

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

TRANSMITTAL OF FACULTY SENATE LEGISLATION

(Faculty Senate legislation is to be submitted to the chancellor to approve or disapprove within *ten calendar days* of the Faculty Senate action. The chancellor may approve or veto any Faculty Senate legislation within a period from the *eleventh through the twenty-fifth calendar day* after such action has been presented, unless the Assembly has been petitioned to amend or rescind the Faculty Senate legislation. In the latter case, the chancellor's approval or veto shall be made no later than fifteen calendar days after the Assembly has voted on and failed to approve a motion to amend or rescind a legislative action of the Faculty Senate. The chancellor shall provide written reasons for a veto to the Faculty Senate.)

To the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock:

The following resolution/legislation passed the UALR Faculty Senate on February 19, 2016.

Motion FS_2016_9. Joanne Liebman Matson on behalf of the Ad Hoc Skills in the Major Committee (Legislation. Requires majority vote at one Faculty Senate meeting, second required) Implementation of Skills in the Major legislation

Whereas the Faculty Senate approved a Skills in the Major requirement for programs as part of the Baccalaureate Degree Requirement legislation passed March 15, 2013, and modified by Legislation FS 2014_19 and FS 2014_30; and

Whereas the Skills in the Major legislation, as modified, provided that,

Except in majors that must adhere to standards established by disciplinary accrediting agencies, major requirements must include courses or coursework either in or outside the department in

- *Oral and written communication in the discipline*
- *Research methods, ethics, and critical thinking*
- *Technology; and*

Whereas the Skills in the Major legislation must be implemented by Fall 2016 (FS 2014_30); and

Whereas departments are the ones best suited to determine the specifics of their curricula; and

Whereas the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) (see <https://www.hlcommission.org/>), which will next review UALR during 2019-2020, states, "The institution assesses achievement of the learning outcomes that it claims for its curricular and co-curricular programs" (Criterion for Accreditation 4.2.2);

Therefore be it resolved that the Skills in the Major (SKIM) portion of the Baccalaureate Degree Requirements legislation shall be implemented in the following manner:

1. The *ad hoc* Skills in the Major Committee (hereafter, the Committee) shall be responsible for implementing the requirement.
2. The Committee shall consist of 13 members: 1 member each elected by the College of Business, the College of Education & Health Professions, the College of Engineering & Information Technology;

