



ASSEMBLY

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
University Assembly Meeting
September 15, 2017

11:00 a.m.
EIT Auditorium

AGENDA

I. Call to order

II. Review of minutes

III. Old Business

A. **Motion FS_2016_12:** Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings, second vote verbatim the first vote. Second vote.) Ottenheimer Library -> Collections and Archives

Be it resolved that the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock be modified to replace “Ottenheimer Library” with “Collections and Archives” throughout the document.

Commentary: Due to a clerical error, this motion was not placed on the agenda for a second consecutive University Assembly meeting. Consequently it is returned to the Faculty Senate to restart the process.

B. **Motion FS_2016_26.** Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings, second vote verbatim the first vote. Second vote.) Add committee calling for elected committees to president

Be it resolved that Article I of the Constitution of the University Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Officers of the Assembly be modified to read:

The president shall preside at meetings of the Assembly and of the Executive Committee of the Assembly. The president of the Assembly or designated elected member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall have the responsibility for convening the initial meetings of the councils and elected standing committees of the Assembly and Faculty Senate in the fall semester.

C. **Motion FS_2016_27.** Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings, second vote verbatim the first vote. Second vote.) Add committee calling for appointed committees to committee on committees

Be it resolved that Article I of the Constitution of the University Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Committee on Committees be modified to read:

The president of the Assembly and Faculty Senate shall serve as the chairperson of the Committee ~~and shall have the responsibility for convening the initial meetings of the committees and councils of the Assembly and Faculty Senate in the fall semester.~~

The Committee on Committees shall designate a member of each appointed standing committee to convene the initial meeting of that committee in the fall semester.

D. **Motion FS_2016_36.** Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings, second vote verbatim the first vote. Second vote.) Counsel as ex officio on Faculty Senate

Officers of the Faculty Senate

Officers of the Faculty Senate shall be the president, the immediate past president, the vice president, the secretary, the parliamentarian, and counsel. ~~In the event the immediate past president is no longer a member of the faculty at UALR, the most recent past president still on the faculty shall serve in that position. The immediate past president shall have all rights of Senate membership, serve as advisor to the president of the Senate, and have voice on the Executive Committee.~~ The president of the Assembly shall serve as president of the Faculty Senate. The vice president, secretary, and parliamentarian shall be elected by the Faculty Senate from the elected membership of the Faculty Senate for two-year terms. In the event that a senator elected to one of these offices ceases to be a member of the Faculty Senate, another senator shall be elected to fulfill the remainder of the term of office. The election of new officers shall take place during the first meeting of the academic year in even-numbered years after new members of the Faculty Senate have been elected. Vacancies shall be filled by election at the next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting. All Officers of the Faculty Senate shall be ex officio members of the Faculty Senate with vote.

The president shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate and of the Executive Committee, and also shall discharge the responsibilities specified elsewhere in this constitution.

The vice president shall be the presiding officer at Faculty Senate meetings in the absence of the

president, and shall also serve as vice president of the Executive Committee.

The secretary shall be responsible for preparing the minutes of each Faculty Senate meeting and for submitting the minutes to the office of the executive vice chancellor and provost for distribution to all members of the ~~Faculty Senate and University Assembly~~. The secretary also shall serve as secretary of the Executive Committee. The secretary shall collect papers and documents concerned with Faculty Senate matters and transfer them to ~~the UALR Archives or equivalent~~ place a permanent archive at the end of each academic year.

The parliamentarian shall advise the officers and members of the Faculty Senate on questions of procedure in order that the business of the Faculty Senate be transacted correctly, efficiently, and impartially. The parliamentarian also shall serve as parliamentarian of the Executive Committee.

The immediate past president shall serve as advisor to the president of the Faculty Senate. In the event the immediate past president is no longer eligible to serve on the Faculty Senate, the most recent past president who is eligible to serve on the Faculty Senate shall serve in that position.

The counsel shall be responsible for ensuring that copies of records related to faculty governance are maintained in the permanent archive in the Faculty Senate offices and are current. The counsel shall ~~be a faculty member~~ be an elected member of the Faculty Senate and shall provide expertise to the executive committee on current policies and the historical background on important issues. The counsel shall be appointed by the elected officers of the Faculty Senate to a renewable, two-year term that is staggered relative to the Faculty Senate officers. The appointment shall be reported to the Faculty Senate.

Commentary: The main change is to make it clear that all officers of the Faculty Senate are ex officio voting members of the faculty senate. The immediate past president language is moved out of the officers opening paragraph and installed in a separate paragraph, in parallel with the other officers.

Other changes in the section include making clear from which constituency the office is elected. In the case of the elected officers of the faculty senate, they should be elected from the elected members of the faculty senate (which was implicit but should be explicit). The counsel should be elected from members of the faculty senate.

Finally, the UALR archives refers to a specific location. The constitution should be more generic so as to allow changes to facilities to be accommodated without a change in the constitution. The University Assembly subsumes the Faculty Senate, so it is redundant to require distribution to both bodies.

E. **Motion FS_2017_6.** Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings, second vote verbatim the first vote, Second vote.) Delete Publications Committee

Be it resolved to modify the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article I. Committees and Councils of the Assembly to delete the Publications Committee.

Commentary: functions of the publications are being transferred to the student research and creative works committee.

IV. New Business

A. **Motion FS_2017_19.** Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings, First Vote) Delete environmental impact committee

Be it resolved to modify the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article I. Committees and Councils of the Assembly to delete the Environmental Impact Committee from the committees of the assembly.

Commentary: The Faculty Senate is developing a Buildings and Grounds committee as a committee of the faculty senate with expanded powers over buildings, construction, and modifications to the grounds. The assembly committee needs to be removed to make room for the expanded faculty senate committee.

This vote will not be complete until the March University Assembly meeting, and the Faculty Senate can withdraw it at any time before that meeting should it fail to develop the appropriate Faculty Senate committee.

B. **Motion FS_2017_20.** Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings, First Vote) Delete Fringe Benefits Committee

Be it resolved to modify the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article I. Committees and Councils of the Assembly to delete the Fringe Benefits Committee from the committees of the assembly.

Commentary: The Fringe Benefits Committee is not well configured to manage the changes that have been pushed onto campus by the UA System. These duties need to be transferred to a committee that has more ability to address them. The Planning and Finance Committee would be better suited to address changes in benefits due to their impact on the university budget. The assembly committee needs to be removed to make room for the expanded faculty senate committee.

V. Remarks by the Assembly President: Andrew Wright

VI. Remarks by the Provost: Velmer Burton

VII. Remarks by the Chancellor: Andrew Rogerson

VIII. Presentation from Health Services (wellness plan): Karl Lenser

IX. Open Forum

X. Adjournment