

University of Central Arkansas
Council of Deans
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
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 March 31, 2021 via Zoom. Provost Poulter presided and the following members were present: Stephen Addison, Angela Barlow, Kurt Boniecki, Jonathan Glenn, Victoria Groves-Scott, Michael Hargis, Steve Tucker (for Nancy Reese), Patricia Smith, and Tom Williams.

1. Welcome: Provost Poulter welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.
2. Action Items
 - a. COD March 31, 2021 Minutes: A motion by Stephen Addison and second by Patricia Smith was made to approve the minutes of March 31, 2021 as presented. The floor was opened for discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried with one abstention.
 - b. Graduate Council Items-Angela Barlow: A motion by Angela Barlow and second by Stephen Addison was made to approve action items recommended by the Graduate Council. The floor was opened for discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried with one abstention.
3. Discussion Items
 - a. Business
 - i. Provost Updates
 1. Provost Poulter and members discussed the fall 2022 academic calendar.
 2. Pandemic Planning Committee Update: Face masks will continue to be worn through summer for all public spaces on campus. The university cannot require or request proof of vaccination.
 3. Members received information regarding summer school and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.
 4. Members received position information and updates.
 5. UMAC has hired a new social media staff member. This person will be responsible for creating a database of every social media account connected to the university. More information will be shared as received.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Fully Online and Hybrid Courses-Continuing Discussion: Members were asked to share their percentages of fully online and hybrid courses with Jonathan Glenn. Information will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the May 27, 2021 meeting.

2. Proposed Legislation: Jonathan Glenn shared Senate Bill 694 that will be filed today. If passed, it will require macroeconomics as a general education requirement for all degrees and will replace one social science. Provost Poulter and Dr. Glenn are composing a statement to send to ADHE.
 3. Momentum Year: Members discussed focusing on developing the momentum year. Dr. Boniecki recommended creating a momentum year task force this summer. Task force members will be selected and invited to participate.
 4. Final Exam Schedule for Asynchronous Remote Courses: Provost Poulter will share specific due dates and times with members via email.
- b. Division Updates: Members provided an update on their respective college/division.
4. Important Dates
 - a. April 27: Minority Student Graduation Reception
 - b. April 28: COD-Wingo 315
 - c. April 28: Ronnie Williams Retirement Reception
 - d. April 29: Emogene Fox Retirement Reception
 - e. April 29: Latinx Graduation Celebration
 - f. April 30: Staff Social
 - g. May 7 & 8: Commencement
 - h. May 27: Board of Trustees Meeting

AY20-21 Initiatives

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

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.