

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Brad Martin, COP	President	x	
Tiffany Huitt, COM	President Elect	x	
Priya Mendiratta, COM	Past President	x	
Summer Khairi, CHP	Secretary	x	
Clare Brown, CPH	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		Excused
Lin-Xi Li, GS	Representative	x	
Melanie MacNicol	Representative	x	
Corey Nagel, CON	Representative	x	
Pamela Degravelles, CON	Representative		x
Darin Jones, COP	Representative	x	
Laura Gressler, COP	Representative	x	
Stefani Gafford, AA	Representative	x	
Kay Strahan, AA	Representative	x	
Steve Cherney, COM	Representative	x	
Ronald Sanders, COM	Representative	x	
Ben Stronach, COM	Representative	x	
Anthony Goudie, CPH	Representative	x	
Sean Young, CPH	Representative	x	
Hannah Hunt, ASG	Representative	x	

Guests: Wendy Ward, Wei Li, Tina Maddox, Kat Neill, Jen Gan, John Jefferson, Helen Hu, Amber Teigan, Abdallah Hayar, Gunnar Boysen, Steve Post

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2022
ZOOM

I. Welcome and Call to Order (Martin)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Martin at 2:02pm.

II. Approval of October Meeting Minutes (Martin)

The minutes were approved.

III. Updates and New Business (Martin)

- a. Dr. Helen Hu, Director of the Educational and Student Success Center and Kat Neill, Associate Provost for Academics

i. Student Services

1. Academic Coaching- Meetings with a Learning Specialist to work on time management, study skills, test anxiety, and strategies for test taking.
2. Peer Tutoring- Subject matter specific meeting between you and a tutor to help you better understand the course material.

ii. Other Services

1. Writing Center- A free service to help students improve any writing project, from an academic essay to curriculum vitae
2. Tech Support- The Tech Center focuses on mobile device and laptop support and can provide assistance in picking a new device.

iii. Faculty Services

1. Awards and Grants

- a. Chancellor's Teaching Award
- b. Educators Academy Grants

2. Faculty Development

- a. Teaching Workshops
- b. Consultation
- c. Teaching Observations by Peers (TOPs)

3. Professional Learning Community

- a. Teach the Teacher Symposium
- b. Professional Learning Network Activities

4. Website

- a. <https://students.uams.edu/success/faculty-development/>

- b. Discussion: Search committee for VC for Human Resources

- i. Clare Brown will represent the Academic Senate.

- c. **Action Item: Resolution on Shared Governance moved to floor from the ad-hoc committee for shared governance**

RESOLUTION ON SHARED GOVERNANCE

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WHEREAS the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas for the Governance and Administration of the University of Arkansas ([Board policy 100.4](#), section 5.1) states: “The constituency of each principal campus shall develop a system of campus government to establish policies and procedures for campus governance. The purposes shall be to provide a system that permits a **broad base for governance** of that campus through appropriate participating involvement of the administration, students, faculty, and staff in the determination of guidelines and policies for campus affairs and to generate and promote understanding, collaboration and a sense of community on the campus”;

WHEREAS the criteria for accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission, ([HLC Policy](#), Section 5.A) states “**Shared governance** at the institution engages its internal constituencies—including its governing board, administration, faculty, staff and students—through planning, policies and procedures” and “The institution’s administration ensures that faculty and, when appropriate, staff and students are involved in setting academic requirements, policy and processes through **effective collaborative structure**”;

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WHEREAS the Academic Senate understands that shared governance is a productive, collegial and appropriate cooperation between the faculty and the administration;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate is requesting representation in campus committee assignments by requesting to nominate faculty members who shall represent the Academic Senate on the following committees: Academic Policy Committee, Intercollegiate Faculty Committee, OSPAN Advisory Board, and Space Committee. The person representing the Academic Senate shall be a voting member of these committees and have a voice on all matters especially those involving faculty;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate is requesting access to the meeting minutes which report on the activities and decisions made by the following committees: Dean Advisory Council, Institutional Assessment and Effectiveness, and the Academic Affairs Advisory committee. Further, the Academic Senate shall have the opportunity to provide feedback to these committees on matters, programs and policies involving faculty.

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- a. After some discussion and friendly amendments, the amendment passed:
 - i. 20-Yes – David Ussery, Kay Strahan, Clare Brown, Layla Simmons, Laura Gressler, Anthony Goudie, Tiffany Huitt, Nukhet Aykin-Burns, Sean Young, Steve Cherney, Darin Jones, Bradley Martin, Melanie MacNicol, Corey Nagel, Ron Sanders Jr., Ben Stronach, Summer Khairi, Stefani Gafford, Lin-Xi Li, Priya Mendiratta
 - ii. 0-No

2. Brad Martin proposed the amendments highlighted below which was seconded by Melanie MacNicol.

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- a. After some discussion the, amendment passed:
 - i. 16- Yes-Ron Sanders Jr, Melanie MacNicol, Clare Brown, Anthony Goudie, Darin Jones, Summer Khairi, Stefani Gafford, Layla Simmons, Kay Strahan, David Ussery, Priya Mendiratta, Nukhet Aykin-Burns, Sean Young, Bradley Martin, Lin-Xi Li, Corey Nagel
 - ii. 0-No

3. The amended version of the resolution was discussed and the amended version of the resolution passed:
 - i. 15-Yes-David Ussery, Summer Khairi, Anthony Goudie, Nukhet Aykin-Burns, Sean Young, Priya Mendiratta, Layla Simmons, Melanie MacNicol, Bradley Martin, Kay Strahan, Stefani Gafford, Lin-Xi Li, Ben Stronach, Ron Sanders Jr, Corey Nagel
 - ii. 0-No
- d. Replacing open seat currently held by Sean Young
 - i. COPH will need to replace the seat.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Research Committee (Gan)
 - i. Need volunteer judges for student research day
 - ii. Need a 100 more judges
 - iii. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094da4aa28a6f49-faculty31>
- b. Faculty Affairs Committee (Aykin-Burns)
 - i. Working draft for the parental leave policy resolution.
- c. Communications Committee (Hayar)
 - i. No update

V. College Officer Reports

- a. Graduate School (Macnicol, Li)
 - i. No Update
- b. College of Health Professions (Walter, Simmons)
 - i. No Update
- c. College of Medicine (Cherney, Sanders, Stronach)
 - i. Meet with Dean. Created a shared email address for all faculty to reach out to the representatives.
- d. College of Nursing (Degrauelles, Nagle)
 - i. No update
- e. College of Pharmacy (D Jones, Gressler)
 - i. No Update
- f. College of Public Health (Goudie, Young)
 - i. No Update
- g. Academic Affairs (Gafford, Strahan)
 - i. Library on main and NW campus will be closed from December 23rd -January 2nd.
 - ii. Will be available electronically.
- h. Associated Student Government (Hunt)
 - i. ASG has social media up and running

- ii. Events are being scheduled.

VI. Announcements

- a. Holiday Drive: 12th street Wellness Center – See below
 - i. Need for personal items, snacks, books
 - ii. Cash App- See QR code below
 - iii. Check payable to 12street Health and Wellness Center
 - 1. Memo Line: Senate Holiday Drive
 - iv. Can send through campus mail to Brad Martin, Pharmacy Practice, slot 522

- b. Council of Deans policy update:

The Council of Deans have approved the attached policies that were submitted for review. Please note they all had minor changes.

- i. **1.5.2 Public Health Emergency Student Personal Protective Equipment Guidelines (Biennial Review):** The policy was updated to remove the distance definition for social distancing. The infection prevention group approved this change. Language regarding implementing public health guidelines was updated.

- ii. **2.2.9 Student Formal Complaint Resolution (Biennial Review):** Academic Affairs created this policy in 2018 to meet Department of Education and HLC requirements. A few changes were made to the language regarding FERPA complaints.

- iii. **4.1.2 Student Administrative Discontinuation:** Minor updates clarifying definitions

VII. Adjourn at 3:26pm

Approved by Academic Senate: December 5, 2022

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ACADEMIC SENATE GIVES BACK!

Holiday Drive



Help us bring joy and cheer to
patients and families of the
12th St. Health and Wellness Center

Donations will provide personal items,
kids snacks and books!

Scan to pay with Cash App: \$12thStHWC
Memo line: Senate Holiday Drive



Make check payable to:
UAMS 12th St. Health and Wellness Center