



## FACULTY SENATE

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Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda  
August 27, 2021  
1:00 PM until adjournment  
Synchronous Online

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes from April 30, 2021
- III. Announcements
- IV. Airing of Grievances (2 minute limit)
- V. Introduction of New Topics (2 minute limit)
- VI. Election of Faculty Senate representative to Faculty Governance Committee
- VII. Election of Administrator to Faculty Appeals Council
- VIII. 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
- IX. Old Business
  - A. **FS\_2021\_09 Student Government Association** (Legislation. 3/5 Majority vote at two meetings of the Faculty Senate - second vote verbatim to the first vote, no second required, second vote.) Modify Student Representation on Senate Committees

**Be it resolved** to revise Article III of the Constitution of the Assembly, to include GSA representation as part of the student representation for the Academic Calendar and Schedules Committee, Academic Technology and Computing Committee, Admissions and Transfer of Credit Committee, Athletics Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, Library Committee, and the Planning and Finance Committee. The revisions are as indicated in Attachment A (strikethrough indicates deletion; underline indicates addition); and

**Be it further resolved** that if approved this will go into effect retroactively July 1, 2021.
  - B. **FS\_2021\_15 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, second vote.) Revise UA Little Rock Constitution Article IV, Department, School, and College Governance to address interdisciplinary programs.

**Whereas** the curriculum is within the legislative authority of faculty, and

**Whereas** some programs and courses may appropriately be interdisciplinary in content, and

**Whereas** such interdisciplinarity requires input and evaluation of all curricular changes and proposals from faculty in the academic disciplines related to or participating in the course(s) or program(s), and

**Whereas** interdisciplinary course(s) or program(s) may not relate to only one academic college or campus,

**Therefore** the UA Little Rock Faculty Senate adopts the following language for inclusion in Article IV of the Assembly constitution.

Responsibilities for colleges and schools are as follows:

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3. In reviewing the curriculum, policies and procedures of academic programs involving faculty members from multiple academic units, multiple colleges, or multiple institutions, all faculty members participating in the program shall have an appropriate role in governing the program.

For purposes of approving new programs and / or changes in existing programs an *ad hoc* committee shall be convened composed of all of the elected graduate or undergraduate curriculum committee representatives from the academic units participating in the program.

When convened, the committee shall select a chair who shall assume responsibilities of facilitating and completing the normal curriculum process, including signing any requisite forms and notifying collegiate faculty in each college involved in the interdisciplinary change(s). If three or more objections are received within the notification window, each college curriculum committee shall convene and consider the concerns expressed and report them for consideration by the Undergraduate or Graduate Council.

X. New Business

- A. **FS\_2021\_18 Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Bain** (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting. Second required.) Disability Access Statement

**Be it resolved** to revise the university's Disability Access Statement (Rev. 2011) as follows; and

**Be it resolved** that if approved, the new statement will be included in the Syllabus Policy (404.8; Rev. 3/2021, 1/2018, 9/2011), and

**Be it further resolved** that if approved, implementation for the change would go into effect January 1, 2022.

**Current Statement:**

Your success in this class is important to me, and it is the policy and practice of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to create inclusive learning environments consistent with federal and state law. If you have a documented disability (or need to have a disability documented), and need an accommodation, please contact me privately as soon as possible, so that we can discuss with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) how to meet your specific needs and the requirements of the course. The DRC offers resources and coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process among you, your instructor(s) and the DRC. Thus, if you have a disability, please contact me and/or the DRC, at 501-569-3143 (V/TTY) or 501-683-7629 (VP). For more information, please visit the DRC website at [www.ualr.edu/disability](http://www.ualr.edu/disability).

**Revised Statement:**

UA Little Rock values creating inclusive learning environments for students. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that result in barriers to your inclusion or to an accurate assessment of your knowledge, please notify the instructor of this course or the Disability Resource Center (501-916-3143). The DRC works with faculty to create accessible courses, and also works with students to provide accommodations.

*Commentary:* Revised statement was developed by the DRC staff and viewed to be more supportive and inclusive.

XI. Open Forum

XII. Adjourn

## **ATTACHMENT A: Article III, 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. The term of office begins with the fall semester and continues for twelve months.

The purpose of the committee is twofold: (1) it affords the student an opportunity to appeal a grade if he or she feels the grade was inequitably awarded in that it violated a faculty member's own specified grading standards, and (2) it affords a student a hearing in cases where disputes over alleged cheating, plagiarism, collusion, or similar actions cannot be resolved (where the student does not admit that he/she violated an academic offense standard or that the student admits that he/she did violate an academic offense standard and the dean of students/designee refers the case for sanctioning).

Students and faculty members are urged to make all attempts possible to resolve a grievance before initiating formal appeal. The administrative officer shall assign two faculty members and two students to hear academic offenses by rotation according to alphabet if possible.

For information on the operating policies of this committee see the Academic Integrity and Grievance Policy.

**Academic Calendar and Schedules Committee:** This committee shall recommend to the Faculty Senate the academic calendar, schedules, and schedule policy, and shall present academic schedules to the Senate. Normally, these calendars and schedules, in draft form, originate in the Registrar's Office, and are forwarded to the committee for its approval before being submitted to the Faculty Senate. When questions arise, the committee shall, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, interpret the calendar and schedules.

The committee shall consist of one full-time faculty member from each college/school represented in the Faculty Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees, the vice president of the Faculty Senate, the chair of the Undergraduate Council or that person's designee, the registrar or that person's designee, the executive vice chancellor and provost or that person's designee. In addition, the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Association

shall each appoint one student to the committee ~~two students appointed by the Student Government Association~~ shall serve as members. Appointed faculty members shall serve two-year staggered terms and students shall serve one-year terms.

**Academic Technology and Computing Committee:** This committee shall be concerned with University computing services policies that affect academic programs and the general interest of UALR. This committee serves as a formal communication channel for the faculty and students with Information Technology Services. The Vice Chancellor of Information Services shall keep the committee informed on issues, policies, and resource allocations affecting the academic community via technology and computing at the university level. On an annual basis the committee shall review Information Technology Services' policies as they affect the academic community. This review should include examining the impact of resource allocation of new technology to the learning process in a benefit/cost framework. In addition, the committee will consult with the Vice Chancellor of Information Services concerning budgets, both current and future, projected and actual expenditures. The committee shall furnish a report of their review and budget conference to the Faculty Senate by March 15 of each year.

The Academic Technology and Computing Committee shall consist of two full-time faculty members from each college or school including the library to be named by the Committee on Committees. In addition, the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Association shall each appoint one student to the committee ~~two students shall be named by the Student Government Association~~. The Vice Chancellor of Information Services and the executive vice chancellor and provost or their designees shall serve as ex officio members without vote. Any faculty member holding a position of "faculty in residence" within Information Technology Services may serve as a voting committee member during their appointment to such post. The terms of the two students shall be one year, while the terms of the appointed faculty members shall be two-year staggered terms.

**Admissions and Transfer of Credit Committee:** On behalf of the Faculty Senate, this committee shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate standards for admitting students to UALR and accepting transfer credit. It shall recommend policies to the Faculty Senate in the areas of its responsibility. It also shall hear appeals from applicants for admission and from students concerned with transfer credit.

The committee shall consist of one full time faculty members from each college/school represented in the Faculty Senate, including the Collections and Archives and excluding the Bowen School of Law, to be appointed by the Committee on Committees of the Assembly, the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Association shall each appoint one student ~~two student members appointed by the Student Government Association~~, and, as ex officio without vote, the administrative officer in charge (or designee) of the Office of Transfer

Student Services, University College, and the Office of Testing services, and, as ex officio with vote, the Director of Admissions (or designee), and the Registrar (or designee). The Director of Admissions' designee shall coordinate processing of materials for the committee. All other members shall serve a one year term.

**Athletics Committee:** This committee shall consider matters pertaining to the intercollegiate athletic program and shall be advisory in nature with respect to the relationship of athletics to the academic purposes of the University. These matters may include, but are not limited to, the monitoring of academic progress and eligibility of student-athletes, scheduling of athletic events, allocation of scholarships, recruitment of student-athletes, the adding and dropping of sports, NCAA and conference rules and changes, and other matters related to intercollegiate athletics.

The committee shall be composed of ten full-time faculty members to be appointed by the Committee on Committees of the Assembly, representation by at least one voting member from each academic college or school (with the exception of the Bowen School of Law) and no more than two members from each academic college or school (including the Bowen School of Law). The Committee on Committees shall also appoint two staff members to the committee. The Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Association shall each appoint one ~~two~~ students to the committee. The faculty and staff members shall serve two-year, staggered terms, and the student members shall serve one-year terms. The director of athletics, registrar, and the advisor for student-athletes shall serve as ex officio members without vote.

A Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) will be appointed by the chancellor with advice from the Athletics Committee. The FAR will serve for a three-year term and may be reappointed for subsequent three-year terms. The FAR will serve on the Athletics Committee as an ex officio member with vote.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** The purpose of this committee shall be to insure protection of the natural and aesthetic environment of the UA Little Rock campus consistent with reasonable growth and development of the campus. The committee shall promote beautification of the campus through a continuous review of landscaping, building and signage appearance, and campus roads and paths. The committee shall recommend on plans for new campus construction, and shall recommend to the chancellor steps that should be taken to preserve the natural environment and beauty of the campus. The committee shall periodically review the campus master plan.

The committee shall consist of one member from each college or school represented in the Faculty Senate, including Collections and Archives, appointed to two year, staggered terms by the Committee on Committees; two members of the staff senate, selected by the staff senate to two year, staggered terms; the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student

Association shall each appoint one student to the committee ~~two students appointed by the Student Government Association~~ to one-year terms. The administrator in charge of planning buildings and grounds shall serve as an ex-officio member without vote.

**Faculty Professional Development Committee:** The purpose of this committee is to review and make recommendations concerning policies and procedures involving the enhancement of the research, teaching, and service functions of the University. The committee is concerned with faculty improvement workshops and other activities and conditions designed to recruit, improve, and retain a highly productive faculty. This committee shall make recommendations to the Faculty Senate concerning research policies of a general nature and methods of encouraging research activity. Under the authority of the executive vice chancellor and provost, it shall award the faculty research grants. The committee shall consist of one member from the Collections and Archives faculty, two-full time faculty members from each college or school represented in the Faculty Senate to be named by the Committee on Committees to staggered terms of two years each and as ex-officio members, the designee appointed by the executive vice chancellor and provost.

**Library Committee:** This committee shall be concerned with library policies that affect the academic programs and general interests of UALR, and serve as a formal communication channel between the faculty and the library. The director of the library shall keep the committee informed on issues and policies affecting the library and its publics as such issues and policies come into being. The committee shall review library policies as formulated by the library faculty on an annual basis and furnish a report of that review to the Faculty Senate by March 1 of each year.

The Library Committee shall consist of one full- time faculty member from each college or school, including the library and the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils to be named by the Committee on Committees. In addition, the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Association shall each appoint one student to the committee ~~two students shall be named by the Student Government Association~~. The director of the library shall serve as ex officio member without vote. The terms of the two student members shall be one year; all other members shall serve two-year staggered terms.

**Planning and Finance Committee:** This committee exists for informational and advisory purposes only. While recognizing that the responsibility for the budgetary and planning process rests with the chancellor and administration, this committee shall assist in these areas by reviewing proposed plans that have an impact on the academic mission of the University, such as revenues and revenue projections, budgets and budget projections, faculty and staff fringe benefits such as health insurance and retirement benefits, and the relationship of academic and capital planning to finance and budget matters.

The committee shall work with the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration to review existing university reports, to make suggestions for changes to reports, and to provide input into developing reports that would be of greater interest to faculty or easier to understand. The committee shall report to the Faculty Senate concerning the UALR financial statement and shall endeavor to produce other reports to show the use of funds by the university and changes in the Annual Budget Book. In reporting on the UALR financial statement the committee shall include such information as the amount of reserve funds and the total endowment. From the committee, a few faculty representatives shall attend the University level budget hearings and all academic budget hearings at or above the college level.

The committee may make recommendations to the Faculty Senate, which may make recommendations to the chancellor. In circumstances where time does not allow deliberation and action by the Faculty Senate, the committee may make its recommendations directly to the chancellor, providing a copy (or report of oral recommendations) to each member of the Faculty Senate. To further facilitate significant involvement of the committee with the above processes, the committee shall select three of its faculty members to be on a subcommittee, which shall be available throughout the year for planning and finance matters. The subcommittee shall report to the committee.

The committee shall consist of one member from the Collections and Archives faculty, two full-time faculty members from each college or school represented in the Faculty Senate (one of whom must be a member of the Faculty Senate at the time of appointment) to be named by the Committee on Committees, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, the administrator responsible for budgeting and planning, the vice chancellor for finance and administration, and the vice chancellor for university advancement as ex-officio members of the committee. In addition, the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Association shall each appoint one student to the committee ~~two students appointed by the Student Government Association~~ shall serve as members. Appointed faculty members shall serve two-year staggered terms and students shall serve one-year terms.

**Honors and Awards Committee:** This committee shall, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, select the recipients of specified University-wide honors and awards. This committee also shall advise the chancellor on the awarding of honorary degrees. In such matters, members of the committee shall act with the utmost confidentiality and discretion. Membership of the committee shall consist of two undergraduate students appointed by the Student Government Association, one graduate student appointed by the Graduate Student Association, and two faculty members from each of the colleges, one Graduate School representative and two alumni appointed by the Committee on Committees of the Assembly. All members shall serve two year, staggered terms.



**Student Research and Creative Works Committee:** The mission of this committee is to promote, support, and extend undergraduate and graduate research, scholarship, artistry, and other forms of creative activities at UALR, as well as to encourage research collaboration between faculty and students. In this capacity, the committee shall maintain policies related to university-financed student publications and inform the Faculty Senate as appropriate.

The committee shall consist of one member from the Collections and Archives faculty and two full-time faculty members from each college or school represented in the Faculty Senate with an undergraduate program to be named by the Committee on Committees to staggered terms of two years each; one undergraduate student named by the Committee on Committees to a one year term from nominations by the Undergraduate Research Committee; and, as ex-officio members (without vote), the editors and advisors of university-financed student publications, one student affairs representative, and the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School or designee.