



Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
Friday, August 28, 2015
1:00 PM until Adjournment
DSC B&C

I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. Review of Minutes

III. Announcements

- A.** Upper Level Requirement: Vice President of the Faculty Senate will be heading the development of legislation to flesh out the Upper Level Skills courses.

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

oral and written communication in the discipline

research methods, ethics, and critical thinking

technology

Please contact Joanne Matson if you want to assist. This has to get done this semester, so that courses can be in place by Fall 2016.

IV. Introduction of New Topics (2 min limit, no discussion)

V. Election of Faculty Senate Secretary to complete the final year of Beth McMillan's term.

VI. Reports

- A.** Chancellor's Report – Joel Anderson

- B.** Provost's Report – Zulma Toro

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

- A.** Election of Faculty Governance Committee representative

- B. Motion FS_2015_27. Faculty Senate *Executive Committee* (Legislation. Majority Vote at One Meeting) Correct the Provost's title throughout the Constitution

Be it resolved that instances of the title, "Provost" or the title, "Vice Chancellor and Provost," shall be changed to "Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost" throughout the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas of Little Rock.

- C. Motion FS_2015_28. Faculty Senate *Executive Committee* (Legislation. Majority Vote at Two Meetings, First vote) Merge Faculty Research Committee and Faculty Teaching and Service Development Committees into Faculty Professional Development Committee

Be it resolved that the Faculty Research Committee shall be deleted

~~**Faculty Research Committee:** This committee shall make recommendations to the Faculty Senate concerning research policies of a general nature and methods of encouraging research activity. Under the authority of the vice chancellor and provost, it shall award the faculty research grants. The committee shall consist of one full-time faculty member from each college and school represented in the Faculty Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees. Each member shall serve a two-year term, with the terms to be staggered to insure experienced representation.~~

And, Be it further resolved that the Faculty Teaching and Service Development Committee shall be renamed to the Faculty Professional Development Committee and changed as follows:

~~**Faculty Teaching and Service Professional Development Committee:** The purpose of this committee is to review and make recommendations concerning policies and procedures involving the enhancement of the research, teaching, and service functions of the University. ~~More specifically,~~ The committee is concerned with faculty improvement workshops and other activities and conditions designed to recruit, improve, and retain a highly productive faculty. This committee shall make recommendations to the Faculty Senate concerning research policies of a general nature and methods of encouraging research activity. Under the authority of the executive vice chancellor and provost, it shall award the faculty research grants.~~

The committee shall consist of one member from the Ottenheimer Library faculty, two-full time faculty members from each college or school represented in the Faculty Senate to be named by the Committee on Committees to staggered terms of two years each and as ex-officio member, the designee appointed by the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. ~~the Associate Vice Chancellor for Technology and Instructional Support, the campus director of American Humanities, and the Director of Campus and Community Partnerships.~~

Commentary: Neither the Faculty Research Committee nor the Faculty Teaching and Service Development Committee has been active in recent years, so

neither committee has so much work to do that two committees are justified. By focusing the charge of the committee to Faculty Professional Development, it is envisioned that the committee might recommend and maintain a comprehensive professional development plan for the university that is responsive to faculty needs.

- D.** Motion FS_2015_29. Faculty Senate *Executive Committee* (Legislation. Majority Vote at Two Meetings, First vote) Delete Planning and Finance Committee chair as Academic Calendar and Schedules chair.

Whereas the practice of the university has been for the ACSC committee to elect a chair from its membership,

Be it resolved that the Academic Calendar and Schedules Committee be modified to delete the chair of Planning and Finance Committee as the chair of the Academic Calendar and Schedules Committee, so that the committee shall read:

Academic Calendar and Schedules Committee: This committee shall recommend to the Faculty Senate the academic calendar, schedules, and schedule policy, and shall present academic schedules to the Senate. Normally, these calendars and schedules, in draft form, originate in the Registrar's Office, and are forwarded to the committee for its approval before being submitted to the Faculty Senate. When questions arise, the committee shall, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, interpret the calendar and schedules.

The committee shall consist of one full-time faculty member from each college/school represented in the Faculty Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees, the vice president of the Faculty Senate, the chair of the Undergraduate Council or that person's designee, the registrar or that person's designee, the vice chancellor and provost or that person's designee. In addition, two students appointed by the Student Government Association shall serve as members. Appointed faculty members shall serve two-year staggered terms and students shall serve one-year terms.

~~The chairperson of the Planning and Finance Committee shall serve as chairperson of this committee.~~

IX. Open Forum

A. Discussion: e-STEM

X. Adjourn