

UAMS Academic Senate Council
June 12, 2014

Agenda

- Approve minutes of May 8, 2014 meeting
- Vacancies on Council—President, Parliamentarian
- Calendar
- Update list of college representative and committees
- Meet and greet today



Members Present: Steve Post, Larry Suva, Laura Smith-Olinde, Howard Hendrickson, Dana Gaddy, Daniel Bercher, Heather Neal-Rice, Helen Benes, Gunnar Boysen, Feifei Wei, Rebecca Patterson, Cesar Compadre, Phil Breen, Lee Ann MacMillan-Crow, Grover Miller

Absent: Julia Goodwin, Ilias Kavouras, Paul Wendel, Todd Nick, Carol Enderlin, Serra Ucer/

Minutes

- The May 8, 2014 minutes were presented but with no attendee sheet attached. It was moved and seconded (LSO did not record who) to accept the minutes as presented but with the addition of the attendance sheets.
- Moved on to item III, came back to II (below).
- Calendar
 - Traci in Steve Post's dept has been keeping up with the calendar, but that will not continue; question to Council is how best to handle
 - Steve stated that while Traci had spent 2-3 hours/week early on in the process, that time has been decreased to about 1 hour/week
 - There are some units/departments who do not choose to inform Traci of upcoming talks, others do
 - Have all departments/units interested in getting the word out through Faculty Senate send the information to a designated person (undecided at present)
 - LSO offered to ask if there is a person available in OED to perform this task
- Vacancies on the Senate Council
 - Julia Goodwin cannot carry out the position of Chairman of the Faculty Senate; she will be out of her current position as of 7-21-14
 - Steve and Howard (elected Chairman-Elect) have spoken with several on campus on the best way to proceed, given this particular situation is not addressed directly in the by-laws
 - Discussion
 - Confirm from Julia that she will not take position (already done)
 - Cesar Compadre gave a pointed out that the by-laws needed to be changed; discussion ensued and there was general consensus that this gap in the by-laws need to be addressed but that is a different issue from the immediate succession
 - Options
 - Howard Hendrickson will immediately assume the Chairmanship and a special election will be held for Parliamentarian and Chairman-Elect
 - Steve will serve the first half of this year as chair and Howard the second half of the year
 - Discussion of the options occurred and the following motion was made by Rebecca Patterson and seconded by Larry Suva:

- In accordance with the Faculty Senate by-laws and effective immediately, Howard Hendrickson will assume the Chairmanship for 2014-2015. One of his first tasks will be to hold a special election for Chair-Elect and Parliamentarian.
 - The vote carried.
- College Representatives to the Faculty Senate Council for 2014-2-15
 - COM – August election
 - CON – August election
 - COPH – has its representatives: Fei Fei Wei and Ilias Kavouras
 - Graduate Council – Helen Benes (1 year term) Gunnar Boysen (two year term)
 - CHP – Danny Bercher remains for this year, Heather Neal-Rice rolls off; election to be held
 - COP – ??
- Reminder of the TRI Meet and Greet this afternoon, Walton Auditorium, 4 pm – 6 pm; attendees were told to have a 30-second elevator pitch of their research
- Other
 - Larry thanked Steve for his service this past year
 - How will progress on the Senate/Academic Affairs plan be measured and who will hold who accountable?
 - The Senate can monitor progress of Deans, P&T Chairs, etc. but these individuals do not have to report to the Senate Council
 - College representatives are tasked with meeting with Deans, etc. for updates
 - The Provost is where the accountability can be enforced
 - Invite Deans to provide updates to the Council
 - Larry asked what the timeline for the special election would be. Howard responded the end of July, if possible. It was acknowledged that getting people to run can be an issue and that many people are off campus in the summer. Cesar recommended an early September vote. The decision was made to hold the election in August, provided there are candidates.
 - Cesar Compadre was self-nominated to run for President elect.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Laura Smith-Olinde, Academic Senate Council Secretary