

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 resolution/legislation passed the UALR Assembly on April 23, 2015.

Motion FS_2014_30: Faculty Senate (Legislation. 3/5 Majority vote at two consecutive Assembly meetings. Second Vote.)

Modify Article II and Article III of the constitution of the UALR Assembly to:

Article II **Amending the Constitution**

Amendments to the Constitution of the UALR Assembly may be proposed by a majority vote of the Faculty Senate, provided a quorum is present, or by a petition signed by thirty (30) members of the UALR Assembly and presented to the office of vice chancellor and provost. Ratification of amendments shall be by three-fifths vote of the Assembly, provided that quorum is present, at two consecutive meetings of the Assembly. The motion on the second vote must be verbatim the motion passed in the first vote and is not amendable. At least ten (10) calendar days must elapse between the first and second meetings of the Assembly. No final vote shall be taken on a proposed amendment until it has been submitted to the Executive Committee of the Assembly and published as part of the agenda for two consecutive Assembly meetings, except that provisions concerning the composition of Assembly committees and councils shall be amended by action at one Assembly meeting in accordance with the above procedures.

The Faculty Senate shall have the power to amend provisions concerning the creation, abolish- ment and composition of Faculty Senate councils and committees as specified under *Article III, The Faculty Senate, Councils and Committees of the Faculty Senate*. The Staff Senate shall have the power to amend provisions concerning the creation, abolishment and composition of Staff Senate committees as specified under *Article V, Composition and Functions of the Staff Senate*.

Whenever the University changes an administrative title, the corresponding title may be changed in this document through majority vote of the Faculty Senate at one meeting provided that a quorum is present and that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and published as part of the agenda for that Faculty Senate meeting.

Proposed amendments must be considered during the regular nine-month academic year.

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Article III

**The Faculty Senate
Councils and Committees of the Faculty Senate**

Amendments concerning Faculty Senate councils or committees may be proposed by any member of the Faculty Senate. Ratification requires a three-fifths vote of the Faculty Senate at two meetings during the regular nine-month academic year provided that a quorum is present and that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and published as part of the agenda for that Faculty Senate meeting. The motion on the second vote must be verbatim the motion passed in the first vote and is not amendable.

Commentary: At the first Senate meeting of the Fall 2014 semester, both of these issues arose. A point of order was raised regarding the need for verbatim motions on the second of two votes. Since the current language is vague, it is preferred to tighten it up. The second issue regarding administrative titles was raised at the same meeting, where a motion to explicitly change titles was withdrawn. The constitution does not provide a convenient means of changing administrative titles other than the amendment process, so it is desirable to lower the threshold on how this amendment may be accomplished.

Signature



(Faculty Senate President) Date April 28, 2015

Andrew Wright

Received in chancellor's office on RECEIVED APR 28 2015 (date)

Chancellor's Action:

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

(reasons to be attached)

Chancellor's Signature



Joel Anderson

Date 5-20-15