



## UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

### University Assembly Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2014 • 2:00 p.m.

*DSC Ledbetter A, B, and C*

#### MINUTES

##### I. Call to order

Assembly President Andrew Wright called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

##### II. Review of minutes

The minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting of the Assembly were reviewed. P. Tschumi made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded. The motion passed.

##### III. Remarks by the Assembly President: Andrew Wright

President Andrew Wright addressed the assembly. He welcomed all to the new academic year and our newly re-structured organization. His speech focused on the challenges that are facing UALR in the 2014-2015 academic - UALR's enrollment and retention trends and the disruptive pressures of the digital age on academia. He suggested that we use these challenges as transformational opportunities.

##### IV. Remarks by the Provost: Zulma Toro

Provost Toro addressed the Assembly with a speech entitled 'A Fresh Look at UALR'. A transcript of the speech can be found on the UALR website at: <http://ualr.edu/academics/assembly-fall-14/>

Provost Toro's speech began with introductions of new administrators and faculty. She reported on the results of an external assessment of UALR by the Huron Consulting group. She presented her interpretation of the reality of enrollment and retention at UALR and presented the Huron Consulting

Group's recommendations for UALR's Enrollment Vision and Framework. She presented actions and operational plans to address enrollment and retention in order to accomplish UALR's 2020 Vision.

#### **V. Remarks by the Chancellor: Joel Anderson**

Chancellor Anderson addressed the Assembly. A transcript of the speech can be found on the UALR website at: <http://ualr.edu/chancellor/fall-2014-university-assembly-address/>

Chancellor Anderson's speech included remarks on the enrollment decline and the budget consequences of that decline. He briefly covered restructuring, the Huron Consulting Group's Report, and the concept of Customer Service as it applies to UALR. He reported on changes that already have been implemented and those that soon will be implemented to address safety on campus. Changes are also being made to the UALR campus shuttle, and the Ottenhiemer Library. He presented in some detail the University Avenue redesign vision from work done by the University District and studioMAIN.

#### **VI. Open Forum**

There were no questions or comments.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.