UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

TRANSMITTAL OF UALR ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION

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

The attached motion concerning Article III, The Faculty Senate, Officers of

the Faculty Senate, is submitted for your considerat	ion.
Signature Richard K. Ford	(Faculty Senate President)
Date 5-pt 7, 2006	
Received in chancellor's office on 98	(date)
Chancellor's Action: APPROVED	DISAPPROVED (reasons to be attached)
Chancellor's Signature Joel E. Anderson	Date

That the section of the constitution specifying the officers of the Faculty Senate be modified as shown below to create the position of resources manager.

Article III The 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, and the parliamentarian, and resources manager. 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 for two-year terms. In the event that a senator elected to one of these three 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 after new members of the Faculty Senate have been elected. Vacancies shall be filled by election at the next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting. 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 vice chancellor and provost for distribution to all members of the Faculty Senate and 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 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 resources manager shall be responsible for ensuring that copies of records related to faculty governance are maintained in the Faculty Senate offices and are current. The resources manager shall provide expertise to the executive committee on current policies and the historical background on important issues. The resources manager 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.

Persons newly elected as officers of the Faculty Senate shall assume their offices immediately after the meeting at which they are elected, except that the outgoing secretary remains responsible for the minutes of that election meeting.

Commentary: In recent years, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate has resolved numerous governance problems that relied on the long-term, continuous memory of individuals. As we approach the time when the university is old enough that we can no longer depend on individuals being available who have the needed memory, we need to institutionalize our understanding of faculty governance. This motion, along with the next two, seeks to build that long-term understanding. In dealing with the various governance problems, the Executive Committee also found that issues were frequently complicated because of missing or out-of-date governance documents. These motions also seek to ensure that this problem does not occur in the future.

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