

**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 February 24, 2023:

**Whereas** the Chancellor [announced](#) to selected parties her decision to retrench the French program using academic planning retrenchment on February 9, 2023; and

**Whereas** the Chancellor requests campus feedback to Alicia Dorn, Chancellor's COS, by March 17 from the department chair, dean, and Provost as well as from the program; the College Assembly, Curriculum Committee, and faculty; the Undergraduate Council; and the Faculty Senate; and

**Whereas** the next Faculty Senate meeting is not scheduled until March 31; and

**Whereas** there are currently two full time faculty in the French program offering service and major courses;

**Whereas** decisions to close programs should not be made lightly, but should be data-informed, transparent, and consider all perspectives; and

**Whereas** the fundamental issue in academic planning retrenchment is how to shift resources within the university;

**Therefore,** The Senate has requested additional data by February 24 (see [Attachment A](#)); and

**Therefore**, the following process will be followed for the Senate and its subdivisions:

**At Feb. 24 Senate meeting, the Senate will**

1. Agree on process
2. Create a voluntary *ad hoc* committee to review and respond to the retrenchment proposal with a draft **by March 13**

**After Senate meeting, the Senate will**

3. Invite all other stakeholders to review the proposal **by March 13**
4. Create a Senate page where all data and responses can be posted and shared.

[To the extent possible that some responses can be posted before the March 13 deadline, then other groups can see those responses before making their own responses.]

**From March 13 to 17**

5. The Senate will survey all Senators through Google Forms from March 13-15.
6. The *ad hoc* committee and Executive Committee will summarize all responses and submit a recommendation to the Chancellor's Office by March 17.

All stakeholders should in addition submit their responses independently to Alicia Dorn in the Chancellor's Office by March 17.

Disseminated to University Assembly:

Date: 28 February 2023

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

Joanne Liebman Matson

Date: 24 February 2023

Received in Chancellor's Office:

Date: MAR 17 2023

Chancellor's Action:

APPROVED

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

Christina Drale

Date: 4/6/2023