



ASSEMBLY

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**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK**  
**University Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
**September 15, 2017**

*11:00 a.m.*  
*EIT Auditorium*

- I. Call to order 11:05am
- II. Review of April 21, 2017 meeting minutes Move to approve - approved
- III. Old Business

This is the second vote on the following motions:

A. **Motion FS\_2016\_12:** 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, second vote verbatim the first vote. Second vote.) Ottenheimer Library -> Collections and Archives

**Be it resolved** that the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock be modified to replace "Ottenheimer Library" with "Collections and Archives" throughout the document.

**Commentary:** Due to a clerical error, this motion was not placed on the agenda for a second consecutive University Assembly meeting. Consequently it is returned to the Faculty Senate to restart the process.

**A Wright introduces and calls vote: Motion Carries**

B. **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, second vote verbatim the first vote. Second vote.) Add committee calling for elected committees to president

**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 designated elected member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall have the responsibility for convening the initial meetings of the councils and elected standing committees of the Assembly and Faculty Senate in the fall semester.

**A Wright introduces and calls vote: Motion Carries**

C. **Motion FS\_2016\_27.** 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, second vote verbatim the first vote. Second vote.) Add committee calling for appointed committees to committee on committees

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

The Committee on Committees shall designate a member of each appointed standing committee to convene the initial meeting of that committee in the fall semester.

**A Wright introduces and calls vote: Motion Carries**

D. **Motion FS\_2016\_36.** 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, second vote verbatim the first vote. Second vote.) Counsel as ex officio on Faculty Senate

**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~~ an elected member of 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 members 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.

**A Wright introduces and calls vote: Motion Carries**

E. **Motion FS\_2017\_6.** 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, second vote verbatim the first vote, Second vote.) Delete Publications Committee

**Be it resolved** to modify the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article I. Committees and Councils of the Assembly to delete the Publications Committee.

**Commentary:** functions of the publications are being transferred to the student research and creative works committee.

**A Wright introduces and calls vote: Motion Carries**

#### IV. New Business

A. **Motion FS\_2017\_19.** 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) Delete environmental impact committee

**Be it resolved** to modify the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article I. Committees and Councils of the Assembly to delete the Environmental Impact Committee from the committees of the assembly.

**Commentary:** The Faculty Senate is developing a Buildings and Grounds committee as a committee of the faculty senate with expanded powers over buildings, construction, and modifications to the grounds. The assembly committee needs to be removed to make room for the expanded faculty senate committee.

This vote will not be complete until the March University Assembly meeting, and the Faculty Senate can withdraw it at any time before that meeting should it fail to develop the appropriate Faculty Senate committee.

See the Open Forum for a draft of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**A Wright introduces and calls vote: Motion Carries**

B. **Motion FS\_2017\_20.** 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) Delete Fringe Benefits Committee

**Be it resolved** to modify the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article I. Committees and Councils of the Assembly to delete the Fringe Benefits Committee from the committees of the assembly.

**Commentary:** The Fringe Benefits Committee is not well configured to manage the changes that have been pushed onto campus by the UA System. These duties need to be transferred to a committee that has more ability to address them. The Planning and Finance Committee would be better suited to address changes in benefits due to their impact on the university budget. The assembly committee needs to be removed to make room for the expanded faculty senate committee.

**A Wright introduces and calls vote: Motion Carries**

## V. Remarks by the Assembly President: Andrew Wright

Welcomes University Assembly for academic year 2017-18. this is the last year prep to self study visit;  
We are developing a pattern of continuous improvement, that is making gradual changes and evaluating progress

make every significant improvement

Feds are using HLC to enforce Code of Federal Regulations - our opportunity to reconcile

Also, an era of performance funding from state: How does this impact us and what changes do we make?

We feel we are in an era of constant changes - how do we adapt and position ourselves optimally to move forward.

All have contributed to getting where we are today and much remains to be done. There is room for everyone's contribution.

## VI. Remarks by the Provost: Velmer Burton

Welcome. I have met many of you and am now getting to know you better. Hopes to attend department faculty meetings.

Things under way and things planned:

- introduces new faculty and administrative changes
- we are recruiting more faculty and administrators. Looking for teacher scholars.
- reviews the teacher scholar model
- nurturing the faculty senate relationship with administration
- faculty mentorship program
- faculty involvement
- enrollment and retention are job one
  - Mark Allen hired to lead enrollment and retention
  - we must include faculty in this conversation- we play a pivotal role
- University budget and academics
  - restore academic affairs
- work progresses on HLC and the 2019-2020 reaccreditation with Brian Berry in the lead
- centralized advising
- improving the undergraduate research signature experiences
- resurrecting the living and learning community - pilot project with two groups of 25
- reaching out to the community in extended education courses

## VII. Remarks by the Chancellor: Andrew Rogerson

Greetings: got greenlight to renovate physics building. Will paint Stabler a delightful color.

Enrollment: 15000 by 2020 looking for students who are qualified. Make UA Little Rock the destination campus of choice. As of Fall 2017 down 40 student

\$40 mil raised in strategic campaign

Asking from experts advice on "Help us grow the rock and let brains drive our city"

Review of Windgate Center have raised \$1 mil of \$3 mil committee to arts scholarship fund

Thanks to leaders of the this campaign

Underlying theme of student success: accessibility, affordability

Signature experience

Teaching excellence

promote athletics

campus life within the community

Campus campaign - every gift matters!

Preserving the Joe Jones mural - which will become part of the UA Little Rock collection. Showed a video of Joe Jones' life and work

**VIII.** Presentation from Health Services (wellness plan): Karl Lenser tabled

**IX.** Open Forum

-Beth McMillan: campus beautification committee - reviews charge

-Faculty in residence program? A Rogerson says looking for \$ for artist in residence

-Re: undergraduate research; had that experience and endorses it. A good study with a mentor, done with good timing, can lay a strong foundation. Recommends two semester time frame.

-On behalf of the research expo: we want to really grow it and draw from every college and every department. Open to collaborations from sciences, arts, etc. Moving to larger venue with will need faculty encouragement and can be effective recruitment strategy.

-Re: campus life and activities for students which are important attractors.

A Rogerson says: that is why we brought on Mark Allen who is well prepared for the dual role of recruitment and campus life (retention). Look for campus life calendar. Attend events and encourage students.

-Re: communicating with students

A Rogerson says students need to use their ualr.edu accounts

C Burton acknowledges it is not easy. We will continue to work on it.

-What is happening with PTC?

A Rogerson says we are promoting completing the AAS degree. There is a free bus pass for everyone who wants to get to PTC/UALR

No concealed weapons until the training is available.

What about the 1,000 foot perimeter? Not that big - restricted only on the dSTEM campus itself.

A Rogerson re: DACA It is my responsibility to give every student an equal opportunity and please the legislature. I serve that by continuing to serve those students and keep a low profile.

**X.** Adjourned 12:20 pm

Jane D Evans