

# Academic Update

April 3, 2017

## Academic Update -- COAD Meeting of April 3, 2017

1. Stephen Putman met with COAD and provided an IT update. He then answered questions from the group including Wi-Fi, portal access overseas, and computer labs.
2. Tammy Jacques, Amy Crews, and Cassie Morgan met with COAD to discuss the new general education requirements in fine arts. Questions revolved around SOAR, campus notification, and issues with transfer students.
3. The COAD discussed the summer schedule and how best to accommodate minimal student traffic on Friday afternoons when most offices will be closed.
4. The COAD recommended COAD vacancies on shared governance committees for 2017-18 for SGENC approval.
5. The COAD made minor revisions in the timeline for academic award nominations for 2018.
6. The COAD agreed to put aside further discussion on the faculty salary schedule until such time as the new provost is here and ready to manage the discussion with Faculty Senate.
7. The COAD reviewed the new student immunization policy. VP Shields will be asked to provide information on the most recent updates.
8. The issue of how to deal with students who take additional coursework after being granted their degree was discussed. What will be annotated on transcripts? The Registrar was present for the discussion. The COAD agreed that certificate programs are the best approach to deal with this issue. Deans were asked to discuss the issue with their chairs. Concentrations after degree won't be annotated as such on transcripts but certificates will.
9. Dr Maynard raised two issues about the opt-in process for the new tenure and promotion policy. Clarification was provided.
10. Dr. Thornell suggested that colleges work with faculty on a course release when they wish to pursue a significant grant opportunity. Deans were asked to work with chairs on this effort.
11. Dr Zhang provide an update on his recent trip to China.
12. Dr LeFort indicated that an accreditation team is on campus this week evaluating the graduate program in counseling.
13. Dr Borah announced that a UNA student was recently notified that she was the recipient of a Fulbright Award.
14. Dr Maynard provided an update on upcoming campus events.

15. Dr Beaver provided an overview of a new degree proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology. The NISP will go out but action by UCC will be deferred until completion of the academic program analysis this summer. There were no concerns expressed by the other college deans.