



Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
Friday, November 18, 2016
1:00 PM until adjournment
DSC B&C

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes
- III. Introduction of New Topics (2 minute limit)
- IV. Announcements
- V. Reports
 - A. Chancellor's Report – Andrew Rogerson
 - B. Provost's Report - Zulma Toro
 - C. Faculty Governance Committee – Rosalie Cheatham
 - D. Undergraduate Council – Mike Tramel
 - E. Graduate Council – Brian Berry
 - F. Council on Core Curriculum and Policies – Belinda Blevins-Knabe
 - G. Environmental Impact of ESTEM and Arts - Andrijana Vukovich
- VI. Old Business
 - none
- VII. New Business
 - A. **Motion FS_2016_32.** Executive Committee. (Majority Vote at One Meeting, no second required) Executive Committee Changes
 - Be it resolved to place the following motion on the April University Assembly agenda:
 - Be it resolved that Article III of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock be modified as follows (underline indicates addition, strike-through indicates deletion):

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 eligible to serve in 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 faculty members eligible to serve in the faculty senate, which would be necessary when the member becomes an ex officio member 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.

B. Motion FS_2016_33. Honors and Awards Committee. (3/5 Majority Vote at two Meeting, no second required) Honors and Awards membership changes

Be it resolved to Modify Article III. Of the constitution, Honors and Awards Committee from

All members shall serve one year terms.

To

All members shall serve two year, staggered terms

And be it resolved that the faculty senate executive committee will perform the initial staggering for the AY 17-18 academic year from the existing members of the committee.

C. Motion FS_2016_34. Executive Committee. (3/5 Majority Vote at two Meeting, no second required) Transfer Credit policy changes (underline indicates addition, ~~strikethrough indicates deletion~~)

Be it resolved to change the name of Policy 517.1 to Placement and Transfer of Credit Policy,

And Be it resolved to modify Standardized Tests for Credit (10/24/1972) to read :

Students are allowed to take standardized subject matter tests for credit. Such tests will be adopted by the department offering the course at the Division Level ~~by majority vote of the respective division faculty.~~ The courses for which such credit shall be granted and the grades assigned based on the tests will be determined solely by the department faculty. ~~respective divisions through majority vote of the respective division faculty.~~ Grades for such exams shall be at the discretion of the respective divisions.

And Be it resolved to add the following to the Standardized Tests for Credit

Departments/programs may authorize credit/placement for a course having similar content to the content covered by a subsection of a standardized placement test such as ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer by submitting the request to the Undergraduate Council. The request should include the name of the test, the subsection, the minimum score on the subsection, and the course number for which credit will be given. Course credit from standardized tests will not count towards the minimum hours to graduate, residency requirements, upper level hour requirements, or gpa calculation.

And be it resolved to adopt the following implementation language:

Implementation (not part of policy): Tests which have already been approved to satisfy course pre-requisites will be grand-fathered.

Commentary: As part of motion FS_2016_28, all policies regarding transfer were accumulated into policy 517.1. There were some ambiguous matters regarding placement that seemed to fit. Therefore, the name of the policy should be changed.

When the legislation was accumulated, it could be seen that the “Standardized Tests for Credit” legislation still referred to the ‘division’ structure that has long since been changed.

Since Standardized Tests for Credit had been enabled, it seems reasonable to enable the current practice of using tests for placement into courses and make the approval authority clear.

The implementation language may be redundant, but it doesn’t hurt to be clear.

VIII. Open Forum

IX. Adjourn