

Academic Senate Council
September 26, 2016
Approved Minutes

Attending: Bercher, Boyle, Boysen, Compadre, Ferguson, Huitt, James, Matthews, McCain, MacMillan-Crow, Post, Phelps, Owen, Smith-Olinde, Voth, Whited

Absent: James, Lefler, Miller, Renard, Rosenbaum, Wei

Guests: Bard, Hayar, Jackson, Palade, Parham, Rainey, Stearman, Steele

Special Guest: President Bobbitt, University of Arkansas System

Meeting called to order by Voth at 1:00 p.m.

1. After being moved and seconded, minutes of the August meeting was approved on voice vote
2. Chair's Report—Provost's meeting
 - a. The Provost is reaching out to emeritus faculty
 - i. Provost will pay their parking when on campus
 - ii. There is now dedicated space in the library for emeritus faculty
 - b. She wants more faculty input on the hiring policy regarding smokers
 - c. Her office is in the final stages of drafting the AIM self-study; faculty governance will be key at the site visit
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications Committee – no report; Miller is attending the campus-wide Internal Communications Committee meetings
 - b. Research
 - i. Bill Bowes has invited several research faculty to a meeting on Friday, September 30 to discuss procurement issues
 - ii. The SPAN committee meets Friday, September 30
 - c. Faculty Affairs
 - i. Nothing new to report
 - ii. Voth has assigned this committee the task of putting together a new faculty survey; Bard has supplied a previous version of this survey to the Senate
 - d. HOD
 - i. The first meeting of the year was used to introduce the HOD's committees to members
 - ii. Senate may be interested in pairing with/looking at the *Good Neighbor/Public Relations Committee*
 - iii. AS is teaming with HOD for Thanksgiving; the goal is for each faculty member to contribute \$10 toward meals for UAMS employees

1. There is still discussion of how to make the contribution process work for faculty to provide a receipt
 2. HOD has been providing this service to employees for a number of years and has served about 30
 3. Any leftover funds will be used for the Christmas project, something faculty will need to be made aware of
 4. AS is on track to partner with science classes in public schools in spring 2017
- e. Administrative Council
- i. Existing no-smoking policy on campus will be enforced beginning July 2016; campus police have cited several individuals. Guests are given 3 warnings before citation, employees are cited on first offense
 - ii. The new federal Labor Department rule has prompted the suggestion to research staff and others that for anyone earning less than \$47,476/year, their salary be increased to meet the minimum needed so they will not have to clock in and receive overtime pay for hours worked over 40/week
4. Old Business
- a. Procurement – see Research report above
 - b. Faculty Survey – see Faculty Affairs report above; the Senate has money in its budget to purchase a professional version of Survey Monkey
 - c. Exit Survey update – roll out was originally planned for August; that date has been postponed until January 2017
5. New Business
- a. A draft of the CHP definition of “collegiality” for use in the new Tenure and Promotion document was presented
 - b. A question was raised about collegiality versus professionalism, which is the “right” term for the CHP definition?
 - c. A comment was made that the CHP definition appears to go beyond professionalism
 - d. Discussion was stopped at that point to welcome President Bobbitt
6. President Donald Bobbitt presented the process to be used in selecting the new Chancellor of UAMS. Chancellor Rahn announced last week he would be retiring as of June 30, 2017.
- a. President Bobbitt will receive faculty names from the Faculty Senate regarding who will serve on the Chancellor Search Committee; he will make the final decision on composition of the committee
 - b. A search firm will be used in concert with the search committee
 - c. He does not anticipate needing an interim Chancellor
 - d. In response to a question, President Bobbitt indicated the choice of a new UAMS Hospital CEO would occur in the near future