

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 legislation passed the UALR Faculty Senate on November 18, 2016.

Motion FS_2016_36.

Be it resolved to place the following motion on the April University Assembly agenda:

Be it resolved that Article III of the Constitution of the Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock be modified as follows (underline indicates addition, strike-through indicates deletion):

Officers of the Faculty Senate

Officers of the Faculty Senate shall be the president, the immediate past president, the vice president, the secretary, the parliamentarian, and counsel. ~~In the event the immediate past president is no longer a member of the faculty at UALR, the most recent past president still on the faculty shall serve in that position. The immediate past president shall have all rights of Senate membership, serve as advisor to the president of the Senate, and have voice on the Executive Committee.~~ The president of the Assembly shall serve as president of the Faculty Senate. The vice president, secretary, and parliamentarian shall be elected by the Faculty Senate from the elected membership of the Faculty Senate for two-year terms. In the event that a senator elected to one of these offices ceases to be a member of the Faculty Senate, another senator shall be elected to fulfill the remainder of the term of office. The election of new officers shall take place during the first meeting of the academic year in even-numbered years after new members of the Faculty Senate have been elected. Vacancies shall be filled by election at the next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting. All Officers of the Faculty Senate shall be ex officio members of the Faculty Senate with vote.

The president shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate and of the Executive Committee, and also shall discharge the responsibilities specified elsewhere in this constitution.

The vice president shall be the presiding officer at Faculty Senate meetings in the absence of the president, and shall also serve as vice president of the Executive Committee.

The secretary shall be responsible for preparing the minutes of each Faculty Senate meeting and for submitting the minutes to the office of the executive vice chancellor and provost for distribution to all members of the ~~Faculty Senate and~~ University Assembly. The secretary also shall serve as secretary of the Executive Committee. The secretary shall collect papers and documents concerned with Faculty Senate matters and transfer them to ~~the UALR Archives or equivalent place~~ a permanent archive at the end of each academic year.

The parliamentarian shall advise the officers and members of the Faculty Senate on questions of procedure in order that the business of the Faculty Senate be transacted correctly, efficiently, and impartially. The parliamentarian also shall serve as parliamentarian of the Executive Committee.

The immediate past president shall serve as advisor to the president of the Faculty Senate. In the event the immediate past president is no longer eligible to serve on the Faculty Senate, the most recent past president who is eligible to serve on the Faculty Senate shall serve in that position.

The counsel shall be responsible for ensuring that copies of records related to faculty governance are maintained in the permanent archive ~~in the Faculty Senate offices and are current~~. The counsel shall be a ~~faculty member~~ an elected member of the Faculty Senate and shall provide expertise to the executive committee on current policies and the historical background on important issues. The counsel shall be appointed by the elected officers of the Faculty Senate to a renewable, two-year term that is staggered relative to the Faculty Senate officers. The appointment shall be reported to the Faculty Senate.

Commentary: The main change is to make it clear that all officers of the Faculty Senate are ex officio voting members of the faculty senate. The immediate past president language is moved out of the officers opening paragraph and installed in a separate paragraph, in parallel with the other officers.

Other changes in the section include making clear from which constituency the office is elected. In the case of the elected officers of the faculty senate, they should be elected from the elected members of the faculty senate (which was implicit but should be explicit). The counsel should be elected from members of the faculty senate.

Finally, the UALR archives refers to a specific location. The constitution should be more generic so as to allow changes to facilities to be accommodated without a change in the constitution. The University Assembly subsumes the Faculty Senate, so it is redundant to require distribution to both bodies.

Disseminated to University Assembly xx/xx/2017 (date)

Faculty Senate President's Signature _____ Date xx/xx/2017
Andrew Wright

Received in chancellor's office on _____ (date)

Chancellor's Action:

APPROVED Chancellor's Signature _____ Date _____
Andrew Rogerson

DISAPPROVED Chancellor's Signature _____ Date _____
(reasons to be attached) Andrew Rogerson