



## FACULTY SENATE

---

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda  
August 30, 2019  
1:00 PM until adjournment  
DSC A/B/C

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes
- III. Overview of the Faculty Senate
- IV. Announcements
- V. Airing of the Grievances (2 minute limit)
- VI. Introduction of New Topics (2 minute limit)
- VII. Election of Faculty Senate Officers
  - A. Secretary (Complete Mike Crow's term – 1 year)
  - B. Parliamentarian (Complete Denise LeGrand's term – 1 year)
- VIII. Election of Administrator to Faculty Appeals Council (2-year term)
- IX. Reports
  - A. President's Report – Amanda Nolen
  - B. Chancellor's Report – Andrew Rogerson
  - C. Provost's Report – Christy Drale
  - D. Council Reports
    - 1. Council on Core Curriculum and Policies
    - 2. Undergraduate Council
    - 3. Graduate Council
  - E. VC Student Affairs Report – Cody Decker
  - F. VC Finance and Administration Report – Steve McClellan
  - G. IEC Report - Bain & Berry

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

- A. Motion FS\_2019\_20.** Executive Committee (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting, no second required) Baccalaureate and Associate Degree Requirements

**Be it resolved** to modify the Baccalaureate and Associate Degree Requirements (507.1) to change the residency requirement for an Associate Degree from the “final 15 hours” to a minimum of 15 hours as reflected in Attachment A (strikethrough indication deletions; underline indicates additions);

**And be it resolved** that upon approval, the revised legislation go into effect July 1, 2020.

Commentary: Changing the residency requirement for an Associate Degree to a *minimum* of 15 hours rather than the *final* 15 hours, provides more flexibility for students pursuing an Associate Degree. The proposed revision aligns the Associate Degree residency requirement with the other degree requirements, none of which specify when the requisite hours be completed in the degree.

- B. Motion FS\_2019\_21.** Executive Committee (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting, no second required) Full-time Standing Definition

**Be it resolved** to adopt the definition of a full-time undergraduate and graduate student for Fall, Spring, and Summer terms as defined in Attachment B;

**And be it resolved** that upon approval, this legislation will go into effect July 1, 2020.

Commentary: The US Department of Education requires colleges and universities to define full-time standing. Rather than define full-time standing, this university defaulted to the Federal Financial Aid requirement which is 12-hours (UG) and 9-hours (Grad) for each term including summer. Students enrolled in a 5-week summer session only and who have to show they are enrolled full-time (e.g., students receiving VA benefits, international students in their first semester, etc.) are required to enroll in 12 (UG)/9 (Grad) hours during that 5 week session. Carrying a 12-hour load during a 5-week session (9-hours for graduate students) undermines the students’ success by creating an untenable burden for the students. Also, given the restricted number of courses offered during the summer, it is difficult for students to find a full load of classes to meet the requirement. By defining full-time separate from the Federal Financial Aid definition, allows students to qualify for benefits (other than Federal Financial Aid) without having to carry such a heavy load.

- C. **Motion FS\_2019\_22.** Executive Committee (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting, no second required) Place on the UA Little Rock Assembly agenda – Amend Article I of the UA Little Rock Constitution of the Assembly to create a Dining Committee as a standing committee of the Assembly.

**Be it resolved** to place on the September University Assembly agenda a motion to change Article 1 of the UA Little Rock Constitution to add the following standing committee of the assembly:

### **Dining Committee**

The purpose of the Dining Committee is to ensure the quality and availability of dining services that are consistent with the needs of the faculty, staff, and students at UA Little Rock. The committee shall meet monthly during the academic year and on call during the summer; and it shall serve in an advisory capacity to Campus Dining and the Division of Student Affairs to review dining options, policies, and facilities.

Membership shall include five faculty members named by the Committee on Committees, two staff members named by the Staff Senate, two student representatives named by the Student Government Association, and one student representative named by the Graduate Student Association. Additionally, the committee shall include the VC for Student Affairs (or designee), the VC for Financial Services (or designee), and three staff members broadly representative of student services areas. Faculty and staff shall serve staggered, two-year terms, and students shall serve one-year terms. Two representatives of Campus Dining shall serve on this committee as members without vote.

**Commentary:** Food services are an integral part of a university setting, providing an opportunity to build community and promote collaboration among students, faculty, and staff. While the provider of food services necessarily is concerned with the business aspects of dining, it is important for decisions to be informed by the interests of the multiple users of dining services and facilities. This committee is tasked with soliciting feedback about dining from the diverse campus community and addressing and resolving short and long-term issues.

XII. Open Forum (Discussion only)

XIII. Adjourn

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Baccalaureate and Associate Degree Requirements**

[Policy 507.1; Revised 10/20/2017, 4/10/2015, 12/5/2014, 10/24/2014, 3/15/2013, 2/15/2013, 3/30/2012, 5/7/2004, 4/18/2003, 4/19/1994, 4/24/1992, 4/19/1989, and 10/17/1985; Originated 3/30/1983]

To receive a baccalaureate degree, a student must complete 120 hours (Academic majors and colleges may specify additional and /or more restrictive requirements) of which 30 hours must be in residence and 45 must be upper level (3000 level or above). At least 15 upper level hours must be completed in residence. A baccalaureate degree program may require more than 120 semester hours of college credit if prior approval has been granted by the Board of Trustees or it is a requirement of an independent licensing or accrediting body.

Except in majors that must adhere to standards established by national accrediting agencies, students must select at least 12 elective hours outside their program or complete a minor in addition to the UALR Core Curriculum.

Except in majors that must adhere to standards established by national accrediting agencies, major requirements must include courses or coursework either within or outside the department on

- Oral and written communication in the discipline
- Research methods, ethics, and critical thinking
- Technology.

These required hours must include:

- A minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point on all work attempted at the University.
- A minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point on all work attempted in the academic major.
- A core curriculum which must include a 3 hour course in U. S. history or U. S. government and a 3 hour course in College Algebra, College Math or higher level math course. See “Core Requirements for Bachelor Degrees.”
- A major.
- A baccalaureate degree seeking student in the process of completing more than one major may have one calendar year following graduation with one major to complete the additional declared major(s) if (1) the student has a valid degree plan on file which specifies requirements for more than one major and (2) if the student completes an application for graduation which indicates that a total of seven (7) or fewer hours remain to complete the additional major(s).

### **Associate Degree Requirements**

Except for certain programs as specified by the program, all students receiving the associate degree (the AA or AS) must successfully complete at least 60 hours.

Graduation with an associate degree requires a C average (2.0 cumulative grade point average) on all work attempted at the University; completion of at least 20 hours above the freshman level, unless specified otherwise in the program; and completion of the ~~final~~ at least 15 hours (excluding credit by examination) in residence. Hours earned as credit by examination are counted as hours toward graduation but are not counted as hours in residence. See “Credit by Examination.”

Courses completed for an associate degree at UALR will be counted toward the appropriate requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

### **Second Associate Degree**

An associate degree may be conferred as a second degree when the first degree is either a baccalaureate or another associate degree, subject to these provisions:

- The second associate degree must be in a different discipline from the first degree.
- Students must complete at least 15 credit hours in residence (excluding credit by examination) beyond their first degree.
- Only credit earned at UALR after completing the first degree will normally apply toward the second degree. However, students in their final semester of studies toward the first degree may complete the course load for that semester with courses applicable to the second degree. Students must file a written statement of their intent to seek a second degree with the Office of Records and Registration at the time of registration.
- A major must be completed. Courses completed within the previous degree that satisfy requirements for the second major may be accepted as satisfying course requirements, but not as hours toward the second degree. These hours do not count as part of the 30, except as specified in Item 3 above.
- The core curriculum component in the second associate degree is not required. However, if not taken as a part of another baccalaureate degree, a course in United States history or government (HIST 2311, HIST 2312, or POLS 1310) must be completed. See “Policy 503.3. U.S. Traditions: United States History or Government Requirement.”

### **Additional Baccalaureate Degrees<sup>[1],[2]</sup>**

Additional baccalaureate degree(s) may be conferred subject to these provisions:

- Students must complete at least 30 credit hours in residence, including courses completed previously at UALR, but excluding transfer credit, credit-by-examination, experiential credit, and repeated courses.
- All program requirements must be completed for each additional baccalaureate degree. Courses completed within the previous degree(s) that satisfy requirements for additional

program(s) may be accepted as satisfying program requirements for additional degree(s), subject to approval by the program faculty.

- If not taken as a part of another baccalaureate degree, a course in United States history or government (HIST 2311, HIST 2312 or POLS 1310) must be completed, see “General Education Policy (503.3). U.S. Traditions: United States History or Government Requirement.” However, other general education requirements are not applicable to additional baccalaureate degrees.

(Academic majors and colleges may specify additional and/or more restrictive requirements.)

## **Regulations**

These provisions apply to baccalaureate degrees:

- Hours earned as credit by examination are counted as hours toward graduation but are not counted as hours in residence. See “Credit by Examination.”
- A student may elect to graduate under the provisions of the UALR Undergraduate Catalog in effect during any semester in residence at UALR before qualifying for a degree. Students who interrupt their enrollment at UALR for more than five consecutive calendar years must use the catalog current at the time of readmission or later. A student transferring to UALR from regionally accredited four-year institutions, community colleges, or junior colleges with 13 or more hours of accepted credit may graduate under the provisions of a UALR Undergraduate Catalog in effect during any semester of the previous five years in which they were enrolled at the other institution. Note: At no time may a student follow the provisions of a UALR Undergraduate Catalog that is more than five years old at the time of the student’s entry into UALR.
- A student enrolled at UALR who intends to enroll concurrently or as a transient student at another accredited institution should obtain advance approval.
- A senior may participate in commencement exercises prior to the completion of all degree requirements if the student has:
  - A cumulative 2.0 grade point on all work attempted at UALR
  - A cumulative 2.0 grade point in the academic major and in the academic minor
  - No more than nine hours remaining to complete degree requirements.
  - Submitted a graduation application following prescribed procedures. See “Graduation Procedure” in the UALR Undergraduate Catalog.

(Academic majors and colleges may specify more restrictive requirements which supersede these regulations and are detailed in the academic section of the catalog.)

## **Citation and Modification**

This policy must be cited in any curricular documents that excerpt it (such as the Undergraduate Catalog) and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (or their designee) should review those documents before they are finalized. Wherever there is a substantive conflict between the document which quotes this policy and this policy, this policy shall be followed.

The Policy can be modified through legislative action of the Faculty Senate (see Article III of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock).

---

[1] The first degree may be awarded at UA Little Rock or it may be accepted in transfer (FSM\_2017\_1).

[2] The catalog for each of the degrees may be different, although all requirements for the first degree must be drawn from the same catalog (FSM\_2017\_1).

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Full-time Standing**

[Policy 503.4; New Legislation]

### **Fall and Spring Semesters**

- For most purposes, 12 hours constitutes a full-time enrollment for undergraduate students; 9 hours is full-time enrollment for graduate students.
- On a case-by-case basis, exceptions may be made for special circumstances on appeal to the Admissions and Transfer of Credit Committee.

### **Summer Terms**

- For both undergraduate and graduate students, 3 hours in any summer term constitutes full-time enrollment.
- Students who receive Federal Financial Aid, VA benefits, or other aid may be required to enroll in more hours per term in order to receive aid.