



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
University Assembly Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2016 • 2:00 p.m.
Donaghey Student Center, Ledbetter Rooms A/B/C

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to order 2:04 pm
- II. Review of minutes Minutes of April 16 2016 Moved by Hunter seconded by Prince Motion approved.
- III. Remarks by the Assembly President: Andrew Wright: HLC visit 2019. ILOs are learning outcomes that are the measures of student achievement. It is anticipated that HLC will require we move to assessment of institutional learning outcomes sometime in the future, but not for the coming visit. Our SKIM work is evidence of our commitment to be prepared for the visit. Draft of the “test” ILO-s available for first faculty senate meeting. Continuous quality improvement is a philosophy of operation. What HLC wants to see is holistic program of assessment. The SKIM and the core curriculum work has put us in a good position to prepare for the accreditation visit.

Enrollment has declined, income has declined, faculty has declined. Yet, we, faculty, are being required to do more non-teaching functions We have to assess our activities. All the extraneous requirements on faculty need to be evaluated for their effect on our ability to perform our prime function, teaching.

- IV. Remarks by the Interim Chancellor: Zulma Toro
Create the kind of institution you can be proud of: Top research and top in community engagement
Introduces Chancellor and Mrs. Rogerson. Committed to elevate our profile and turn around enrolment trends. Brings a fresh perspective and new ideas. He is eager to learn about our campus.

Please make him feel welcome. Dr Rogerson we look forward to beginning our work together,

Changes in leadership roles: Lists and welcomes new directors and chairs.

Reviews UALR Transformation based on student centric approach. 1. Bright spots, including Trojan Touchstones; 2. Diversity and Inclusion 3. The Trojan Experience, student success plan: a transformational model is almost ready for presentation to the UALR family 4. Re-imagining the First Year of College

Outcomes based funding model: Likely to be our funding formula soon. Our work in continuous quality improvement has positioned us well for this.

Budget issues: We must increase enrollment at all levels.

Welcome all new students! And thanks to all for making the first day a success

10, 504 enrolled

Chancellor Rogerson: Thank you all. I am here unofficially but want to express my gratitude to be here. Urban metropolitan University is what is needed and I will work hard to make a great institution even better. Will address the most pressing issues and most promising opportunities.

Mrs Rogerson: Greetings it will be my pleasure to work to enhance connections and strengthen relationships. Open hearts and open homes are an important part of a vibrant university.

V. New Business

A Wright introduces FS_2016_24 with a friendly amendment (change “at the end of his/her term” to “at the end of the out-going president’s term”) and no objection was offered to the amendment:

- A. Motion FS_2016_24: 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.)

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 of the Assembly shall be elected by the Assembly from among the faculty members of the Assembly who are eligible to serve in the Faculty Senate, in an election at a meeting late in the Spring semester ~~of each year~~ at the end of the out-going president’s term ~~from among the faculty members of the Assembly who are eligible to serve in the Faculty Senate,~~ according to procedures approved by the Faculty Senate.

Commentary: Changing from a meeting to an election will allow increased participation across campus. The assembly has become sufficiently large and diverse that requiring a vote at a meeting reduces participation and may skew the result. Using the Faculty Senate to develop and maintain procedures will allow flexibility in adapting the procedures over time. Deleting the “of each year” is a remnant from the days when term of president was one year.

Motion approved.

A Wright withdrew motions FS_2016_25 and FS_2016_26 on behalf of the faculty senate and referred it back to the faculty senate. Article II of the constitution only allows modifications of committee composition with one vote. Motion FS_2016_25 modifies the committee function so it requires two votes. Hence, if both motions are passed today, the power to call committees would be present in two different sections of the constitution. Better to send the motion back to the senate for rework.

B. Motion FS_2016_25: Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Committee on Committees of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings.)

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~~ The president of the Assembly and Faculty Senate or designee shall have the responsibility for convening the initial meetings of the committees and councils of the Assembly and Faculty Senate in the fall semester.

Commentary: This change will take effect for Fall 2016.

C. 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. First vote.)

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 designee shall have the responsibility for convening the initial meetings of the committees and councils of the Assembly and Faculty Senate in the fall semester.

Commentary: This change will take effect after the second vote in April, 2017.

VI. Open Forum:

A. Wright indicated that motion FS_2016_12. The change from “Ottenheimer Library” to “Collections and Archives” which had received its first vote at the April assembly meeting was left off the agenda for this meeting. We’ll have to take two consecutive votes on that one, starting at the next assembly meeting.

Greg Barrett asked if it would be possible to suspend the rules to add the motion to this agenda, since there is a clause in the constitution allowing that. A Wright responded that article II requires that constitutional amendments be published as part of an agenda, so we can’t add a constitutional amendment at the meeting.

VII. Adjournment 3:03pm