



## FACULTY SENATE

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### Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Friday, August 29, 2014

1:00 PM until Adjournment

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- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes
- III. President's Remarks – Andrew Wright
- IV. Announcements
  - A. How the Senate Works – Past-past-past President Ford
  - B. It's a census year ... and there have been significant changes.
- V. Introduction of New Topics (2 min limit, no discussion)
- VI. Elections
  - A. Secretary
  - B. Vice President
  - C. Parliamentarian
- VII. Reports
  - A. Chancellor's Report – Joel Anderson
  - B. Provost's Report – Zulma Toro
  - C. Community Connections Center – Lillie Wichinsky
  - D. Council on Core Curriculum and Policies – Belinda Blevins-Knabe
  - E. Undergraduate Council – Mike Tramel
  - F. Graduate Council – Kent Layton
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. FS\_2014\_11. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Legislation. Majority Vote at Two Meetings. **Second Vote**, First vote 1/19/1996) Term of Graduate Council (no second required)  
Change the Graduate Council to:

**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.

In reviewing proposals, the Graduate Council shall consider the current policies and criteria of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and those of the University of Arkansas system and the Board of Higher Education.

Proposals for graduate programs and courses which originate with department faculties shall be routed to college or school curriculum committees, to college or school faculties, and to the Graduate Council. In academic units not organized into departments, colleges, or schools, routing shall be according to analogous process certified to the Graduate Council by the vice chancellor and provost. Recommendations of the Graduate Council are subject to review by the Faculty Senate upon decision of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate or upon petition signed by five or more senators and delivered to the president of the Faculty Senate within ten (10) calendar days of passage by the Graduate Council. Proposals not reviewed by the Faculty Senate or having passed Senate review are routed to the vice chancellor and provost and chancellor, and for new degree programs, to the president, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Higher Education.

The Graduate Council shall be composed of one representative from the Ottenheimer Library faculty, three representatives qualified for graduate faculty status elected from each college and school represented in the Faculty Senate, and three graduate students appointed by the Committee on Committees of the Assembly for one- year terms from nominations submitted by the Graduate Dean, the coordinators of graduate programs, and graduate student organizations. Elected representatives shall serve staggered ~~two-~~ three-year terms.

**Commentary:** only one vote was taken on a change to a faculty senate committee (1/19/1996). Review of minutes around that date did not reveal a second vote. In order to comply with the constitution, this second vote is necessary to complete the process.

- B. FS\_2014\_11. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Legislation. Majority Vote at Two Meetings. **Second Vote**, First vote 3/30/2012) Membership of Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee (no second required)

Change the Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee to:

The Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee hears specific grade appeals and hears, on appeal and referral, cases involving certain alleged academic offenses. ~~This committee shall be composed of~~ The Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee comprises fifteen (15) faculty and three (3) faculty alternates to be appointed each May annually in the spring by the Committee on Committees of the Assembly and seventeen (17) +5 students and three (3) student alternates to be appointed each May no later than the beginning of the fall semester by the Student Government Association. Twelve (12) voting and two (2) alternate undergraduate students will be appointed by the Student Government Association and five (5) voting and one (1) alternate graduate student(s) will be appointed by

the Graduate Student Association. The term of office begins with the fall semester and continues for twelve months.

The purpose of the committee is twofold: (1) it affords the student an opportunity to appeal a grade if he or she feels the grade was inequitably awarded in that it violated a faculty member's own specified grading standards, and (2) it affords a student a hearing in cases where disputes over alleged cheating, plagiarism, collusion, or similar action cannot be resolved (where the student does not admit that he/she violated an academic offense standard or that the student admits that he/she did violate an academic offense standard and the dean of students/designee refers the case for sanctioning).

Students and faculty members are urged, however, to make all ~~informal~~ attempts possible to resolve a grievance before initiating formal appeal. The administrative officer shall assign two faculty members and two students to hear academic offenses by rotation according to alphabet if possible.

For information on Operating Policies of this committee, see ~~Section V~~ the Academic Integrity and Grievance Policy.

**Commentary:** The Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee has presented an on-going problem for the faculty since the committee definition lies in the UALR Constitution, but the operating procedures lie in the Faculty Handbook. Consequently, when revisions are made to the operating procedures (which require a majority vote of the faculty senate), both editorial and membership changes are made (which require a 3/5 majority vote of the faculty senate at two meetings).

The first time this problem occurred was on 11/19/1993, and the correction to the problem occurred on 11/11/2005.

Time goes by and we have repeated the same mistake on 3/30/2012. This motion is being made to correct that mistake.

In comparing this committee to the original constitution, it was seen that an editorial change was made ("The committee shall be composed of" was changed without vote of the senate to "The Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee comprises" and also the word "annually" was inserted between "each May" and "in the spring.") These changes have been marked in this amendment to avoid future nit-pickers from complaining.

Additional editorial changes are also proposed in this motion. Since it is horrible grammatically to lead off a sentence with a numeral ("12 voting and 2 alternate undergraduate students..."), all of the arabic numerals have been replaced with the "word name" followed by the arabic numeral in parenthesis (e.g., twelve (12)). The final reference to "Section V" was stricken, since the faculty handbook can change section numbers without requiring a constitutional amendment.

## IX. New Business

- A. FS\_2014\_14. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Legislation. 3/5 Majority Vote at Two Meetings. First Vote) Restructuring changes to administrative titles of committees (no second required)

Throughout all committees of the Faculty Senate, change “Provost” or “Vice Chancellor and Provost” to “Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.”

Throughout all committees of the Faculty Senate, change all references to “Vice chancellor of information services” to “associate vice chancellor of information services and chief information officer”.

Throughout all committees of the Faculty Senate, change all references to “ associate vice chancellor for academic affairs” to “associate vice chancellor for academic programs and institutional effectiveness.”

Throughout all committees of the Faculty Senate, change all references to “Office of Admissions and Records” to “Office of Records and Registration.”

Throughout all committees of the Faculty Senate, change all references to “Office of Admissions and Financial Aid” to “Office of Financial Aid.”

Throughout all committees of the Faculty Senate, delete all references to “the associate vice chancellor for technology and instructional support.”

Throughout all committees of the Faculty Senate, change all references to “the vice provost for Research and dean of the Graduate School” to “Vice Provost for Research, Innovation, and Economic Development.”

Throughout all committees of the Faculty Senate, change all references to “campus director for American Humanics” to “campus director of Nonprofit Leadership Studies.”

Throughout all committees of the Faculty Senate, change all references to “the director of campus and community partnerships” to “the director of the Community Connections Center.”

**Commentary:** Some administrative titles have changed under the restructuring efforts. This motion corrects those title changes.

- B. FS\_2014\_15. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Legislation. 3/5 Majority Vote at Two Meetings. First Vote) Faculty Research (committee) name change (no second required)

Change “Faculty Research” to:

Faculty Research Committee

This committee shall make recommendations to the Faculty Senate concerning research policies of a general nature and methods of encouraging research activity. Under the authority of the vice chancellor and provost, it shall award the faculty research grants. The committee shall consist of one full-time faculty member from each college and school represented in the Faculty Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees. Each member shall serve a two-year term, with the terms to be staggered to insure experienced representation.

**Commentary:** The committee which is referred to colloquially as the Faculty Research Committee does not include committee in its name, going back to the 1988 constitution.

X. Open Forum

XI. Adjourn