



FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
November 20, 2020
1:00 PM until adjournment
Synchronous Online

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes from October 30, 2020
- III. Announcements
- IV. Airing of Grievances (2 minute limit)
- V. Introduction of New Topics (2 minute limit)
- VI. Reports
 - A. Executive Committee - Amanda Nolen, President of Faculty Senate
 - B. Chancellor's Report – Christy Drale, Chancellor
 - C. Provost's Report – Ann Bain, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor
 - D. Undergraduate Council - Joe Felan, Chair
 - E. Graduate Council - Laura Ruhl, Chair
 - F. Core Council - Belinda Blevins-Knabe, Chair
- VII. Old Business - None
- VIII. New Business
 - A. **Motion FS_2020_25.** Executive Committee (Legislation. Majority Vote at one Meeting, no second required) Fall 2020 graduates

Be it resolved that those applicants completing all requirements for various degrees in the 2020 Fall Semester shall be approved for graduation. (see ualr.edu/facultysenate for a list of candidates for graduation, current as of 11/20/2020).

B. Motion FS_2020_26. Admissions and Transfer of Credit Committee (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting, no second required) Transfer Admissions.

Be it resolved to amend the transfer student admission requirements of the Admissions Categories Policy (Policy 502.1; Rev. 11/2019, 4/1990) as indicated in Appendix A (underline indicates addition, strikethrough indicates deletion); and

Be it further resolved that upon approval, implementation of changes will be effective as of July 2021.

Commentary: There are two substantive changes to the admissions policy.

(1) Adding “institutionally accreditation” language to supplement the now outdated “regionally-accredited” language.

(2) Automatic admission if the student last attended a post-secondary institution 7 or more years prior.

The U.S. Department of Education no longer defines “regional accreditation”. All policies using the “regional accrediting” language should be updated with “institutionally accrediting” language.

Many schools offer clemency for their own students. Some universities (notably the University of Georgia system) offers clemency for transfers within the university system. For our situation, transfer student one-year retention is strongest for those transferring within one year (67%), and then drops sharply for students out 2 years (53%). From there persistence improves for every additional year between institutions until the 7th year (66%), where it plateaus.

The data on admission appeals show a similar pattern. With fewer observations, we cannot be as precise in our cutoffs and estimates. However, appeal admits with more than 3 years between institutions have a 70% one-year retention. Appeal admits with less than 3 years have a 57% one-year retention. Therefore, we propose a grade-forgiveness/grade-forgetting admission policy for students out of school for more than 7 years. The proposal is not clemency in that we do not include transfer GPA in the UA Little Rock GPA, but for admissions decisions the proposal serves a similar purpose.

Note that 7-years effectively limits the affected population to 25+. Our transfer admissions data suggests ages 23-25 are rough for our transfer applicants (particularly for those with fewer than 60 hours). 9.3% of transfer applicants have been out of school for 7+years. We would have admitted about 15 more transfer students per year from Fall 2014-Spring 2019 with the 7-year policy--about 1.2% more transfer admissions.

C. FS_2020_27 Planning & Finance Committee. (Recommendation. Majority vote at one meeting, no second required) Faculty Workload Policy

Whereas, the Planning and Finance Committee has reviewed Chancellor Drale's response to the Faculty Senate's recommendations regarding the proposed Faculty Workload Policy (4/2016);

Therefore, be it resolved to accept the recommendations from the Planning & Finance Committee that address the Chancellor's concerns ([Planning & Finance Report](#)).

- IX. Open Forum
- X. Adjourn

Attachment A: Admissions Categories Policy (502.1; Rev. 11/2019; 4/1990)

Transfer Students

The Admissions credentials for transfer students must include:

1. Completed application for admission
2. Official transcript(s) for each college or university accredited by institutional or regional accrediting agencies as recognized by the US Department of Education[1], or any institution with whom UA Little Rock has a standing MOU, previously attended (must be sent to UA Little Rock by the college)
3. Proof of two MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) immunizations (required of all applicants born after January 1, 1957).

Students who have twelve or fewer acceptable transfer credits from another college or university must meet all of the admission requirements for entering freshmen. A previously enrolled student who has attended another institution since attending UA Little Rock must reapply for admission and submit the additional official transcript(s).

Students with more than twelve transferable college credit hours ~~from a regionally-accredited~~ from an institution as defined by Item 2 above who have earned at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, or who have earned an AA/AS/AAS degree from their immediately previous regionally-accredited or institutionally-accredited institution, will be admitted. Transfer students who last attended their previous post-secondary institutionally-accredited institution seven or more years prior to the application term will be admitted.

Transfer applicants with less than a cumulative 2.0 GPA may petition the Admissions and Transfer of Credit Committee for admission. The initial enrollment of students admitted on appeal may be limited by the Admissions Committee.

Transfer credit will be evaluated only after a completed application for admission and final transcripts have been received

Transcripts from institutions not accredited by the regional accrediting or institutional accrediting associations as defined by Item 2 above will be handled at the discretion of the University registrar. Students presenting such a transcript may be given provisional credit subject to the satisfactory completion of further work at UA Little Rock in subjects for which they are asking advanced standing credit. However, such transcripts may be refused altogether.

Only official transcripts will be accepted for evaluation. They must include complete records of the courses taken at all other institutions and be sent to UA Little Rock by the institution. The registrar may also request that a catalog or bulletin, or course syllabi of the year covered by the transcript be presented.

Provisional Admission for Transfer Students

Transfer students who have not submitted all official academic credentials necessary for admission may be admitted provisionally provided that official in-progress transcripts support admissibility. Admission will be determined by no more than one in-progress semester. Students must submit the missing credentials in order to register for subsequent terms.

[1] https://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation_pg6.html