



## FACULTY SENATE

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### Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2017

1:00 PM until adjournment

Legend's Room

#### I. Welcome 1:04

*Present:* **CALS**— Cheatham, LeGrand, Smith, Warner, Kyong-McClain, Barrio-Vilar, Law. **CB**— Hendon, Leonard, **CEHP**—Prince, Carmack, Evans, Otters, Grover. **CSSC**— Flinn, Blevins-Knabe, Lopez, Matson, Craw, Golden, Scranton. **CEIT**—Jovanovic, Sandgren, Tramel, McMillan, Deangelis. **LAW**— Fitzhugh. **LIBRARY**— Macheak. **EXOFFICIO** - Rogerson, Wright, Anson, Nolen, L McClellan, Donovan.

*Absent:* **CALS**—K Cates, S Thibeault, R Street, M Douglas, S Woolbright **CB**—Farewell. **CEHP**— Vander Putten, Crass, Finley, Stieve. **CSSC**— Giammo **CEIT** — Berleant. **LAW** Entrikin, Boles.— **LIBRARY**—. **EXOFFICIO**— Baldwin

#### II. Review of Minutes

A Wright: There was a correction to the April 21, 2017 meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

#### III. Introduction of New Topics (2 minute limit)

None

#### IV. Announcements

A Wright: Plan for judicial policy

#### V. Special Business

**A. Motion FS\_2017\_10.** Athletics Committee. (Legislation. Majority Vote at One Meeting, no second required) Commend the Women's Basketball Team

**Whereas** the Little Rock Trojans ended the Sun Belt regular season with a 17-1 record, winning the league's regular-season championship for the second time in three years,

**And whereas** it was an extremely exciting season for the Little Rock women's basketball team, who finished the season with a 25-9 overall record,

**And whereas** The Trojans won their first 12 league games and their final five,

**And whereas** Head coach Joe Foley was named the Sun Belt Conference Coach of the year,

**And whereas** these accomplishments brought national exposure to the University with an automatic bid in the Women's National Invitation Tournament,

**And whereas** the women's basketball team was part of a record semester for the Little Rock Department of Athletics, where nearly 200 Trojan student-athletes combined for a 3.29 semester GPA in the fall, the highest-ever for the Department of Athletics,

**Therefore be it resolved** the Faculty Senate recognizes their contribution to UA Little Rock,

**And be it further resolved** that the Faculty Senate commends their success with letters of distinction.

B Prince - invites Womens Basketball team up and reads **Motion FS\_2017\_10**

**A Wright calls vote Motion carries**

## VI. Reports

### **A.** Chancellor's Report – Andrew Rogerson

A Rogerson: Announces workload policy. K Drale will coordinate plan to move to the policy. It will be implemented Fall 17.

No news on hires, but we are getting close.

E Anson: Cancelling classes for underenrollment?

K Drale: We have board policy that sets limits but there are mechanisms for requesting exceptions,

P Scranton: There is a problem with inconsistency across departments.

N Jovanovic: Revenue generated by Su teaching does not go to college. Perhaps decisions are being made on that basis.

AR: We will look at that. I am optimistic about enrollment -- we still have a record number of applications.

### **B.** Provost's Report – Deborah Baldwin

### **C.** Council on Core Curriculum and Policies – Belinda Blevins-Knabe

Reports on assessment -

- as you are advising students, remember: we have all core by year on the website
- assessment: we asked each core curriculum area to report this year and these reports have been posted on the website - thanks to M Deangelis
- we can pull data from the reports from several points of view
- timeline: in Fall 17 we will be asking for data on Skills and we will report on that in the Spring and so on until we have been through the areas and have a complete cycle of data collection in time for HLC
- Thanks to all who worked on this: Curr comm; SKIM; groups throughout the university and P McCord M Mathis.
- SKIM will have a two day workshop June 15 & 16 - watch for the announcement

#### D. Planning and Finance Committee – Rosalie Cheatham

Thanks to all. We are working now on bringing clarity to faculty perceptions as to the University's budget and financial situation. Steve McClellan is facilitating this.

No requests for tuition increase but there are requests for fee adjustments

Three major concerns:

- how is summer school funded and inconsistencies in that process -
- course cancellations
- allocation of tech fees

#### VII. Old Business

**A. Motion FS\_2017\_8.** Student Research and Creative Works. (Legislation. 3/5 Majority Vote at Two Meetings, second vote verbatim the first vote, no second required, second vote) Add duties of Publications Committee to Student Research and Creative Works Committee

**Be it resolved** to modify the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article III. The Faculty Senate, Councils and Committees of the Faculty Senate, Student Research and Creative Works committee (underline indicates addition, strike-through indicates deletion)

**Student Research and Creative Works Committee:** The mission of this committee is to promote, support, and extend undergraduate and graduate research, scholarship, artistry, and other forms of creative activities at UALR, as well as to encourage research collaboration between faculty and students. In this capacity, the committee shall maintain policies related to university-financed student publications and inform the Faculty Senate as appropriate.

The committee shall consist of one member from the Ottenheimer Library faculty and two full-time faculty members from each college or school represented in the Faculty Senate ~~with an undergraduate program~~ to be named by the Committee on Committees to staggered terms of two years each; one undergraduate student and one graduate student named by the Committee on Committees to a one year term from nominations by the Undergraduate Student Research and Creative Works Committee; and, as ex-officio members (without vote), ~~the Director of the Donaghey Scholars Program or designee, the Director of the McNair Program or designee,~~ the editors and faculty advisors of university-financed student publications, one student affairs representative, and the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School or designee.

**And be it further resolved** that this change will take effect after the completion of the deletion of the publications committee.

A Wright calls vote Motion carries

**B. Motion FS\_2017\_18.** Graduate Council (Legislation. Majority Vote at One Meeting, no second required) Academic Clemency (Graduate)

**Be it resolved** to adopt the Academic Clemency (Graduate) policy

**Policy for Academic Clemency for Graduate Students**

Any UA Little Rock Graduate School student who has previously attended UA Little Rock and whose attendance at UA Little Rock or any institution of higher education has been interrupted for a period of at least two years may qualify for academic clemency providing he or she meets all of the criteria specified below and was not dismissed for non-academic reasons. Under this policy a Graduate School student may apply to have Graduate School grades and credits earned at UA Little Rock previous to the separation removed from his or her grade point average. Approval of a request for clemency requires the signature of the student's Program Coordinator and the Graduate School Dean.

After re-entering UA Little Rock following a separation of at least two years from any institution of higher education, a graduate student may request academic clemency at the Graduate School. The student shall specify the term(s) for which clemency is desired. The request will be forwarded, along with appropriate permanent record information, to the student's Program Coordinator for approval. The coordinator shall forward the request to the Graduate School Dean.

Clemency shall cover all credits earned during the semesters (i.e. Spring, Summer, Fall) for which clemency is requested. A Graduate School student may request clemency for up to two entire semesters. The student's complete record will remain on the transcript with the added notation of academic clemency received. Any petition for academic clemency must be requested and granted prior to the awarding of a degree. Once the degree is awarded, the record is closed and the academic clemency policy cannot be invoked. Academic clemency may be approved only once. For purposes of degree requirements, a student who receives clemency must follow the provisions of the Graduate Catalog in effect at the time of re-enrollment.

A Wright calls vote motion carries

**C. Motion FS\_2017\_16.** Academic Calendar and Schedules Committee (Legislation. Majority Vote at One Meeting, no second required) AY 18-19 Calendar

**Be it resolved** to replace the AY18-19 Calendar (FS\_2016\_21) with the attached AY 18-19 Calendar.

A Wright: Explains and reviews calendar issues and replacement

Discussion:

J Matson: there is a discrepancy in end dates. There are other discrepancies that may be clerical errors.

T Warner: Discrepancy between Spring start dates 14 vs 22 end dates are different

E Anson: Can we correct it here and now

Start 18/19 Jan 22 and end May 6

Question called

A Wright calls vote

Motion carries as amended

50:00 minutes into the Mp3

**D. Motion FS\_2017\_17.** Academic Calendar and Schedules Committee (Legislation. Majority Vote at One Meeting, no second required) AY 19-20 Calendar

**Be it resolved** to adopt the attached AY 19-20 Calendar.

A Wright: explains differences between start dates: August 15, 19 or 26

End date is difficult to identify...points out the multiple term and parts of term configurations are creating

problems.

R Cheatham: speaks in favor of calendar recommended by the calendar committee. I suggest we approve the start and end dates as recommended by Calendar Comm calendar on agenda from last meeting and amending it to replace the dates shown here

Fall 2019

Start date: Aug. 26

End date: Dec. 9

Consultation Day: Dec. 10

Finals: Dec. 10-17

Holiday: Sept. 2

Fall Break: Nov. 25-29

Spring 2020

Start date: Jan. 21

End date: May 4

Consultation Day: May 5

Finals: May 5-12

Spring Break: Mar. 23-27

Summer 2: May 26- June 29

Summer 4: July 6-Aug. 7

J Matson Proposes the amendment

Amendment carries

About 1:00:00

J Matson: put the two day fall break between the two 7.5 week terms (Oct 21, 22)

M DeAngelis: objects to the change of Fall break to late October from Thanksgiving week.

K Leonard: school districts breaks are affected by our breaks and would like to stay with as is

Calls vote: Amendment fails 8 to 19

A Wright: Calls vote on motion as amended: motion carries

VIII. New Business

**A. Motion FS\_2017\_19.** Executive Committee (Legislation. Majority Vote at One Meeting, no second required) To Approve 2017 Spring and Summer Graduates

**Be it resolved** that those applicants completing all requirements for various degrees in the 2017 Spring and Summer Semesters shall be approved for graduation. See Attachment A for a list of candidates for graduation, current as of 4/28/2017.

A Wright: introduces

motion carries

IX. Open Forum

Chancellor Rogerson Investiture is May 11, 2017

B McMillan asks for a day between finals and consultation day.

A Wright: encourages us to define consultation day and look for flexibility to make consultation day more useful. Let's plan to deal with that next semester.

X. Adjourn 2:16pm

Jane D Evans