



President of the
Faculty Senate

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SUBJECT: University Representation for Academic Success and IELP *Andrew B Wright*

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Restructuring has created a situation where several faculty members are no longer represented under the five academic colleges. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has the responsibility under the UALR Constitution to decide the location where these faculty members will be assigned for purposes of Faculty Senate representation. The relevant excerpt from the UALR constitution is quoted here for convenience:

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate shall assign faculty members of units not otherwise represented in the Faculty Senate to a single unit solely for purposes of representation in the Faculty Senate provided that such full-time faculty members number twenty (20) or greater; **otherwise, the Executive Committee shall, subject to challenge on the floor of the Faculty Senate, assign such faculty members to one or more units that are represented in the Faculty Senate, such assignment being solely for purposes of representation in the Faculty Senate.** When a single unit is created for purposes of representing faculty members of units not otherwise represented in the Faculty Senate, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate has the responsibility for supervising elections to the Faculty Senate from this unit.

On April 30, 2014, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee voted to assign the faculty members in the Academic Success Center and in the Intensive English Language Program (IELP) to the College of Social Sciences and Communications.

A consequence of this representation is that these faculty members are now eligible to vote in relevant elections and serve on University-level elected and appointed committees of the Faculty Senate. The excerpt from the UALR constitution is quoted here for convenience:

Faculty service on elected and appointed standing councils and committees of the Faculty Senate shall be limited to those members of the faculty who have **both voice and vote in the UALR Assembly.**

A member of a Faculty Senate council or committee is expected to vote in council or committee deliberations so as to promote, in his or her own judgment, the best interests of the entire UALR community. **A representative chosen by a unit of the**

University, such as a college or school, is accountable to that unit in that he or she may or may not be reelected when the term or service expires.

For purposes of census, these faculty members will be counted towards the total faculty in the College of Social Sciences and Communications, which brings the total number of senators for this unit to nine (9) instead of the previously determined count of eight (8).

The rights and responsibilities for these faculty by this assignment are limited to Faculty Senate representation. Any further rights that might be granted would be at the discretion of the college faculty and the governance process.

Please invite these faculty members to future college meetings in which elections of Faculty Senators or University-level elected committees will be held. Your Committee on Committees representative (Joanne Matson in the interim) should be notified so that these faculty members can be considered in all Committee on Committees appointments.