

Academic Senate Council Meeting, February 8, 2013

Minutes

Attendees: Larry Suva, Tom Kelly, Dana Gaddy, Steve Post, Todd Nick, Adam Brown, Rebecca Patterson, Elizabeth Bard, Feifei Wei, Michael Borelli, Serra Ucer, Phil Breen, Cesar Compadre, Jerry Ware, Ilios Kavouras, Todd Nick, Lindy Bollen, Valerie Henning (HOD)

Apologies: Bill Culp, Paul Wendel, Julia Goodwin, Lee Ann Macmillan-Crow

Agenda:

1. The Chair, Larry Suva, called the meeting to order. All faculty in attendance introduced themselves.
2. Minutes from last meeting were approved.
3. Valerie Henning, Chair of the House of Delegates spoke with us regarding an upcoming Chancellor's meeting with the HOD on Feb 28, and the likelihood of merging this meeting with the Academic Senate. The Council agreed that this was a good idea, and to help with getting food dispensed to the attendees at the meeting. Additional discussion focused on increased partnership of the Senate with the HOD on other HOD initiatives, such as their "drive-thru shot clinic".
4. 2013 Senate Elections need to take place soon. The UAMS Constitution will be consulted to ensure we follow the appropriate method of nominating people to serve as Officers. Nominations are needed for both President-Elect and Parliamentarian. There are other College elections that should also be providing new Council members this spring, including representatives of the Colleges of Medicine and Nursing.
5. Dr. Gaddy reported that the Communications Committee was meeting to update the survey for sending to the full faculty in the next few weeks.
6. Dr. Suva updated on the Catastrophic Leave issue that nothing has happened in the Human Resource office of the College of Medicine, which was to be the template for other Colleges as well. Faculty remain ineligible to take Catastrophic Leave
7. Dr. Borelli reported from the Research Committee that they are working on several items:
 - A. Identification of additional strategies to fund and conduct research: pilot grants, bridging grants, contracts, etc., with the question in mind: Do we want to be a Campus of Academics, rather than solely the clinic responsible for the health of Arkansans?"
 - B. Dr. Borelli is now attending the UAMS Research Committee meetings, which are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, and will serve as the faculty liaison to these meetings.
 - C. Understand the status of physician scientists and try to help facilitate them being able to do science
 - D. Increase efforts to establish endowments for research and for professorships
 - E. Attempt to have removed the taxes researchers pay for purchases made off of grant funds
8. Other business:
 - A. Unfunded research and moral on campus are continuing to be a problem. The Navigant personnel cuts removed the staff members who made patients "feel happier about UAMS" and they have had to be re-hired in many clinics to increase patient satisfaction.

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- B. The Clinical Affairs Committee chair remains unfilled
- C. Website needs additional updates
- D. A retirement incentive program has been suggested as a way for the Campus to save money and for faculty to exit in a better manner than solely the negative incentives that are currently in place in some Colleges. There are several academic health centers and universities that have such programs in place. The Faculty Affairs committee will take a look at this for UAMS and work with other committees on campus also considering this development.

The meeting was adjourned.