



FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
 March 18, 2022
 1:00 PM until adjournment
 Synchronous Online

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes from January 28 and February 25
- 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 – Zac Hagins, Chair
 - e. Graduate Council - Laura Ruhl, Chair
 - f. Core Council - Belinda Blevins-Knabe, Chair
 - g. Faculty Governance Committee - Rosalie Cheatham, Chair
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - A. **FS_2022_08 Honors and Awards Committee** (Legislation. Majority vote; no second required). Delete Preamble from Faculty Excellence Awards Policy (403.8).

Be it resolved to delete the preamble from the Faculty Excellence Awards Policy (403.8) as indicated in Attachment A (underline indicates addition; strikethrough indicates deletion); and

Be it further resolved that if approved, this change would be implemented July 1, 2022.

Commentary: The Preamble was created in 1988 specifically for the three areas of teaching, research/creative endeavors, and service. This preamble is outdated and no longer applicable with the new revisions to the Faculty Excellence Awards approved in February 2022, including separation of Faculty Excellence for tenured faculty and Rising Faculty Excellence for tenure track and new educators.

- B. **FS_2022_09 Graduate Council** (Legislation. Majority vote; no second required).
Graduate School International Student Admissions

Be it resolved to revise the Graduate School International Student Admissions Policy (509.9; rev 3/1994) as shown in Attachment B (underline indicates addition; strikethrough indicates deletion); and

Be it further resolved that if approved, the change would be implemented immediately.

- IX. Open Forum
X. Adjourn

ATTACHMENT A: Faculty Excellence Awards Policy (403.8, Rev. 2/2022, 9/2018).

Policy 403.8 Faculty Excellence Awards

~~The UA Little Rock Foundation Fund Board in 1988 instituted a series of annual awards to recognize and reward faculty excellence in three specified areas of performance: teaching, research or creative endeavors, and professional and public service. Recognition is accorded at the college level and at the University level. Each award consists of a framed certificate and a cash gift of \$1,000 at the college level and at the university level, \$5,000 each for teaching, research or creative endeavors, and public service. College winners are recognized and University winners are announced at the Faculty Excellence Ceremony each spring.~~

I. Nature and Categories of Awards

A. Award for excellence in teaching.

This award is to recognize, encourage, and reward superior classroom teachers—individuals whose command of their respective disciplines, teaching methodologies, communications skills, concern for student performance, and commitment to the learning process exemplify the teacher/mentor model. The award is not intended to be a popularity contest. It is designed to distinguish those teachers who maintain high expectations of their students and who ensure academic rigor in their courses.

B. Award for excellence in research or creative endeavors.

This award is to recognize, encourage, and reward those individuals whose research or creative endeavors have been particularly successful and are so recognized locally, regionally, and nationally. The results of these efforts should have contributed to the

... [The policy continues unchanged.]

ATTACHMENT B: Graduate Student International Admissions Policy (509.9)

Official Copy of Academic Records

~~Students should submit originals or official copies with certified English translations of the applicant's entire academic record in secondary school, college, or university. The records must show a level of achievement that satisfies the admission requirements of the Graduate School and the degree program to which the student seeks admission. Students must have their academic records articulated by one of three outside agencies. For details, students should contact at least one of the following organizations:~~

- ~~● National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES)~~
- ~~● AACRAO Consulting~~
- ~~● World Education Services (WES)~~

Applicants must submit official transcripts from any college or university where they earned a graduate and/or undergraduate degree.

- If the transcripts are in a language other than English, certified English translations of the transcripts must also be submitted.
- If a bachelor's degree transcript(s) contains fewer than 60 graded course credits, additional transcripts will be required so that a minimum of the most recent 60 hours can be evaluated.
- Individual graduate programs may require additional transcripts.

The applicant's transcripts must show a level of achievement that satisfies the admission requirements of both the Graduate School and the degree program to which the student seeks admission.

Applicants will be required to submit articulated transcripts only under the following circumstances:

- If the degree(s) awarded did not come from an accredited international institution recognized by the International Association of Universities
- If the student wants to transfer in credit from another institution
- If the applicant's intended graduate program requires articulation

If articulated transcripts are required, applicants must request an articulation be sent from one of the agencies listed at NACES.org.

[original policy continues after this point unchanged]