

Assembly review  
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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

TRANSMITTAL OF FACULTY SENATE LEGISLATION

(Faculty Senate legislation is to be submitted to the chancellor to approve or disapprove within ten calendar days of the Faculty Senate action. The chancellor may approve or veto any Faculty Senate legislation within a period from the eleventh through the twenty-fifth calendar day after such action has been presented, unless the Assembly has been petitioned to amend or rescind the Faculty Senate legislation. In the latter case, the chancellor's approval or veto shall be made no later than fifteen calendar days after the Assembly has voted on and failed to approve a motion to amend or rescind a legislative action of the Faculty Senate. The chancellor shall provide written reasons for a veto to the Faculty Senate.)

To the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock:

The following resolution/legislation passed the UALR Faculty Senate on May 6, 2016.

Whereas the Faculty Senate approved a Skills in the Major requirement for programs as part of the Baccalaureate Degree Requirement legislation passed March 15, 2013, and modified by Legislation FS 2014\_19 and FS 2014\_30;

And Whereas the Skills in the Major legislation, as modified, provided that,

*Except in majors that must adhere to standards established by disciplinary accrediting agencies, major requirements must include courses or coursework either in or outside the department in  
Oral and written communication in the discipline  
Research methods, ethics, and critical thinking  
Technology*

And Whereas the Skills in the Major legislation must be implemented by Fall 2016 (FS 2014\_30);

And Whereas the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), states, "The institution assesses achievement of the learning outcomes that it claims for its curricular and co-curricular programs" (Criterion for Accreditation 4.2.2);

Therefore be it resolved that the Skills in the Major (SKIM) portion of the Baccalaureate Degree Requirements legislation shall be implemented thus:

1. The Skills in the Major Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the SKIM requirement in majors that are not accredited by a disciplinary accrediting body [see Attachment for the list of programs as of January 2016].
2. The Committee shall consist of seven faculty jointly appointed by the Assembly President and the Chair of Core Council to staggered two-year terms. The members shall be from departments implementing SKIM or shall have expertise in one of the SKIM areas.
3. The Committee shall design a form for reporting progress on implementing the requirement, including reporting on evidence of student learning in the areas.
4. The Committee shall establish deadlines and schedules for submitting these forms to the Committee for review so that by 2019-2020, the year of the next HLC review, the University has meaningful data on the SKIM areas to report and the University can identify where it stands with respect to its SKIM goals.

5. The Committee shall report to the Core Council and shall function as a sub-committee of the Council until such time as the Core Council and the Committee determine it is no longer needed.

Signature  (Faculty Senate President) Date 5/9/2016  
Andrew Wright

Received in chancellor's office on August 15, 2016 (date)

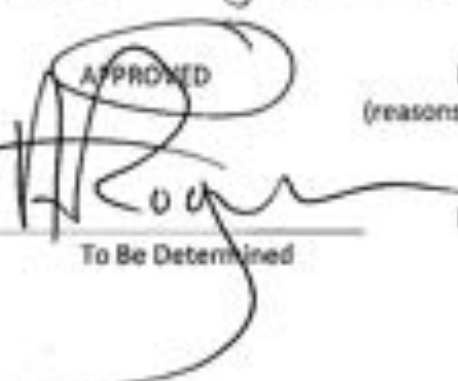
Chancellor's Action:

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

(reasons to be attached)

Chancellor's Signature

  
To Be Determined

Date

Sept. 2, 2016  
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