



ASSEMBLY

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
University Assembly Meeting
Friday, March 30, 2018
11:00 a.m.
Donaghey Student Center, A/B/C

MINUTES (DRAFT)

- I. Call to order 11:10 am
- II. Review of minutes - Minutes of September 15 , 2017 approved
- III. Old Business

A. **Motion FS_2017_19.** Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings: this is the Second Vote) Delete environmental impact committee
Be it resolved to modify the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article I. Committees and Councils of the Assembly to delete the Environmental Impact Committee from the committees of the assembly.

Commentary: The Faculty Senate is developing a Buildings and Grounds committee as a committee of the faculty senate with expanded powers over buildings, construction, and modifications to the grounds. The assembly committee needs to be removed to make room for the expanded faculty senate committee.

This vote will not be complete until the March University Assembly meeting, and the Faculty Senate can withdraw it at any time before that meeting should it fail to develop the appropriate Faculty Senate committee.

11:10 Motion reviewed for second vote: motion carries

B. Motion FS_2017_20. Faculty Senate (Legislation. Amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings, this is the Second Vote) Delete Fringe Benefits Committee

Be it resolved to modify the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article I. Committees and Councils of the Assembly to delete the Fringe Benefits Committee from the committees of the assembly.

Commentary: The Fringe Benefits Committee is not well configured to manage the changes that have been pushed onto campus by the UA System. These duties need to be transferred to a committee that has more ability to address them. The Planning and Finance Committee would be better suited to address changes in benefits due to their impact on the university budget. The assembly committee needs to be removed to make room for the expanded faculty senate committee.

11:11 Motion reviewed for second vote: motion carries

IV. New Business

none

V. Remarks by the Assembly President: Andrew Wright

A. Call for nominations of the Assembly President

There is a time for everything. Spring is a time for change in Academia. Reminds us of the Roles and Rewards document of more than 11 years ago -- though we have made progress toward these noble goals, the current situation is not adequately propitious to fully achieve them. Lists many achievements but We have work still to do in bringing our campus up to best practices.

The election of the new president of the assembly and the process is new. Will review the new process for nomination and voting.

It time for a new president of the assembly.

Nominations (including self nominations) for the assembly president should be made to a member of the committee on committees by Friday, April 13.

Members of the Committee on Committees are located here:

<http://ualr.edu/facultysenate/assembly-committees/committee-on-committees/>

We're doing a balloted election this year, and the election will close Friday, May 4.

VI. Remarks by the Provost: Velmer Burton

VII. Remarks by the Chancellor: Andrew Rogerson

Thank you Andrew. Priorities: Cabinet members will give their updates on:

1. 15000 in 5 years
2. Yes Campaign
3. Capital Campaign
4. commitment to liberal arts education
5. Student success initiatives

MA Poisson: Enrollment update

- tracking much like 2015 which had better numbers than 2017
- merit based scholarships
- Pathways and concurrent scholarships to reach the mid-range student
- more needs based scholarships from the foundation
- improving orientation model for easy transition
- focus on transfer students

Steve McClellan

- 358 employees went through YES campaign training; Nita Reeves will head up
- new budget committee - 29 member budget committee appointed by Dr Rogerson
 - faculty reps
 - deans
 - staff members
 - We are establishing groundwork now

Christian O'Neal

- University Advancement: Capital campaign
 - case for support and strategic plan
 - introduces members of team
 - rationale for national director of development
 - fundraising for 2018
 - multiple 6 figure gifts and \$1.4 m for wrestling program
 - campaign at \$55 m
 - 50% of faculty and staff support campus campaign

11:35 Velmer Burton

- Report posted

VIII. Open Forum

What is an anchor institution? Anchor Mission initiative for benchmarking on best practices for a university of our type.

Timeline on dean search for CALS? VB: National search will go through the Spring and is expected to be a months long process

Regarding annual review - what does satisfactory performance look like: it will be at the discretion of each campus to define and implement

Comments on wrestling: If we are adding wrestling and football what are we doing for women's sports?

Please comment on infrastructure: It is a challenge: We have \$66 m of needs --

- bond money for roof and the physics building

- beautification committee
- need to improve the shopping mall area
- things are getting better today
- new basketball coach

eSTEM partnership: hoping to hire a consultant for post-feasibility but are stalled on that now. Goal is peaceful, mutually beneficial coexistence.

Evolution of the downtown location: the downtown space -- construction is just about to start. Promoting lectures and special events to establish UA Little Rock presence downtown. Debra Baldwin is heading up committee on offerings and usage of the facility. Hope to open June 2018.

S McClellan reposts briefly on \$7.5 m bond for infrastructure

University Plaza: What is the future of this property? AR: Needs a new roof and external renewal to make it safe. Reviewing ideas for use.

S McClellan offered some input. Anticipates big improvement. Big Lots poses a challenge. reminds us of clean up day plans - creek needs special attention.

IX. Adjournment 12:08pm

Jane D. Evans