

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