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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, 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:

The following motion passed the UALR Faculty Senate on February 16, 2007.

"Undergraduate Research Committee

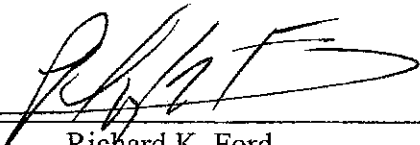
The mission of this committee is to promote, support, and extend undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activities at UALR, as well as to encourage research collaboration between undergraduate students and faculty.

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 named by the Committee on Committees to a one year term from nominations by the Undergraduate Research Committee; and, as ex-officio members, the Director of the Donaghey Scholars Program or designee, the Director of the McNair Program or designee, and the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School or designee."

Commentary:

The Undergraduate Research Committee was first formed at the request of Provost Belcher, three years ago. Its mission was simply to promote undergraduate research at UALR and lay the foundation for a strong emphasis on undergraduate research under the direction of the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School. During its first year as a committee, it developed and published the Undergraduate Research Booklet, highlighting 25 undergraduate research projects across the University. In the second year, it began the UALR Undergraduate Research Expo. This Expo was a one-day event highlighting the research of over 50 students from a multitude of disciplines. Now in the third year, the committee is continuing the Expo and investigating other aspects to support undergraduate research.

In order to continue to build on this success and ensure that it continues, the committee needs to become a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. It is suggested that in the future the committee should make recommendations to members of the Committee on Committees for potential appointees to the Undergraduate Research Committee to help ensure that the committee has members who are strong supporters of undergraduate research and willing to actively engage in the development of undergraduate research. Consideration was given to having more than one student on the committee but the number was limited in order to make it easier to fill with a well-qualified student.

Signature  (Faculty Senate President)
Richard K. Ford

Date February 20, 2007

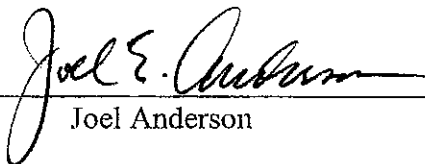
Received in chancellor's office on February 20, 2007 (date)

Chancellor's Action:

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED
(reasons to be attached)

Chancellor's Signature


Joel Anderson

Date March 15, 2007