



FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2021
1:00 PM until adjournment
Synchronous Online

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes from January 29, 2021
- 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
 - G. Committee on Tenure – Rob Steinbuch
 - H. Planning & Finance – Andrew Wright
- VII. Old Business - None
- VIII. New Business
 - A. **Motion FS_2021_03** Council on Core Curriculum and Policies (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting, no second required.) Council on Core Curriculum and Policies Operating Procedures

Be it resolved to amend FS_2012-13_11 to include the following clause regarding the [Attachment A for new language *in situ*];

When an existing course, which has never been in the University Core, is approved for inclusion in the University Core there may be students who took the course previous to the date of core approval. In these cases, the degree completion window of 6 years specified by ADHE will be used to determine whether the course will count for the core requirement. The newly-approved core course will count for the core requirement if it is taken six or fewer academic years before the date of implementation of the core course. Courses approved for core are implemented beginning the fall of the next academic year after they are approved.

Commentary: The UA Little Rock University Core was implemented in January 2015. At the December 2015 meeting, the Faculty Senate adopted an interpretation of legislation(Attachment B; FSM-2015-6) addressing transition issues that involved students whose catalog year pre-dated the implementation. FS_2021_03 updates the grand-father clause defined in that memo while also explicitly adding the principle to the Policies and Operating Procedures of the Core Council. This rule applies only to existing courses which have never been part of the core and later are approved for core. The proposal gives wide latitude for counting courses in the core, without counting courses for core when material is significantly out of date. The academic year begins in fall and ends in summer. All core courses are required to provide students with a test-out option so a student also has that choice.

B. Motion FS_2021_04 Faculty Governance Committee (Legislation. 3/5 Majority vote at two meetings of the Faculty Senate - second vote verbatim to the first vote, no second required, first vote.) Modify Article III of the University Assembly to change AIGC committee member terms of service.

Be it resolved to amend Article III of the Constitution of the University Assembly as follows (underline indicates addition, strikethrough indicates deletion)

Appointed Committees

Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee: The Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee hears specific grade appeals and hears, on appeal and referral, cases involving certain academic offenses. The Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee comprises fifteen (15) faculty and three (3) faculty alternates to be appointed ~~each May annually in the spring~~ by the Committee on Committees of the Assembly and seventeen (17) students and three (3) student alternates to be appointed ~~each May~~ no later than the beginning of the fall semester. Twelve (12) voting and two (2) alternate undergraduate students will be appointed by the Student Government Association and five (5) voting and one (1) alternate graduate students will be appointed by the Graduate Student Association. Appointed faculty members shall serve three-year staggered terms and students shall serve one-year terms and may be

~~reappointed. The term of office begins with the fall semester, and continues for twelve months.~~

Be it further resolved, that if approved, these modifications will be effective July 1, 2021.

Commentary: The issue of staggered terms for AIGC was initially proposed by that committee in April 2019 and subsequently referred to the Faculty Governance committee for review and recommendation. The Governance committee is proposing three-year, staggered terms for faculty inasmuch as a period of training is required and experience is valuable. Additionally, appointed committees commonly have staggered terms in order to insure some level of continuity in committee understanding of responsibilities from year to year.

- IX. Open Forum
- X. Adjourn

ATTACHMENT A: Core Council Operating Procedures [FS_2012-13_11]

B. Operating procedures of the UALR Council on Core Curriculum and Policies

1. Any course already approved by UGC is eligible to be considered for inclusion in core. Any new or modified courses must first be approved by UGC before being considered for inclusion in core.
2. When an existing course, which has never been in the University Core, is approved for inclusion in the University Core there may be students who took the course previous to the date of core approval. In these cases, the degree completion window of 6 years specified by ADHE will be used to determine whether the course will count for the core requirement. The newly-approved core course will count for the core requirement if it is taken six or fewer academic years before the date of implementation of the core course. Courses approved for core are implemented beginning the fall of the next academic year after they are approved. [FS-2021-03]
3. No chair, assistant dean, associate dean, dean, vice provost or vice chancellor shall serve as a voting member of the Council on Core Curriculum and Policies.
4. Given the 3-year terms for faculty, one-third of the initial faculty members will serve for one (1) year, one-third for two (2) years and one-third for three (3) years, to be determined by lot.
5. The members of the Council will annually elect the chair from among its members, with the term of chair being one (1) year. A Chair-elect will also be elected annually. Chairs may succeed themselves for a total of three (3) terms.
6. The Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs shall provide staff support to the committee, scheduling meetings, preparing agendas and minutes, and providing such other support as may be required.
7. Student input is valuable for developing and maintaining the UALR Standard Core. If the numbers of elected undergraduate students willing to serve are less than the number of positions to be filled, then nominations for these positions will be solicited from the university community.
8. The Council will report regularly to the Faculty Senate and university community, with the actions taken at each meeting disseminated through the provost's office within five business days of each meeting.
9. If the Council rejects an application, the committee must provide a detailed, written explanation to the author(s) explaining why the proposal was not accepted. The author(s) may address the Council's concerns and resubmit the proposal within the same semester to the Council; said course will not need to be resubmitted to the Undergraduate Council. If the resubmission is not accepted, the author(s) may appeal the decision of the Council to the Faculty Senate. The author(s) will apply in writing to the Executive Committee within 10 business days of the notification of the Council's decision. The final decision on course inclusion resides with the Faculty Senate.
10. This document may be amended by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Council on Core Curriculum and Policies and ratification of those changes by the UALR Faculty Senate.

ATTACHMENT B: [FSM 2015 6 Grand-fathering Courses Across the UALR Core](#)