

**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 after the Assembly review period. The Chancellor may approve or disapprove any Faculty Senate legislation within a period from the eleventh through the twenty-fifth calendar day after the Faculty Senate action has been presented to the Assembly unless the Assembly has been petitioned to amend or rescind the Faculty Senate legislation. In the latter case, the Chancellor's approval or disapproval 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 disapproval to the Faculty Senate.

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

The following legislation passed the UALR Faculty Senate on September 30, 2022:

**FS\_2022\_24. Senator Michael DeAngelis.** Legislation to Refer to Undergraduate Council and Graduate Council to Review, Report, and Vote on Simple Syllabus adoption and implementation.

**Whereas** curriculum and courses are the legislative authority of the faculty; and

**Whereas** a syllabus is a required component of each course; and

**Whereas** the Faculty Senate has determined a number of required components of each course syllabus; and

**Whereas** the Provost's Office has purchased a tool, Simple Syllabus, with the stated intent of requiring its utilization and begun a pilot implementation program for Spring 2023, thereby pre-empting both the faculty's authority over curriculum and courses, not following the well established precedent of syllabus needs being addressed and approved by the Faculty Senate, and potentially impinging on academic freedom;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the question of the need for, selection, and implementation of Simple Syllabus, along with the results of the Spring 2023 Simple Syllabus Pilot Program, shall be referred to the Undergraduate Council and Graduate Council for review; and

**Be it further resolved** that representatives of the Provost's office shall be invited to participate in the review of the question of adoption and implementation of Simple Syllabus and the results of the Spring 2023 Simple Syllabus Pilot Program; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Undergraduate Council and Graduate Council shall consider in its review of Simple Syllabus factors such as the rationale for its use, previous evaluations of the tool, its ease of use, its cost, its ability to intersect with existing software such as Blackboard, Banner, and Workday, and other matters relating to a comparison of its costs and benefits;

**Be it further resolved** that recommendations related to Simple Syllabus be reported back to the Faculty Senate at the March 2023 Faculty Senate meeting, and

**Be it further resolved** that the Faculty Senate shall make a recommendation regarding adoption and implementation of Simple Syllabus at the April 2023 Faculty Senate meeting after review and discussion of the Undergraduate Council and Graduate Council reports.

Disseminated to University Assembly:

Date: 4 October 2022

Faculty Senate President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Joanne Liebman Matson

Date: October 4, 2022

Received in Chancellor's Office:

Date: OCT 20 2022

Chancellor's Action:

APPROVED

Chancellor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

  
Christina Drale

Date: 10/21/2022

DISAPPROVED

(reasons to be attached)

Chancellor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Christina Drale

Date: \_\_\_\_\_