

**Academic Senate Council Meeting
Wednesday Dec 9th @ 4pm**

Attending: Bercher, Boysen, Ferguson, Hendrickson, MacMillan-Crow, McCain, Phelps, Post, Renard, Smith-Olinde, Voth, Wei, Whited

Absent: James, Lefler, Miller, Rosenbaum, Price

Guests: Beneš, Breen, Hayar

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

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

New Business

- Miller was asked if the Faculty Senate could promote bell ringers for the Salvation Army on campus in December; after further investigation it was discovered that UAMS has a policy prohibiting such activity representatives of UAMS.
- Bercher reported on changes to catastrophic leave
 - Catastrophic leave (staff only is eligible) in the future will no longer be available for leave to take care of family
 - Ferguson and Hendrickson met with Provost Gardener
 - they confirmed these changes to catastrophic leave would be coming
 - short-term disability leave will be offered to all on campus in the future
 - all employees can use FMLA for emergencies
- Wei stated that her November check contained an error
 - Ferguson commented she had earlier asked Dr. Gardner about this situation
 - 1400 employees had errors on their November checks; Payroll has identified all errors, corrected them, and been in touch with those individuals
 - Wei suggested a notification email be sent to all on campus; Ferguson plans to follow up with Gardner
- Comment was made that many faculty have yet to receive an appointment letter for the current fiscal year (2015-2016)
 - After discussion about this issue, Compadre offered a motion “Send an inquiry to the Provost about why a substantial number of faculty did not receive an appointment letter this year.”
 - Post seconded and the motion passed

Committee Reports

Research – Lee Ann MacMillan-Crow

- Research Shared Services (RSS) implementation has been delayed, the next meeting of the RSS advisory board would be held in January 2016
- Discussion
 - Boysen expressed concern that RSS services will be consumed by clinical departments at the expense of other researchers on campus
 - Renard commented that he is 100% clinical; any research he performs is taken from his clinical service line and has nothing to do with basic science or any other research on campus
 - Post—it is unclear at present how clinical research will be handled
 - Hendrickson—clinical trials are not supposed to part of the RSS; the RSS subcommittees are meeting often right now and more will be revealed later
 - Ferguson said Dr. Gardner had nothing to add about the RSS in their latest meeting

Communications - Grover Miller

- No report

Faculty Affairs – Cesar Compadre (Board Policy)

- The UAMS House of Delegates (HOD) is planning to amend several HOD sections of the UAMS Assembly Constitution and has brought that to the attention of the Academic Senate, requesting the Senate review for changes to their section.
 - After discussion about various needed changes in the document, it was decided that the Faculty Affairs committee will review the document and offer their suggested changes at the January Academic Senate Council meeting. These changes would then go out to entire faculty community for review.

Old Business

Faculty Exit Survey—Smith-Olinde will draft a 1-page survey and distribute to all on the Council for review and comment, following suggestions to streamline the focus of the survey and improve response rate.

Inter-Professional Education—Two IPE staff have left; work is ongoing to fully implement IPE

More New Business

Hendrickson recommended the Council begin a discussion of the implications of clinical service lines for faculty and University at large.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.