EIT Faculty Assembly Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, August 14, 2013
EIT Auditorium

1. Meeting opened by EIT Assembly Secretary Jim Carr at 9:35 a.m.
2. Election of Assembly Officers
   a. President - Coskun Bayrak
   b. Vice President - Srikanth Pidugu

3. May 7, 2013 Assembly Meeting Minutes were approved.

4. Remarks from the Dean Sandgren
   a. new faculty members
      i. Mary Mang Information Science and is the new director of Bioinformatics
      ii. Jin Wook Lee, Mechanical Engineering option of Systems Engineering
   b. New EIT tech support
      i. Kevin Browning, Information Science
      ii. Philip Williams, Tech Dir. Bioinformatics
   c. Departing faculty
      i. Nidal Bouaynaya, Systems Eng.
      ii. Radu Babiceanu, Systems Eng.
   d. Other EIT changes
      i. Vernard Hensley Assistant Dean
      ii. Jennifer Moody – Director of Undergraduate Student Services and Retention
      iii. Kyle McCourt – Senior Recruitment & Outreach Coordinator
      iv. Two vacant positions in Student Services
      v. Thomas Wallace – Web Services Support
   e. Advancing UALR as a Metropolitan Community-Engaged Research University
      i. UALR Strategic Goals
         1. UALR will excel as a student success-centered institution.
         2. UALR will develop as a research institution.
         3. UALR will respond to local, state, regional, and national priorities.
         4. UALR will demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equality, and global understanding.
         5. UALR will strengthen and support the human resources and infrastructure necessary to fulfill its mission and vision.
      ii. UALR 2012-13 Budget
         1. State Appropriations 38.98%
         2. Tuition and Fees 45.97%
         3. External Grants, Contracts, and Gifts 0.89%
4. Auxiliary Activities and Services 12.58%
5. Investments 0.13%
6. Sales and Services 1.00%
7. Other Sources 0.45%

iii. Academic Year 2013-2014 Action Plan
iv. Goal 1-Student Preparation for Life
   1. Expand Student Success Programs
      a. Integration of Undergraduate Research, Internships,
         Externships, Service Learning Opportunities, Study Abroad,
         Leadership Opportunities, and Interdisciplinary Delivery
         Approaches into the Curriculum
   2. Implement the New Core Curriculum

v. Goal 2-Research and Graduate Education
   1. Identify UALR Research Strengths + Availability of Funding = Strategic
      Research Investments
   2. Implement a New Process for Distribution of Graduate Assistantships
   3. Focus Graduate Student Recruitment Efforts

vi. Goal 3-Adult and Community Outreach
   1. Increase UALR Presence Downtown
   2. Continue Work with City for the Establishment of Research Park
   3. Explore New Models for Adult Education
   4. Expand Faculty Involvement on Collaboration with Extended Programs

vii. Goal 4-Increase Diversity within Colleges
    1. Develop and Implement Collaborative Initiatives to Create Diversity, in
       all its Dynamics, within the Colleges’ Faculty and Professional Staff

viii. Goal 5-Accountability: Efficiency and Effectiveness
    1. Implement a New Academic Organizational Structure
       a. Create UALR Fellow Programs
       b. Review of Faculty Workload Policy
    2. Develop the Qualitative Initiative Proposal

ix. UALR Performance on State Metrics
   1. Four Mandatory Performance Measures
      a. Number of Bachelor Graduates
      b. Number of Total Credentials
      c. Number of STEM Credentials
      d. Retention (Progression)
   2. Number of Bachelor Graduates
      a. UALR now fourth in number of graduates in major state
         universities
   3. Number of STEM Credentials
      a. UALR second in Stem Credentials

x. UALR last of the five schools in retention and course completion
xi. UALR is highest in Minority Student Credentials
xii. UALR enrollment is on a downward trend. Spring 2013 was a 9558
xiii. Current EIT freshman enrollment at 104
xiv. Summer programs have a significant impact on recruitment
xv. Introduction to the new Emerging Analytics Center
xvi. EIT Leadership Council
1. Recruitment Task Force
2. Outreach Task Force

xvii. The amount of grant and contracts awards are on a downward trend. $24.4 in FY 13

f. Dr. Paula Casey, interim vice provost for research & dean of graduate school addressed the assembly about the services her unit can provide

g. Joe Swaty introduced the abilities of the Emerging Analytics Center

a. Dean Sandgren continued with a view of the future of UALR from the Chancellor’s Leadership Group Retreat
   a. The Uniqueness of the UALR Educational Experience:
      i. UALR Vision
      ii. Environmental Scan
      iii. Realizing Our Vision
      iv. What Makes UALR Unique?
      v. UALR: A Transformational Model

b. UALR: Next Five Years
   i. UALR: One of the Top Metropolitan, Community-Engaged, Research Universities among the 16 Member States of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

c. UALR Mission

5. Old Business

   a. The departments were informed to forward the appointments to the College Standing Committees the the Assembly President

6. New Business
   a. None

7. Open Discussion
   a. Andrew right announced his interest in becoming UALR Faculty Senate President.

8. Meeting Adjournment at 11:08 am.

Attendance

Computer Science

Kenji Yoshigoe
Coskun Bayrak
Keith Bush
Chia-Chu Chiang
Steven Minsker
Mengjun Xie
Shucheng Yu

Construction Management and Civil and Construction Engineering
Mike Tramel
Amin Akhnoukh
Jim Blacklock
Jim Carr
Nickolas Jovanovic
Patrick Pellicane
Chris Ray

Engineering Technology
George Tebbetts
Mamdouh Bakr
David Luneau
Steve Menhart
Swaminadham Midturi
Hirak C. Patangia
Pete Tschumi

Information Science
Elizabeth Pierce
Russel Bruhn
Steve Jennings
John Talburt
Eduard Tudoreanu
Ningning Wu
Mary Yang
Systems Engineering
Hussain Al-Rizzo
Gary Anderson
Yupo Chan
Andrew Wright
Jing Zhang