

Minutes from the 10/20/2015 Meeting of the UAMS Academic Senate.

Members Present: See attachment

Meeting was called to order by Dan Voth, President-elect at 12:01 pm

Minutes from the Spring Meeting (4/30/2015) were earlier distributed to Faculty. Motion made from the floor for approval of minutes. Minutes approved by a voice vote.

Dan Voth introduced members of the Academic Senate Council. He encouraged College representatives to meet with their respective Deans on a regular basis so that communication between the Faculty and Administration remains viable.

Helen Benés and Bill Culp, on behalf of the Faculty, recognized Larry Suva and Dana Gaddy for their service to the Academic Senate and Academic Senate Council. Larry Suva served as President elect, President, and Past-President of the Academic Senate. Dana Gaddy served as Chair of the Academic Senate Communications Committee. Each will be presented with a plaque in recognition of their service to UAMS and the Academic Senate.

Chancellor Dan Rahn spoke to the Academic Senate about changes that are occurring within the institution. These changes are being driven by the financial realities.

UAMS has a budget of 1.4 billion. 70% from patient care, 9% Grants, 5.9% State appropriation, 6% gifts, 2% tuition. Chancellor Rahn stated that UAMS needs to redesign how it does business. These changes are being implemented through, Clinical Services Lines, Contract Services, Student Information Services, and Research Shared Services.

Provost Stephanie Gardner provided an update on the Faculty Center, and Interprofessional Education. Jan Shorey has been named Director and Vice-Provost of the UAMS Faculty Center. The Center will be a central location for information and will help colleges develop mentoring and recruitment plans for UAMS faculty.

Bill Bowes, UAMS CFO, provided an update on Research Shared Services (RSS). Planning began in April 2014 and is based in large part on similar program implemented at Emory, NC State, and Kentucky. RSS is needed because 14 out of 37 departments or units have no grant administrative support. RSS will decrease the number of proposals that have to be reworked. Note that 1 in 14 proposals must be reworked prior to submission. RSS will also decrease the amount of time needed to approve Clinical Trials at UAMS.

Rollout will begin with the basic science departments in the COM. Staff will be located close to Faculty to maintain cohesive working environment.

Chancellor Rahn closed the meeting with some comments on the need to make changes quickly in a health care environment that is changing quickly.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Respectively submitted by,

Howard Hendrickson