



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

Friday, August 31, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

Faculty Senate Meeting

Dickinson Auditorium

MINUTES

Present: **CAHSS**—Estes, Julie Steele, Kris McAbee, George Jensen, Paul Yoder, Joanne Matson, Erin Finzer, Jess Porter, Clea Bunch, Ed Anson, Brad Minnick, Adriana Lopez-Ramirez, Laura Amrhein, Robert Corwyn. **CB**—Funk, Nickels. **CE**—Barrett, Nolen, Hayn. **CEIT**—Anderson, Jovanovic, Tramel, Tschumi, Wright, Chiang. **LAW**—none. **LIBRARY**—Russ. **CPS**—Rhodes, Thombre, Golden, Wichinsky. **CSM**—Douglas, McMillan, Benton, Davidson, Cui, Prince, Sims. **EX OFFICIO**—Anderson, Smith-Olinde, Ford.

Absent: **CAHSS**—none. **CB**—Edison, Mitchell, Powell. **CE**—Hughes, Burgin. **CEIT**—none. **LAW**—Stewart, Fitzhugh, Goldner. **CPS**—Barnes, Faust. **CSM**—Tarasenko, He, Legrand. **EX OFFICIO**—Robertson, Turner, Mohsin.

I. Welcome and roll call

President Smith-Olinde welcomed the senators, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and invited Secretary Estes to call the roll.

II. Review of minutes

Past-president Ford moved to accept minutes from 5/4/12 meeting, seconded by Laura Amrhein. Carried unanimously.

III. Remarks on Senate's Role and Conduct

Past-president Ford remarked that the Faculty Senate is a body by which faculty concerns are voiced and shared with the administration. Faculty Senate has purview over some matters, detailed in the Faculty Handbook, and it does not have purview over others. Faculty Senate is concerned with the academic side of the university, but it can voice concerns about other things through resolutions.

In order to consider legislation, something has to be brought to the floor for discussion and vote. Matters must be submitted to the Executive Committee with enough time to work the item onto the agenda. Ten calendar days prior to the Friday meeting is usually sufficient advance notice. Matters that are passed by the Senate must be in "legislation form."

Past-president Ford recommended that senators should stand when speaking in the Senate. The Senate operates according to Robert's Rules, which prescribes that the correct method of debate involves an argument in favor of the motion and an argument opposing the motion in turns.

IV. Announcements

President Olinde-Smith requested Dr. Bobbit to speak to UALR campus community Friday, Sept. 28, from 1 - 2 in the EIT auditorium.

President Olinde-Smith announced that the first special meeting to discuss the Undergraduate Curriculum Revision (UCR) Task Force's report is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 7, 1 p.m. in Dickinson Auditorium. Because of a conflict with the SSC ribbon cutting ceremony, Senator Tramel moved that the meeting be started at 1:30, Senator Douglas seconding. Passed by voice vote.

President Olinde-Smith recommended that legislation include an implementation date. For example, the legislation to move up the drop date, which was passed last May, has been delayed due to the complicated implementation process. Confusion arises because of ambiguity on when this change should have been implemented.

President Olinde-Smith congratulated Dr. Byrne on a job well done for the Freshman convocation, which was attended by over 400 students and 60 faculty members.

President Olinde-Smith indicated that the Senate may want to take a look at various pieces of online initiatives, as there are questions about how shared governance of academic programs should be implemented and how roles and rewards for faculty members working in the online initiative should be handled. Faculty should contact President Olinde-Smith (via email, phone, etc.) to share concerns.

V. Election of New Officers

- A. Sonny Rhodes nominated Sarah Beth Estes for Vice President. Elected by unanimous consent.
- B. Marian Douglas nominated Andrew Wright for Secretary. Elected by unanimous consent.
- C. Mike Tramel nominated Amanda Nolen for Parliamentarian. Mike Funk nominated Tom McMillan for Parliamentarian. Tom McMillan was elected by majority.

VI. Introduction of New Topics

Greg Barrett--on behalf of COE fac., asking Chancellor Anderson that a copy of the contract with Academic Partnerships be made public (hopefully on web) .

Marian Douglas--Where can I get a current version of the faculty handbook? Tshumi-provosts office is rewriting. Laura will check on progress

VII. Reports

A. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Joel Anderson reported that undergraduate enrollment is down over last year at this time. This will result in a little over \$700,000 in revenue.

Grade appeal at Clinton School revealed potential issues regarding relationship between Clinton School and UALR. Clinton School Dean reports to the UA System President. The Masters in Public Service degree that the Clinton School offers is a collaborative degree between UAF, UALR, and UAMS. UALR helps Clinton School with computing services and financial aid services. As the Clinton School grows, it will eventually apply for autonomous certification from North Central.

The issue of civil, or the problem of incivility, on campus, is a growing problem. The campus needs to be proactive in doing more to encourage students, faculty, and staff to behave in a more civil fashion.

Senator Jovanovic asked a question regarding the "Cost of Attendance" figure which limits the total amount of financial aid and scholarship assistance that a student can receive. Cost of Attendance is being reduced for some students while actual costs of attendance are increasing.

Chancellor Anderson's response: Institutions whose students receive federal financial aid have their Cost of Attendance set by federal rules. Arkansas state regulations with regard to scholarship stacking were changed because of Lottery Scholarships. Students who have been caught in the transition saw the problem corrected last year and should see it corrected this year.

B. Greendot: Sarah Beth Estes

Greendot is a violence intervention and prevention program.

Wherever acts of violence (including bullying, stalking, assault, harassment, power-based violence) occur, Red Dots are placed on maps. A Greendot is an antidote to a RedDot.

Program will see a 2-phase launch. Planning will occur in Fall 2012 and an information campaign will begin in Spring 2013.

Faculty are requested to visit with their departments and request a 10 minute time at a faculty meeting where a Greendot representative can make a presentation detailing the Greendot goals and approaches.

This information campaign will lead up to a Spring 2013 visible launch, where student programming will begin.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Past-president Ford moved the resolution from the Executive Committee to define the process by which the Undergraduate Curriculum Revision (UCR) task force will be converted to legislation (no second required).

During discussion, the original motion was criticized for the perception that it defined a “closed process” and a “constrained procedure” which would disallow general UALR input. Senator Yoder recommended a friendly amendment, which was accepted, to include Open Meetings (item 1 in the passed resolution) to solicit input to the process from the entire UALR community.

Senator Matson recommended that a “place on the web” be created where people can provide input (<http://ualr.edu/academics/index.php/core-dis/>) and where the UCR report itself could be viewed (<http://ualr.edu/academics/index.php/home/provost/ucr/>), which President Olinde-Smith agreed to facilitate.

Motion. FS# 2012-13_2. FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Whereas, the Faculty Senate voted on August 21, 2012 to adopt the “following general rules to guide these deliberations to a fruitful conclusion” regarding the Undergraduate Curriculum Review (UCR) report:

- 1. The UCR and faculty task group reports will be distributed to all faculty immediately. An open meeting will be held next Friday, Sept. 7, following a week for additional input from any faculty member by the technical means the Senate will devise.*
- 2. The Faculty Senate will first debate, and modify as appropriate, the UCR’s report; amendments are to be submitted in writing to the Faculty Senate President at least 2 days in advance of the meeting when possible.*
- 3. After the Faculty Senate has debated and modified as appropriate the entire UCR report, senators will have an opportunity to revisit and offer amendments to any portion of the report. Following this final amendment period, the Senate will vote on the document as amended.*
- 4. Once the Faculty Senate has agreed to the document, it will be the responsibility of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to insure that the document is converted into legislative language without changing the meaning of the document and introduce the new legislation to the Faculty Senate.*
- 5. Only after the document has been converted to legislative language and passed by the Faculty Senate will it be forwarded to the Chancellor for his consideration and approval.*

The resolution carried on a voice vote with one nay.

X. Open Forum

Past-president Ford remarked that he has a pet peeve. Why is there such a big increase in golf carts running up and down the sidewalks?

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43.