

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Brad Martin, COP	President	x	
Tiffany Huitt, COM	President Elect	x	
Priya Mendiratta, COM	Past President		Excused
Summer Khairi, CHP	Secretary	x	
Clare Brown, COPH	Parliamentarian	x	
Elizabeth Riley, CON	Member at Large		x
David Ussery, COM	Member at Large	x	
Nukhet Aykin-Burns, COP	Member at Large	x	
Layla Simmons, CHP	Representative	x	
Christopher Walter, CHP	Representative	x	
Lin-Xi Li, GS	Representative	x	
Corey Nagel, CON	Representative	x	
Sara Jones, CON	Representative		Excused
Darin Jones, COP	Representative	x	
Laura Gressler, COP	Representative		x
Stefani Gafford, AA	Representative	x	
Kay Strahan, AA	Representative		Excused
Steve Cherney, COM	Representative	x	
Ronald Sanders, COM	Representative	x	
Ben Stronach, COM	Representative	x	
Anthony Goudie, COPH	Representative		x
Sean Young, COPH	Representative	x	
Hannah Hunt	Representative	x	

**Guests:** Amanda George, Jennifer Gan, Wendy Ward, Kelsey Norton, Emily Sparkman, Thomas Cunningham, Lee Ann MacMillan-Crow, Steve Post, Shayla Stinnett, Abdallah Hayar, Cherika Robertson, Wei Li, Tina Maddox, Gunnar Boysen, Nathan Johnson, Jeffery Ferguson, Ginell Post, Amber Teigan, John Jefferson, Dana Moser

**Academic Senate Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes**  
**July 25, 2022**

**I. Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Martin at 2:00pm

**II. Report of Minutes**

The minutes were approved by the board.

**III. Report of UAMS Finances, Amanda George, Vice Chancellor for Finance and CFO**

- i. \$1.9B total revenue at UAMS
- ii. Sources of Revenue: Patient Care (75%), Grants & Contracts (13.2%), Gross State Appropriations (6.9%), Education (4.5%) and other (0.4%).
- iii. Resource Optimization (ReOp) Committee formed in 2019
  1. Committee with representatives across campus (faculty and Administrative)
  2. Goals: Increase efficiencies, enhance revenue, eliminate waste and duplication and standardize processes.
  3. On track for \$10M in confirmed financial impact for FY22 projects.

**IV. Incoming Presidential Address (Martin)**

- i. Dr. Martin discussed being chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee at the University of Georgia and the importance of growing the Academic Senate at UAMS.
- ii. The Constitution revision was passed in May 2022.
- iii. Goals for Academic Senate: Vanguard for faculty welfare, Nudge the Senate towards a more formal governance structure, and work collaboratively with UAMS Administration.

**V. Updates and New Business (Martin)**

- a. Welcome Hannah Hunt, Associated Student Government President
- b. Update from Graduate School to replace Gunnar Boysen's Academic Senate seat
  - i. Only spot left to fill.
- c. Meeting with the Provost update
  - i. Leadership team meets with the Provost on a monthly basis.
  - ii. Reviewed Recommendations from Faculty Survey
  - iii. Discussed Gallup Survey
    1. Results will be presented at a Town Hall in August/September
  - iv. Discussion Parental Leave
    1. Breaking ground in September. Potential opening in Spring 2024.
  - v. Faculty Appreciation Committee
    1. Please reach out to Dr. Ward if you are interested in volunteering on the committee.
  - vi. Onboarding Event
    1. Will need volunteers
    2. Helps with branding

- d. Appointment of Academic Senate member to sit on Administrative Council
  - i. Need volunteer to sit on the Administrative Council.
  - ii. Abdallah Hayar would like to volunteer.
  - iii. Leaving open for a week to see if any more volunteers.
- e. Seminar series, August 10, 2022
  - i. Steven Caldwell from the University of Arkansas will be offering a seminar on effective faculty governance. This seminar will have an in-person and virtual option.
  - ii. Solicit interest in meeting with him before or after seminar.
    - 1. Let Dr. Martin know if you are interested in having lunch with Steven Caldwell.
- f. Charge Faculty Affairs Committee to explore parental leave policies
  - i. Evaluate UAMS Parental Leave Policy and those at other UA System schools and Regional Employers
  - ii. Coordinate activities with Wendy Ward
  - iii. Develop Recommendations for Parental Leave Policy for consideration of Faculty Senate.
- g. Solicit feedback on recurring Meeting Time
  - i. Majority of meeting will occur virtually. 1-2 Face to Face Hybrid meetings per semester
  - ii. Attendance is mandatory for Senators unless excused.
  - iii. Poll Everywhere
    - 1. Does 2-3pm on the fourth Monday suit your calendar?
      - a. Yes: 76%
      - b. No: 24%
      - c. 21 Responses
    - 2. Does 3-4pm on the fourth Monday suit your calendar?
      - a. Yes: 73%
      - b. No: 27%
      - c. 21 Responses

## **VI. Committee Reports**

- a. Research Committee
  - i. Facts for FY21
    - 1. Funding increased by over 40%
    - 2. \$142M total research funding
    - 3. \$69M from NIH
    - 4. \$53M from federal
    - 5. \$26M at ACH
    - 6. \$8M at VA
  - ii. The role of the Academic Senate Research Committee is to:
    - 1. Serve as a liaison between UAMS researchers and on-campus research entities at UAMS
    - 2. Facilitate the participation of UAMS researchers in the annual UAMS Student Research Day.

- iii. Previous Work
  - 1. Workday Preparation
    - a. Met with users from UALR and UA Systems (2021 transition)
  - 2. Academic Senate Faculty Survey
    - a. Provided input on survey questions
    - b. Encourage faculty to complete survey
    - c. Reviewed results to inform future initiatives.
  - 3. Purchasing and procurement
    - a. Provided statement of research faculty concerns
    - b. Reviewed current recommendations from the UAMS Procurement and Travel process improvement committee.
- iv. Future Initiatives
  - 1. Promote researchers concerns in faculty survey
    - a. Purchasing and procurement
    - b. Indirect costs transparency
    - c. Building research infrastructure
  - 2. Provide information and resources for researchers through collaborations
    - a. Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee
    - b. Academic Senate Communication Committee
    - c. UAMS Office of Research and Innovation
  - 3. Support UAMS educational pathway programs.
    - a. Recruit faculty to serve as judges for Student Research Day
    - b. Provide research opportunities for diverse group of learners
    - c. Support programs, such as INBRE, UAMS Summer Research Institute and UAMS pathways.
- v. Meeting Time- Second Thursday of each month at 1pm
  - 1. Let Jen Gan know if you want to join committee.
- b. Faculty Affairs Committee
  - i. Present at next meeting
- c. Communications Committee
  - i. Present at next meeting

## **VII. College Officer Reports**

- a. Graduate School (Boysen, Li)
  - i. Nothing to Report
- b. College of Health Professions (Moser, Simmons)
  - i. Nothing to Report
- c. College of Medicine (Mendiratta, Turnage)
  - i. Nothing to Report
- d. College of Nursing (S Jones, Nagle)
  - i. Nothing to Report
- e. College of Pharmacy (D Jones, Gressler)
  - i. Nothing to Report
- f. College of Public Health (Goudie, Selig)
  - i. Nothing to Report

- g. Academic Affairs (Blake)
  - i. Nothing to Report
- h. Associated Student Government (Hunt)
  - i. Nothing to Report

**VIII. Announcements**

- a. August 10<sup>th</sup> – Effective Faculty Governance

**IX. Adjourn at 3:03pm**