

University of Central Arkansas  
Council of Deans  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on October 21, 2020 via Zoom. Provost Patricia Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Angela Barlow, Kurt Boneicki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Michael Hargis, Jacqueline Nancy Reese, Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams. Guest of the meeting: Jeremy Gillam and Warren Readnour

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed members and introduced Warren Readnour and Jeremy Gillam.
2. Guest Discussion: Warren Readnour, General Counsel and Jeremy Gillam, Director of Governmental Affairs and External Relations: Mr. Readnour and Mr. Gillam shared information regarding academic freedom on campus as it relates to faculty, staff, and the classroom. Members were asked to encourage faculty to refer to the Faculty Handbook which is reflective of the language in the AAUP Academic Freedom guidelines.
3. Action Items
  - a. COD September 30, 2020 Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented.
  - b. Proposed Changes for Latin Honors Residency Requirement: Patricia Smith presented a proposal regarding Latin Honors Residency requirements and moved to accept the language as proposed by the University Honors Council. Dr. Boneicki seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously. A motion by Dr. Addison and second by Dr. Smith was made for the changes to go into immediate effect with the proviso that any current students who were negatively impacted could graduate under the existing requirements. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Discussion Items
  - a. Business
    - i. Provost Updates
      1. Anyone receiving a positive COVID-19 test is encouraged to report the test result to UCA's Student Health Center to assist with tracing.
      2. Outreach: Congratulations to Lesley Graybeal and Hanna Hanshaw for adapting the Community Action Poverty Simulation

into a virtual format during the pandemic as well as developing guidelines for conducting in-person simulations during COVID-19.

3. UCA will have a 2021 spring break. There will be voluntary COVID-19 testing events following the break. There will also be voluntary testing following winter break.
4. In-state tuition/fee waivers will remain in effect for spring 2021.
5. Thank you to the expanded schedule working (in)2 Td(4.)TjOVuring(u)-44.orking

- iv. College Updates: Dr. Barlow announced that the Graduate School has gone live with Slate.

5. Important Dates

- a. October 28: COD 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- b. October 31: Honorary Degree Nominations Due to Provost
- c. November 1: Annual Reports due to Provost
- d. November 2: Sabbatical Leave Applications Summer/Fall 2021 due to Provost
- e. November 11: COD 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

AY20-21 Initiatives

- o Instructional and Campus Continuity
- o Diversity, Belonging, Inclusion, and Equity
- o Assignment of Instructional Duties – Finalize
- o BA-BS Discussions and Decisions
- o Momentum Year (includes Meta-Majors)
- o Policy and Process Improvements
- o HLC Assurance Argument Update
- o Strategic Plan Refresh
- o G2C Expansion on Campus

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.