

**Academic Senate Council Meeting
Wednesday Jan 20th @ Noon**

Approved in the Feb 26th Academic Senate Council Meeting

Attending: Bercher, Compadre, Ferguson, Hendrickson, James, Lefler, MacMillan-Crow, McCain, Miller, Phelps, Post, Smith-Olinde, Voth, Wei, Whited

Absent: Renard, Rosenbaum

Guests: Aliza Brown, Helen Beneš, William Culp, Abdullah Hayar

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Ferguson recommended that the discussion start with some new business items.

The minutes of the 12-9-15 Academic Senate Council were approved as amended.

New Business

State of the University Address

- The Academic Senate will co-host, with the House of Delegates (HOD), the Chancellor's annual State of the University address
- The date is February 23, 2016 on the 12th floor of the Spine Bldg. from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- The Senate will share the cost of the food with HOD; cost to the Senate is approximately \$750

Discussion of new UAMS policies

- Ferguson will reach out to HOD to jointly address the new dress policy
- The Senate Council will discuss later new policy changes, after IT makes the Compliance 360 sign-in available.

Salary notification letters

- The Provost will speak with the deans about annual salary notification letters; she indicated that currently this is optional for deans

Post brought forward the issue of UMR insurance not currently paying for services that were covered previously. The Council decided to invite Becky Goins, Benefits Specialist from Human Resources, to speak with us on this issue, or seek her advice on the issue

Old Business

Faculty Exit Survey

- Smith-Olinde presented the draft version. Discussion occurred regarding several items that Smith-Olinde will revise.
- Miller moved to accept the survey as amended and that Smith-Olinde contact the Human Resources faculty liaison, Mickey Quattlebaum and report in February.
- Lefler seconded and the motion carried.

SPAN : Sponsored Programs Administrative Network MacMillan-Crow informed the Council that the Advisory Committee (AC) for the SPAN is moving slowly

- The AC is deciding how to evaluate issues brought forward
- The current plan for the SPAN is to leave Renee Raines as the Interim Director for about 18 months, then move oversight to Larry Cornett's office; he will choose the permanent director when SPAN moves to his office
- MacMillan-Crow attended the SPAN kick-off event on January 18 and explained how the positions in the SPAN will be filled
 - Current staff must schedule a multi-part assessment with Human Resources in order to be placed in the pool
 - There will be a single posting for all the positions anticipated for the SPAN and all hires will be announced together on February 15, 2016. The individuals chosen will be given one of two start dates, April 2016 or July 2016. All those selected for the SPAN will remain in their current positions until their designated start date.
 - MacMillan-Crow suggested to Council members that they encourage people within their colleges to engage in the hiring process now.
- Several Council members asked about how SPAN will affect ORSP; Post explained ORSP had federal recognition for compliance and is considered regulatory and that the SPAN is designed to reduce the current workload of ORSP

UAMS Assembly Constitution

- Compadre reported on the Faculty Affairs Committee recommendations
 - He made clear that the House of Delegates should not offer changes to the function or composition of the Academic Senate or the Campus Assembly
 - Compadre offered a single change to the current Constitution, to address the situation if the office of President is vacated before the term is completed
 - Several members suggested updating how Senators may vote to include electronic voting and where to store the Academic Senate minutes (currently by paper in the library), to also include online storage
- Ferguson stated she will meet with Benjamin Jackson (House of Delegates President) to identify the starting document to which changes should be made and to agree on a final revision draft to present to Senators for a vote

Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.