rolling out soon is a Spanish translation of the Family Guide.
2. The minutes from the June 26, 2019 meeting were considered and approved.
3. Discussion Items:
  - a. There is currently a soft hiring freeze for faculty and staff; however, any faculty lines that were approved should go forward. Vice President Diane Newton will be invited to a future CoD meeting to discuss sustainable budgeting and resource optimization.
  - b. P. Poulter discussed the UCA Online report from Dr. Elke Leeds. Future plans include looking at ways to connect UCA Online with student success. Discussion ensued.

