

**Academic Senate Council Meeting, January 29, 2014**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Daniel Bercher, Phil Breen, Cesar Compadre, Carol Enderlin, Dana Gaddy, Julia Goodwin, Howard Hendrickson, Illias Kavouras, Thomas Kelly, Lee Ann MacMillan, Steven Post, Larry Suva, Jerry Ware, Feifei Wei, Serra Ucer

**Apologies:** Elizabeth Bard, Michael Borrelli, Heather Neal-Rice, Nick Todd, Rebecca Patterson, Paul Wendel

1. The Minutes from the October meeting were approved.
2. Dr. Post discussed the joint meeting of the UAMS House of Delegates and Academic Senate with the Chancellor. The tentative dates discussed were Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.
3. Council voted and approved May 8<sup>th</sup> as the date for the Spring Full Academic Senate Meeting. Plans will include the 30 minute reception beginning at 3:30pm prior to the beginning of the meeting. Newly elected council members will be introduced at this meeting.
4. There are 3 Council Positions open for election this Spring: President Elect, Secretary and Member at Large. Dr. Post will email out to all faculty asking for nominations for these positions to be emailed to Dr. Post or Dr. Hendrickson (Parliamentarian). We need to complete the election process by March 25<sup>th</sup>. It was also discussed that a description of job duties for each position be emailed out to all faculty. In addition, council discussed the need to develop a 'duty sheet' for Academic Senate College Representatives so that these important Senate representatives can get more involved with the mission of the Senate. Dr. Gaddy and the Communications committee will work on such a fact sheet and prepare to email out to all faculty.
5. Action Plan for Chancellor/Report from Committees: At our meeting in December we discussed the need for all committees to come up with a completed table for the 'Action Plan' to address key concerns pinpointed by the last Faculty Survey. All committees were to meet in early January to complete this task. Both the Communications and Research committees presented a final version ready for the Council to review. Dr. Gaddy presented the table for Communications and many good suggestions were provided. Due to the late time, Dr. MacMillan-Crow did not present the Research table but Dr. Post emailed to all Council members for suggestions. The Faculty Affairs Committee has not completed this task yet.
6. Other Business: Drs. Breen and Compadre (as representatives of the Faculty Affairs Committee) presented a document entitled 'UAMS Faculty Senate Resolution' for the Council to discuss. This resolution, drafted by the Faculty Affairs Committee, expresses support for a tenure system at UAMS and further states the 'need to recognize that tenure without a continuous salary commitment is not real tenure at this or any other University'. Following intense discussion regarding the timing and purpose of this resolution, there was a motion to endorse the resolution and present it to the UAMS administration/faculty. The majority voted against endorsing the resolution.