

Welcome to the Spring Meeting Academic Senate -2016

Alesia Ferguson (President)

Associate Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health
Academic Senate Council Officers and Activities
Vote for Constitutional Changes

Guest Speakers

Dr. Jeannette Shorey

Associate Provost for Faculty
UAMS Office of Faculty Affairs
Professor of Internal Medicine
“Future of UAMS Child Development Center”



Dr. Brian Bolter

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UCA Department of Psychology and Counseling
UCA Academic Senate
“Faculty Governance”



Approve Fall 2015 Minutes

Council Officers, April 2016

- President: Dan Voth
- President-Elect: Leanne Lefler
- Past-President: Alesia Ferguson

**Thanks to Howard Hendrickson for
Service in Presidential Roles**

| Appointment Method | Position | Name | Term Year | Month |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| Campus Vote | President | Dan Voth | 2016-2017 | March |
| Campus Vote | President-Elect | Leanne Lefler | 2016-2017 | March |
| Campus Vote | Past President | Alesia Ferguson | 2016-2017 | March |
| Campus Vote | Secretary | Laura Smith-Olinde | 2014-2016 | August |
| Campus Vote | Parliamentarian | Danny Bercher | 2015-2017 | March |
| Campus Vote | Member-at-Large | Steven Post | 2015-2017 | Nov |
| Appointed or Vote within College | Health Professions | Joshua Phelps | 2015-2017 | Sept |
| | | Danny Bercher | 2015-2017 | Sept |
| Appointed or Vote within College | Graduate School | Andrew James | 2015-2017 | May |
| | | Gunnar Boysen | 2014-2016 | August |
| Appointed or Vote within College | Public Health | Kathy Boyle | 2014-2017 | Oct |
| | | Feifei Wei | 2014-2016 | August |
| Appointed or Vote within College | Medicine | Regis Renard | 2015-2017 | Jan |
| | | Thea Rosenbaum | 2015-2017 | Jan |
| Appointed or Vote within College | Nursing | LeAnn Lefler | 2015-2017 | May |
| | | Teresa Whited | 2015-2017 | May |
| Appointed or Vote within College | Pharmacy | Keith McCain | 2015-2017 | July |
| | | Cesar Compadre | 2014-2016 | August |
| <p>Abdallah Hayar manages website and Elizabeth Bard handles accounting and some other academic issues Adam Price: Student Representative from GSA</p> | | | | |

Mission of the Academic Senate

1. To provide an organization that will permit a broad base for campus governance through a participating involvement of students, faculty, and staff in the development of guidelines and regulations for campus affairs in relation to those matters that affect the quality of campus life as well as to those matters that enhance and sustain an environment of academic excellence
2. To generate and promote understanding, collaboration, and a sense of community on this campus
3. To provide a representative forum for the communication and exchange of ideas as the basis for a deliberative synthesis of recommendations to the Chancellor and, through the Chancellor's Office, to the President of the University on matters of concern to members of the Assembly.

Areas for Improvement: 2013

Campus Wide Faculty

- Improve communication among faculty
- Improve the value of teaching
- Improve faculty mentoring
- Increase interdisciplinary science and increase faculty involvement in developing/implementing research priorities

Promoting Communication

- Academic Senate Council meets monthly
- Full Academic Senate meets twice a year
- Academic Senate Council meets with UAMS Leadership
- Academic Senate Representative meets with College Leadership
- Academic Senate Blog
- Minutes of the Academic Senate available on website
- Friday email of academic calendar
 - Senate website linked in Friday email
- Email/Talk to your representatives and officers!!!!

This Year Activities

- Sponsored Programs Administrative Network (SPAN)
- Interprofessional Education (IPE)
- Reviewing various policies relevant to faculty
- Meeting with Leadership (Provost, Dean)
- Completion of Faculty Exit Survey
- Other Concerns brought to our attention

Upcoming

- More policies to understand/Improve/Intepret...
 - Representative on the UAMS Administrative Network
- Completing constitutional changes
- Establishing an AS ad hoc committee for faculty grievances
- Still need to improve communication
- Improve website
- Working more closely with House of Delegates
- Planning community service event by faculty
- Sponsored program administrative network (SPAN)

Vote to Approve the Constitutional Changes

Constitutional Changes: Academic Senate

| Pages | Current Language | Proposed Language |
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| 2 | ...two faculty elected from each College and one faculty elected from campus-wide... | two faculty elected from each College and <u>three faculty members elected by the faculty at large,</u> |
| 4 | The Academic Senate Council shall submit a yearly written report of activities to the Academic Senate to be placed on reserve in the library. | The Academic Senate Council shall submit a yearly written report of activities to the Academic Senate to be placed on <u>the Academic Senate website.</u> |
| 5 | By a three-fifths (3/5) vote of those present and voting, provided that thirty percent (30%) of the membership is present, the Academic Senate Council or the Academic Senate may appeal those differences requiring resolution to the appropriate system-wide University authority and the President; | By a three-fifths (3/5) vote of those present and voting, provided that thirty percent (30%) of the membership <u>is present,</u> may appeal those differences requiring resolution to the appropriate system-wide University authority and the President; |
| 5-6 | ...Chairperson-elect who shall distribute it to all members of the Academic Senate through the campus mail <u>***</u> not later than one week before... | ...Chairperson-elect who shall distribute it to all members of the Academic Senate through the campus mail <u>and/or electronic mail</u> not later than one week before... |
| 6 | In addition, a copy of these minutes shall be made publicly available in the UAMS Library. | In addition, a copy of these minutes shall be made publicly available <u>on the Academic Senate website.</u> |
| 6 | Voting shall ordinarily be by voice, (except Academic Senate elections <u>***</u>) but in cases of doubt, any member may request a hand count vote. | Voting shall ordinarily be by voice, (except Academic Senate elections <u>that should be conducted by campus mail or electronic mail</u>) but in cases of doubt, any member may request a hand count vote. |
| 6 | ...but voting must be done at the next meeting unless the majority of those present ask for a mail <u>***</u> ballot. | ...but voting must be done at the next meeting unless the majority of those present ask for a mail <u>or electronic mail</u> ballot. |
| 8 | ...the Secretary is responsible for maintaining a copy of the minutes of the Academic Senate and committees thereof; as well as a list of committee membership on reserve in the library. | ...the Secretary is responsible for maintaining a copy of the minutes of the Academic Senate and committees thereof; as well as a list of committee membership <u>on the Academic Senate website.</u> |
| 8 | The Secretary will also maintain in the library and the Chancellor's Office, minutes of all system-wide committees and councils. | The Secretary will also maintain in the Chancellor's Office, minutes of <u>the Academic Senate and Academic Senate Council meetings.</u> |

Constitutional Changes Cont'd: Academic Senate

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| 10 | The Nominations Committee will prepare a slate of at least two and no more than three members for each office to be filled. <u>***</u> The proposed slate will be representative of each College and the campus-wide appointments. | The Nominations Committee will prepare a slate of at least two and no more than three members for each office to be filled. <u>The ballot will also include the candidates for the at-large positions.</u> The proposed slate will be representative of each College and the campus-wide appointments. |
| 10 | ...the Nominations Committee will prepare and mail ballots <u>***</u> to the membership... | ...the Nominations Committee will prepare and mail ballots <u>or electronic mail ballots</u> to the membership... |
| 10 | Section 2. <u>***</u> In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson-elect,... | Section 2. <u>In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairperson, the Chairperson-elect will become the Chairperson, and complete the remaining time left by the vacancy in addition to his/hers normal period. The office of the Chair-elect will be declared vacant.</u> In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson-elect,... |
| 11 | ...two faculty elected by and from each College, and one faculty elected from campus-wide appointments. | ...two faculty elected by and from each College, and <u>three at-large faculty members elected by the faculty.</u> |
| 15 | ...submitted to the Agenda Committees of both the Academic Senate and the House of Delegates and... | ...submitted to the Academic Senate <u>Council</u> and the <u>Executive Committee of the House of Delegates</u> and... |

Constitutional Changes: House of Delegates

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| 7 | The Agenda Committee... | The <u>Executive</u> Committee |
| 7 | ...Secretary who shall distribute it to all members of the House of Delegates through the campus *** mail not later than one week before... | ...Secretary who shall distribute it to all members of the House of Delegates through the campus <u>E-mail</u> one week before... |
| 7 | ...submitted to the Chairperson of the Agenda Committee | ...submitted to the Chairperson of the <u>Executive</u> Committee |
| 7 | ...left to the discretion of the Agenda Committee | ...left to the discretion of the <u>Executive</u> Committee |
| 7 | There is no provision for proxy or cumulative voting. | There is no provision for proxy voting. |
| 8 | ...in the latest edition of <u>Robert's Rules of Order ***</u> . | ...in the latest edition of <u>Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised</u> . |
| 9 | The Chairperson will serve *** one year ***. | The Chairperson will serve <u>a one year term</u> ... |
| 9 | ...and its Agenda Committee. | ...and its <u>Executive</u> Committee. |
| 9 | ...serves as a member of the Agenda Committee... | ...serves as a member of the <u>Executive</u> Committee... |
| 9 | The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes, duplication and distribution of minutes, and also serves as a member of the Agenda Committee. | The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes, distribution of minutes, and also serves as a member of the <u>Executive</u> Committee. |
| 9 | ...as well as a list of membership on reserve in the library . | ...as well as a list of membership on <u>the House of Delegates website</u> . |
| 9 | ...minutes of all system-wide committees and councils . | ...minutes of all <u>monthly meetings</u> . |
| 10 | ...and will also serve as a member of the Agenda Committee and will ensure that all employee suggestions are submitted to the Agenda Committee. | ...and will also serve as a member of the <u>Executive</u> Committee and will ensure that all employee suggestions are submitted to the <u>Executive</u> Committee. |
| 10 | Persons newly elected as officers of the House of Delegates assume their offices immediately after the election meeting... | Persons newly elected as officers of the House of Delegates assume their offices <u>on July 1</u> after the election meeting... |

Constitutional Changes: House of Delegates

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| 11 | The Nominations Committee will prepare a slate of at least two and no more than three members for each office to be filled. | The <u>Membership and Elections</u> Committee will prepare a slate of at least <u>one</u> and no more than three members for each office to be filled. |
| 11 | Following this meeting, the House of Delegates' officers will prepare and *** mail ballots to the membership by April 15 . | Following this meeting, the House of Delegates' officers will prepare and <u>E</u> -mail ballots to the membership <u>by April 30th</u> . |
| 11 | Members shall return ballots by May 1 to be counted . | Members shall return ballots <u>within one week</u> . |
| 11 | ...two nominees receiving the most votes will be conducted immediately by *** mail with two weeks allowed for return of ballot. | ...two nominees receiving the most votes will be conducted immediately by <u>E</u> -mail with one week allowed for return of ballot. |
| 11 | However, if any elected office is not re-elected in September for another term as representative, he/she will remain a member of the House of Delegates for his/her term of office. | |
| 13 | a. Agenda Committee | a. <u>Executive</u> Committee |
| 13 | The Agenda Committee... | The <u>Executive</u> Committee... |
| 13 | The Agenda Committee... | The <u>Executive</u> Committee... |
| 13 | b. Nominations Committee | b. <u>Membership and Elections</u> Committee |
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