

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
TRANSMITTAL OF FACULTY SENATE LEGISLATION

(Faculty Senate legislation is to be submitted to the chancellor, to approve or disapprove within *ten calendar days* of the Faculty Senate action. The chancellor may approve or veto any Faculty Senate legislation within a period from the *eleventh through the twenty-fifth calendar day* after such action has been presented to the chancellor, unless the Assembly has been petitioned to amend or rescind the Faculty Senate legislation. In the latter case, the chancellor's approval or veto shall be made no later than fifteen calendar days after the Assembly has voted on and failed to approve a motion to amend or rescind a legislative action of the Faculty Senate. The chancellor shall provide written reasons for a veto to the Faculty Senate.)

To the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock:

In a Faculty Senate Meeting on October 19, 2001, the required second vote to adopt changes to the UALR Constitution were passed. The items are listed below. The motions with changes are attached.

- Changes in the reporting actions of the Graduate Council
- Changes in the reporting actions of the Undergraduate Council
- Changes in the Planning and Finance Committee
- Change in title of Faculty Development and Benefits Committee
- Change to the number of colleges on the Honors and Award Committee

[This legislation shall be accepted or rejected no earlier than November 16, 2001.]

These motions are submitted for your consideration.

Signature Pete Fachrumi Faculty Senate President)

Date 11/14/01

Received in chancellor's office on 11/14/01 (date)

Chancellor's Action:

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED
(reasons to be attached)

Chancellor's Signature Charles S. Helms Date 11/15/01

The motion to consider all of the Old Business agenda items as a group **passed**.

- A. Motion. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Legislation. Requires three-fifths vote at two meetings.) That the reporting of actions of the Graduate Council be changed as follows:

Graduate Council: On behalf of the Faculty Senate, and subject to that body's authority, the UALR Graduate Council shall review and recommend action on new graduate courses, programs, and degrees and consider other matters related to graduate work at UALR. This Council shall report all of its actions promptly to the ~~faculty~~ Faculty Senate, normally through ~~Campus Update~~. In reviewing proposals, ...

Commentary: The current language mandates the use of the *Campus Update*, which is not under the control of the Faculty Senate. As a result, the actions of the Graduate Council do not get reported to the Senate. By not specifying the method of reporting, we require that some method be found and used but with flexibility as to how. The intent is that we will include Graduate Council pages on the Faculty Senate website and that actions will be posted there. The faculty can then be notified by email of new postings and given the URL of the new posting. This change also makes it easy to send a notice to the faculty in general instead of restricting it to the Faculty Senate.

The motion **passed**.

- B. Motion. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Legislation. Requires three-fifths vote at two meetings.) That the reporting of actions of the Undergraduate Council be changed as follows:

Undergraduate Council: On behalf of the Faculty Senate, and subject to that body's authority, the UALR Undergraduate Council shall review, interpret, and recommend action on all general undergraduate academic policies; it shall review and recommend approval or disapproval of curriculum proposals and degree programs. The council shall report all of its actions promptly to the ~~faculty~~ Faculty Senate, normally through ~~Campus Update~~. In reviewing curriculum matters, ...

Commentary. The same problem occurs with the Undergraduate Council as with the Graduate Council. So the same reasons for change as outlined above apply to the Undergraduate Council.

The motion **passed**.

- C. Motion. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Legislation. Requires three-fifths vote at two meetings.)

Planning and Finance Committee: This committee exists for informational and advisory purposes only. While recognizing that the

responsibility for the budgetary and planning process rests with the chancellor and administration, this committee will shall assist in these areas by reviewing proposed plans that have an impact on the academic mission of the University, such as revenues and revenue projections, budgets and budget projections, and the relationship of academic and capital planning to finance and budget matters.

The committee shall work with the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration to review existing university reports, to make suggestions for changes to reports, and to provide input into developing reports that would be of greater interest to faculty or easier to understand. The committee shall report to the Faculty Senate concerning the UALR balance sheet and shall endeavor to produce other reports to show the use of funds on by the university and changes in the Annual Budget Book. In reporting on the UALR Balance Sheet the committee shall include such information as the amount of reserve funds and the total endowment. From the committee, a few faculty representatives shall attend the University level budget hearings and all academic budget hearings at or above the college level.

The committee may make recommendations to the Faculty Senate, which may make recommendations to the chancellor. In circumstances where time does not allow deliberation and action by the Faculty Senate, the committee may make its recommendations directly to the chancellor, providing a copy (or report of oral recommendations) to each member of the Faculty Senate. To further facilitate significant involvement of the committee with the above processes, the committee shall select three of its faculty members to be on a subcommittee, which shall be available throughout the year for planning and finance matters. The subcommittee shall report to the committee.

The committee shall consist of one member from the Ottenheimer Library faculty, two full-time faculty members (one of whom must be a member of the Faculty Senate at the time of appointment) ~~one member of the Faculty Senate (at the time of appointment)~~ from each college or school represented in the Faculty Senate to be named by the Committee on Committees, ~~the vice president of the Faculty Senate, one additional faculty member appointed by the Committee on Committees, and the vice chancellor and provost,~~ the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, the administrator responsible for budgeting and planning, the vice chancellor for finance and administration, and the vice chancellor for university advancement as ex-officio members of the committee. In addition, two students appointed by the Student Government Association shall serve as members. Faculty members shall serve two-year staggered terms, and students shall serve one-year terms.

Commentary: The goal of these changes is to find ways to provide the Faculty Senate and the faculty in general with budget information that can

be easily understood or at least as easily understood as the UALR Annual Budget Book.

The motion passed with changes in the second paragraph, second and third sentences to read, "The committee shall report to the Faculty Senate concerning the UALR financial statement and shall endeavor to produce other reports to show the use of funds by the university and changes in the Annual Budget Book. In reporting on the UALR financial statement the committee shall include such information as the amount of reserve funds and the total endowment." And in the fourth paragraph, the first sentence to read, "The committee shall consist of one member from the Ottenheimer Library faculty, two full-time faculty members ~~one member of the Faculty Senate (at the time of appointment)~~ from each college or school represented in the Faculty Senate (one of whom must be a member of the Faculty Senate at the time of appointment) to be named by the Committee on Committees, ~~the vice president of the Faculty Senate, one additional faculty member appointed by the Committee on Committees, and the vice chancellor and provost,~~ the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, the administrator responsible for budgeting and planning, the vice chancellor for finance and administration, and the vice chancellor for university advancement as ex-officio members of the committee."

D. Motion. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Legislation. Requires three-fifths vote at two meetings.)

Faculty Teaching and Service Development and Benefits

Committee: The purpose of this committee is to review and make recommendations concerning policies and procedures involving the enhancement of the teaching, ~~research,~~ and service functions of the University. More specifically, the committee is concerned with ~~competitive faculty salaries, fringe benefits,~~ faculty improvement workshops and other activities and conditions designed to recruit, improve, and retain a highly productive faculty. ~~This committee shall report annually to the Planning and Finance Committee on the status of faculty development as it pertains to the annual operating budget. The committee shall consist of one member from the Ottenheimer Library faculty, two full-time faculty members from each college or school represented in the Faculty Senate to be named by the Committee on Committees to staggered terms of two years each, and as ex-officio members, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Technology and Instructional Support, the Campus Director in American Humanities, and the Director of Campus and Community Partnerships. Members of the Faculty Development and Benefits Committee also shall serve as the faculty members of the Assembly Fringe Benefits Committee.~~

Commentary: The old version of this committee, the Faculty Development and Benefits Committee, did not need to deal with benefits because the Assembly Fringe Benefits Committee can handle all of those issues. For the development part of their charge, the Faculty Senate currently has a

committee, the Faculty Research Committee, to promote the research part of faculty development. As a result the need is for the committee to focus on the two other aspects of faculty development: teaching and service. The changes in the committee are to redefine and clarify the purpose of the committee.

The motion passed.

E. Motion. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Legislation. Requires three-fifths vote at two meetings.)

Honors and Awards Committee: This committee shall, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, select the recipients of specified university-wide honors and awards. This committee also shall advise the chancellor on the awarding of honorary degrees. In such matters, members of the committee shall act with the utmost confidentiality and discretion. Membership of the committee shall consist of two undergraduate students appointed by the Student Government Association, one graduate student appointed by the Graduate Student Association, two faculty representatives from each of the five colleges, one Graduate School representative, and two alumni appointed by the Committee on Committees of the Assembly. All members shall serve one-year terms.

The motion passed.

