

Academic Senate Meeting, May 7, 2013

Minutes

59 attendees

Council Members: Larry Suva, Steve Post, Tom Kelly, Lee Ann MacMillan-Crow, Dana Gaddy, Jerry Ware, Bill Culp, Howard Hendrickson, Paul Wendel, Ilias Kavouras, Lindy Bollen, Serra Ucer, Julia Goodwin, Rebecca Patterson, Elizabeth Bard, Feifei Wei, Phil Breen

COM: Paul Hermonat, Roy Morello, Maha Mahadervan, Wayne Gray, Ginell Post, Josh Bornhorst, Wayne Wahls, Abdallah Hayar, Bobby McGehee, Murat Gokden, Grover Miller, Michael Borrelli, Sung Rhee, David Davies, Don Mock, Helen Benes, Mayumi Nakagawa, Leah Hennings, Jennifer Laudadio, Jack Hinson, Paul Prather, Paul Gottschall, John Marecki, Kevin Rainey, Patty Wight, Perry Chowdhury, Nicholas Long, Aime Franco, Don Bodenner, Joan Poner?, Lindi Seey?

CON: Seongkum Heo, Leanne Lefler, Carol Enderlin

COP: Grazyna Nowak, Nukhet Aykin-Burns

CHP: Heather Neal-Rice

Academic Affairs: Jean Chen, Elizabeth Bard

Administration: Dan Rahn, Jeanne Heard,

1. The Chair, Larry Suva, called the meeting to order.
2. Dr. Suva presented a short slide show that introduced the newly elected officers: Julia Goodwin (College of Nursing) was voted as the President-Elect, and Howard Hendrickson (College of Pharmacy) as Parliamentarian. He also listed the current council members.
3. It was pointed on numerous occasions that the UAMS Academic Senate needs improved representation/participation of faculty to continue to succeed. **New ideas are welcome!**
4. Dr. Suva also reported on the main issues that the Senate accomplished during this past year, which included: improved visibility of Core Facilities on campus, discussion and e-vote of 'partner benefits' at UAMS, and implementation of the Faculty Senate Survey. It was noted that during the next year the Senate will need to possibly amend the Senate by-law's which allow for Electronic discussion and voting for important Senate forum/discussions.
5. He also discussed the Senate Financial Report which receives \$4891 from the Chancellor each year. The Senate pays 5% in salary support for an Academic Affairs position responsible for sending out weekly reminders of seminars occurring campus wide. The remaining \$2813 is to be used at the Senate's discretion.
6. Dr. Suva gave a brief update on the Senate Committee's-we are still waiting and recruiting new members for the Faculty Affairs Committee -please contact any Senate officer if you would like

to help with this important committee. Dr. Borrelli spoke briefly about the Research Committee meetings and current issues that the committee is working on. He summarized some key areas that will be addressed over the next several months in this committee. These included:

- a. Bridge funding/unfunded research
 - b. How to help Cancer center with NCI designation
 - c. Increased collaboration in focused research areas
7. Dr. Gaddy (Chair of Communications Committee) presented the raw 2013 Faculty Senate Survey via a slide show. These data are still being processed and the Senate/Committee will provide raw data as well as a summary of key findings from the survey and post this information on the Academic Senate Website as well as sending email notification. There was a robust discussion from the floor regarding some of the results and how and what the Senate would provide to all faculty regarding the survey results.
 8. Chancellor Rahn and Dr. Jeanne Heard asked the Senate to please identify keys areas that need improvement on the campus (based on survey results) and set-up working groups to work with existing committees focused on Clinical Affairs, Research, Administration, and Education.
 9. Chancellor Rahn also pointed out that the survey results could be used to improve areas that are disconcerting on campus by streamlining processes that may not be required by law. In addition, he stated that the campus will likely 'not get any new money so we need to work together to save money'.
 10. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.