



FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
October 25, 2019
1:00 PM until adjournment
SSC Auditorium

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes from September 27, 2019
- III. Announcements
- IV. Airing of the Grievances (2 minute limit)
- V. Introduction of New Topics (2 minute limit)
- VI. Reports
 - A. President's Report – Amanda Nolen
 - B. Chancellor's Report – Christy Drale
 - C. Provost's Report – Ann Bain
 - D. VC for Student Affairs – Cody Decker
 - E. Council Reports
 - 1. Council on Core Curriculum and Policies
 - 2. Undergraduate Council
 - 3. Graduate Council
 - F. Planning & Finance Committee – Cheatham
 - G. Governance Committee - Cheatham
- VII. Old Business
- None
- VIII. New Business

A. Motion FS_2019_23. Executive Committee and the Admissions & Transfer of Credit Committee (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting, no second required) Dual Enrollment Admission Policy

Be it resolved to adopt the Dual Enrollment admission requirements (to be included in the Admissions Categories Policy 502.1, revised, 8/30/2013, 12/8/2006, 4/14/2006, 2/4/2005, 3/19/1999, 2/6/1999, 4/19/1996). As indicated below:

Dual enrollment is defined as a high school student's enrollment in postsecondary coursework for college credit only. Students are admitted into the dual enrollment program as non-degree seeking students and thus not eligible for financial aid.

Eligible high school students who wish to participate in dual enrollment must provide:

- An application for admission and application fee;
- Proof of required immunizations;
- A recommendation from high school principal or designee;
- Written permission from parent/legal guardian;
- A high school GPA of 2.5 or greater; and
- An ACT composite score of 19 or the equivalent score on other student placements exams.

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

Commentary: Dual enrollment program provides opportunities for high school students to earn college credit by enrolling as non-degree seeking students in UA Little Rock courses. This program is different from concurrent enrollment programs in that dual enrolled students enroll in the course exclusively for college credit. In addition, they would be taking the course along with other UA Little Rock Students on campus. High school students enrolled in concurrent programs enroll in courses (usually) taught on their high school campuses along with other eligible high school students. Also, they may take the course to satisfy both high school and college credit.

B. Motion FS_2019_27 Admission and Transfer of Credit Committee (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting, no second required) Non-degree Seeking Students Admission Policy.

Be it resolved to amend the Non-degree Seeking Student admission requirements (502.1, introduced 12/05/2008) (underline indicates addition; strikethrough indicates deletion).

Non-degree Seeking Students

Non-degree seeking students will enroll in classes for personal enrichment or professional development and are not eligible for financial aid or veteran's benefits. Non-degree seeking student status is not a means to regular degree-seeking status. It does not represent admission nor imply admission to a program at a later date. Non-degree seeking students must submit the following for admission:

- Completed application for admission and non-refundable application fee; and
- Proof of 2 MMF immunizations (for applicants born after January 1, 1957)

All Non-degree seeking students will be advised each term, unless their student type is exempt from advising requirements.

A student who wishes to move from non-degree-seeking status to degree-seeking status must: Students who later wish to be classified as degree-seeking will need to reapply for a future term and submit all required academic credentials.

- Submit a completed application for admission for a future term;
- Submit a high school transcript if applying as First-time in College Admission, or transcripts from all colleges attended if applying for Transfer Admission; and
- Qualify for admission to degree-seeking status by:
 - Satisfying the requirements for admission as a First-time in College Applicant, or;
 - Satisfying the requirements for Transfer Admission if the student completed coursework at another institution prior to applying as a degree-seeking student to UA Little Rock, or;
 - Demonstrating a record of successful course completion at UA Little Rock by:
 - Completing with grade of C or better a minimum of 12 hours of University Core or other hours directly applicable to a specific degree or certificate program; and
 - Completing 12 hours of the last 15 hours attempted with minimum GPA of 2.0.

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

Commentary: The purpose of this legislation is to provide detail regarding admission requirements for non-degree seeking students. In addition, this legislation provides information about how students can transition from non-degree seeking to regular admission status.

C. Motion FS_2019_28 Faculty Governance Committee (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting, no second required) University and Distinguished Professor

Be it resolved to amend the guidelines for appointment to University and Distinguished Professor (Policy FS_2019_6) as indicated below (underline indicates addition, strike-through indicates deletion; full policy is provided in Appendix A);

Guidelines for University and Distinguished Professor Appointments

2. Policies and Timing

Nominations for appointment to University and Distinguished Professor will follow the applicable policies in Board Policy 405.1 and as well as the established timeline for promotion identified in UA Little Rock Policy on Promotion and Tenure. (403.15).

The tenured and tenure-track faculty of each school or college and each unit ~~shall~~may establish and include in the approved governance documents, substantive criteria and procedures for use in considering nominees for University or Distinguished Professor within that college or school and unit. Unit criteria shall not be in conflict with, nor less rigorous than, the criteria for appointment as University or Distinguished Professor noted in this document. Unit criteria are subject to approval consistent with all revisions to college or school and unit personnel documents under University policy.

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

Commentary: This amendment allows units and colleges to create more restrictive substantive criteria and procedures for eligibility for promotion to University or Distinguished Professor, but does not require each unit to do so.

IX. Open Forum (Discussion only)

X. Adjourn

Background

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock acknowledges outstanding faculty through conferring the honorific titles of "University Professor" and "Distinguished Professor." Appointment as University Professor or Distinguished Professor is a high honor reserved for only the very best faculty in recognition of sustained excellence in the performance of their duties, as outlined below. The appointments described in this document are strictly honorific and are not intended to be construed as academic or financial promotions.

A. Substantive Criteria – University Professorship

Appointment as University Professor is a special honor conferred only upon active faculty in recognition of an extended period of exemplary service in a spirit of collegiality to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and a combination of service in their profession and to the public through their professional activities. In order to achieve this distinction, faculty members must, in addition to having an extended period of documented exemplary service to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, have gained wide recognition at the national or international level for their sustained excellence in service, teaching, research or creative activity germane to their respective disciplines and academic roles while serving as a member of the faculty of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Eligibility for designation as University Professor is limited to active tenured faculty who hold the rank of Professor. Generally, a candidate is expected to have served in the rank of professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for 10 years before nomination. Sitting administrators are not eligible to be nominated for appointment to University Professor. For the purpose of this policy, individuals who have held, or are holding, positions that carry an administrative appointment that is greater than fifty percent (50%) are considered to be administrators and should be three years removed from that position before nomination.

B. Substantive Criteria – Distinguished Professorship

Appointment as Distinguished Professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock is a special distinction that is reserved for those individuals who are recognized nationally and/or internationally as intellectual leaders in their academic disciplines as a result of extraordinary accomplishments in research, teaching, published works, creative activities in the arts or endeavors of similar merit in other venues. Individuals may have gained such distinction at this university, another university or other venues.

Appointment as Distinguished Professor shall only occur when clear indication exists that an individual so appointed will continue to provide exemplary academic and intellectual leadership and continue his or her professional activities in such a way as to maintain national and international recognition and a commensurate level of accomplishment.

Eligibility for designation as Distinguished Professor is limited to active tenured faculty who hold the rank of Professor, the title University Professor, or incoming faculty who will be awarded tenure and who hold credentials of similar merit from another university or other venues.

3. **Policies and Timing**

Nominations for appointment to University and Distinguished Professor will follow the applicable policies in Board Policy 405.1 and as well as the established timeline for promotion identified in UA Little Rock Policy on Promotion and Tenure. (403.15).

The tenured and tenure-track faculty of each school or college and each unit ~~shall~~ **may** establish and include in the approved governance documents, substantive criteria and procedures for use in considering nominees for University or Distinguished Professor within that college or school and unit. Unit criteria shall not be in conflict with, nor less rigorous than, the criteria for appointment as University or Distinguished Professor noted in this document. Unit criteria are subject to approval consistent with all revisions to college or school and unit personnel documents under University policy.

4. **Documentation/Dossier**

The candidate must complete the supporting materials required by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and any additional materials that may be required by the unit.

The information supplied should be sufficiently detailed so that a candidate can be evaluated in terms of both sustained superior performance as outlined in the background section and the potential for continued superior performance.

5. **Process**

- a. Any University of Arkansas at Little Rock faculty member holding the rank of Professor may nominate himself or herself for appointment as University or Distinguished Professor. Alternatively, any tenured or tenure-track member of the faculty or the department chair of the unit may nominate a Professor for appointment as University or Distinguished Professor. A letter of nomination must set forth the achievements of distinction that warrant the appointment and must be submitted to the appropriate departmental authority.
- b. For faculty members with affiliations with multiple colleges, such nominations shall be considered in the department and college or school where the nominee has the greatest percentage of, or principal appointment. Faculty with appointments equally divided among two or more colleges or schools shall be considered by the college or school within which they hold tenure, but in the course of such review the views of the other appointing schools or colleges shall be sought and considered.
- c. All tenured faculty in a unit are eligible to vote for individuals being considered for University or Distinguished Professor, The Nomination for Appointment to University Professor or Distinguished Professor Form must be completed.
- d. All nominations of university and distinguished professors will be reviewed by the provost.
- e. At any point prior to the Chancellor's recommendation, the nominee may withdraw his/her name from further consideration.

- f. Continuing appointment as a University or Distinguished Professor follows the right of continuous appointment as outlined in Board of Trustees Policy 405.1.