

**Academic Senate Council Meeting Agenda
September 25, 2023**

I. Approval of August Minutes

II. Updates and New Business (Huitt and others)

- a. Welcome Farhan Kawsar, ASG President
- b. Monthly Senate Leadership Meeting report
 - i. Dean search updates
 - ii. Parental leave policy updates
 - iii. 2022 Faculty Retention Final Report
- c. Senate Representation across campus
 - i. AI Policy Committee update, Brad Martin
 - ii. CFE Faculty Wellness Committee update, Gafford and Gressler
 - iii. UAMS Research Faculty Orientation and Administration Showcase
- d. 2023 Faculty Survey
- e. Senate Onboarding Process
- f. Senate Budget Requests

III. Committee Reports

- a. Research Committee (Gan)
- b. Faculty Affairs Committee (Aykin-Burns)
- c. Membership and Elections Committee (Aykin-Burns)
- d. Communications Committee (Hayar)
- e. Administrative Council (Hayar)
- f. Intercollegiate Faculty Committee (Khari)
- g. Academic Policy Committee (Ussery)
- h. Space Committee (De Gravelles)

IV. College Officer Reports

- a. Graduate School (Macnicol, Miousse)
- b. College of Health Professions (Walter, Karaduta)
- c. College of Medicine (Cherney, Shah, Stronach)
- d. College of Nursing (Degravelles, Reeves)
- e. College of Pharmacy (Gressler, Pathak)
- f. College of Public Health (Goudie, Allison)
- g. Academic Affairs (Gafford, Strahan)
- h. Associated Student Government (Kawsar)

V. Announcements

- a. November 8, 2023: Seminar series speaker Matt Hodgkins, "AI in Scientific Research"
 - i. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/matthodgkinson/>

- b. IAMSE Webcast Audio Seminar Series titled: Brains, Bots & Beyond- Exploring AI” Impact on Medical Education.
 - i. Please visit the following website to register to register as an Institutional Faculty Add On. Registration link:
https://julnet.swoogo.com/fall2023inst/begin?c_2923794=14495391®_type_id=442060&ref=Paid+I

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Informational Items From the Council of Deans Meeting

COD Meeting, August 22, 2023

Action Items-

- Amanda George provided a brief overview of our finances and COD members and administrative colleagues (finance) were able to ask questions.
- Brian Gittens reminded group of upcoming diversity event and Edith Irby Jones award (nominations due).
- Next Meeting - September 26, 2023

Academic Policy Updates

The following policies have been approved by the Council of Deans, Senate notified 9/13/23.

1. 3.1.5 Tuition and Fee Refunds for Students Withdrawing from UAMS (Biennial Review)- Alisha McReynolds updated the policy based on questions regarding days for refunds.
2. 2.2.12 Incomplete and In Progress Grades (Biennial Review)- This has been updated to include the COPH incomplete policy which differs from institutional policy.
3. 2.3.3 Criteria and Procedures for UAMS Annual Faculty Reviews (Biennial Review)- Wendy Ward reviewed and updated minor wording changes.
4. 3.3.6 Tuition and Fees Waiver for Arkansas Residents Aged 60 Years and Over (Biennial Review)-No changes except to application form indicating documentation is only required for initial approval.
5. 2.2.7 Service and Emotional Support Animals in Campus Housing (Biennial Review)- Michelle Zengulis and Nakia Dedner reviewed with changes. The most significant changes are limiting to one ESA (language was broad before) and requiring a health care professionals certification which is now required by Arkansas law.
6. 1.5.1 Active Shooter (Biennial Review)- Kristen made a few minor changes in wording.
7. 1.4.2 Student Health Screening (Revision)- Clarification regarding dual degree students was added. Changes were made to the section regarding Hepatitis B, and a section was added regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Lastly, a section was added that additional screenings may be recommended based on program responsibilities (ex. research animal screening), and information regarding protective masks was added. We do reference the administrative withdrawal and dismissal policy (AA 2.2.13) which allows administrative dismissal or withdrawal and placement on leave of absence for most colleges for failure to comply with policy.

These are updated in Compliance 360 and the IRPA and Policies webpages as appropriate.