

2009 National Conference of Academic Deans  
**The Promotion of Quality Within and Beyond Campus Borders**  
University of Central Arkansas – Conway, Arkansas  
July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 1, 2009

**Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 Conference Registration

1:30 Conference Welcome

**First Plenary Session** – Conference Room – Hilton Garden Inn

1:45 – 2:30 *“The Generational Gap: Implications for Faculty”*  
Lemuel Watson – Dean, College of Education  
Northern Illinois University

2:35 – 3:20 *“Expectations of Quality: Internally and Externally”*  
Ann Staton – Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
Nan Restine – Dean, College of Professional Education  
Pat Holden –Huchton – Dean, College of Nursing  
Jennifer Martin – Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School  
Texas Woman’s University

Break

3:45 – 4:45 Conference Keynote : *“Rethinking Accreditation”*  
Sylvia Manning, President  
The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges  
and Schools

5:00 Reception

6:00 Dinner

**Friday July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Second Plenary Session** – Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center on the UCA Campus

8:30 – 9:20 *“What Happened to Online Learning and What Should We do Now?”*  
Sylvia Manning, President  
The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges  
and Schools

9:25 – 10:10 “*Case Studies*”  
Hal Fulmer, Associate Provost  
Troy University, Alabama

Break

10:25 – 11:05 “*Maintaining Academic Quality in Online Programs*”  
Carol Williams – Dean, Graduate School  
Abilene Christian University, Texas

11:10 – 11:55 “*The First Year Experience—For Faculty*”  
Jane Earley – Dean, College of Arts/Humanities  
Minnesota State University - Mankato

Noon Luncheon

### **Third Plenary Session**

1:30 – 2:15 “*Lessons Learned From 25 Deans*”  
Bette Midgarden – Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Minnesota State University – Moorhead

2:20 – 3:05 “*Academic Advising, Student Access, and Student Success: Providing High Quality Services for Students in Difficult Economic Times.*”  
Lisa Abney – Dean, College of Liberal Arts  
Northwestern State University, Louisiana

Break

3:15 – 4:00 “*The Dean’s First Steps in the World of Development*”  
Rollin Potter – Dean, College of Fine Arts and Communications  
University of Central Arkansas

4:05 – 4:55 New Deans and Not So New Deans  
Jane Earley – Dean, College of Arts/Humanities  
Minnesota State University – Mankato  
Jimmy Ishee – Dean, College of Health Sciences  
Texas Woman’s University

5:15 Reception

6:30 Conference Banquet

## Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30 – 8:20 Planning for 2010 Conference  
(participants include past, current, and elected program chairs)

### Fourth Plenary Session – Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center on the UCA campus

8:30 – 9:15 “*Complementary Quality Improvement of Processes: North Central/Higher Learning Commission; Specialized Accreditations; and the Oklahoma Quality Award*”

James Machell – Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies  
William Radke, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Ed Cunliff, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Chuck Hughes, Associate Dean, College of Mathematics and Science  
University of Central Oklahoma

9:20 – 10:05 “*What to Do and What to Avoid as Dean*”

Richard Sluder – Dean, College of Health and Human Services  
University of Central Missouri  
Loretta Prater – Dean, College of Health and Human Services  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Gersham Nelson – Dean, College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences  
University of Central Missouri

10:05 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 11:00 “*The Transition From Dean to Provost: Challenges and Opportunities*”

Jim Klein, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Southern Oregon University

11:05 – 11:50 “*The Perfect Dean? Is There Such a Thing from the Chair’s Perspective?*”

Charles W. Harvey – Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion  
University of Central Arkansas

12:00 Business Meeting and Luncheon

1:00 Conference Adjourns