

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Ron Sanders, COM	President	x	
Christopher Walter, CHP	President Elect	x	
Tiffany Huitt, COM	Past President		x
Summer Khairi, CHP	Secretary	x	
Clare Brown, CPH	Parliamentarian	x	
Elizabeth Riley, CON	Member at Large		x
Mara Woods, COM	Member at Large		x
Nukhet Aykin-Burns, COP	Member at Large	x	
Oleg Karaduta, CHP	CHP Representative	x	
Madison Howe, CHP	CHP Representative	x	
Lin-Xi Li, GS	GS Representative	x	
Martha Rojo, GS	GS Representative	x	
Neal Reeves, CON	CON Representative	x	
Brittany Beasley, CON	CON Representative	x	
Rupak Pathak, COP	COP Representative	x	
Laura Gressler, COP	COP Representative	x	
Logan Whittington, AA	AA Representative	x	
Caraline Annichiarico, AA	AA Representative	x	
Reid Landes, COM	COM Representative	x	
Jarna Shah, COM	COM Representative		x
Sophia Hollenburg, COM	COM Representative	x	
Kari Weber, CPH	CPH Representative	x	
Katy Allison, CPH	CPH Representative	x	
Amy Tran, ASG	Student Government Association	x	

Guests: Kerry Evans, Tina Maddox, Bradley Martin, Steven Post, Claire Tucker, Wendy Ward

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2024
4:00pm-5:00pm

In Person: RAHN 3202 and **Virtual (Teams)**

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sanders.

II. Approval of August Minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. Welcome to New Representatives

- a. Graduate School- Martha Rojo, PhD
- b. Associated Student Government- Amy Tran, PharmD student

IV. Updates and New Business

- a. Updates from Academic Senate Faculty Survey
 - i. Survey-guided Recommendations for UAMS Leadership
 - 1. Conduct an educational town hall to:
 - a. Clarify roles of University administration
 - b. Describe where funding comes from for new buildings/developments
 - i. And how this relates to long-term (versus short term) revenue
 - c. Describe purpose of NCI designation
 - i. And implications for non-cancer-related faculty
 - 2. Secondary suggestions to UAMS leadership are:
 - a. Streamline the hiring process and workday
 - b. Improve transparency and timeliness of grants accounting
 - c. Develop a mechanism for faculty to provide feedback of leadership (college and university)
 - ii. Survey-guided Recommendations for Academic Senate
 - a. Continue efforts to explain the role of Academic Senate
 - b. Representation of faculty located at ACH, Regional, and NWA campus
 - c. Develop a way to capture anonymous faculty feedback to administration and academic senate

- iii. Please send any feedback about the survey by November 8th. Academic Senate leadership will subsequently give to UAMS leadership.
- iv. UAMS Faculty Survey Workgroup
 - 1. Faculty survey occurs every two years
 - 2. Looking for faculty members who are interested in participating in the workgroup to make changes to the survey
 - 3. If interested, please send email to: Summer Khairi (sakhairi@uams.edu)
- b. Future UA BOT (Board of Trustees) meetings
 - i. November 21 and 22, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
 - ii. January 29 and 30, 2025, University of Arkansas, Little Rock
 - iii. March 11 and 12, 2025, UAMS, Little Rock
- c. Positions to fill
 - i. Space Committee member
 - 1. Please contact Summer Khairi if you are interested.
- d. Faculty Senate budget
 - i. Please send ideas to Summer Khairi or Ron Sanders Jr.
- e. Holiday Drive
 - i. Discussion of options, including donations (e.g., angle tree) or a volunteer activity
 - ii. Please send ideas to Summer Khairi or Ron Sanders Jr.

V. Committee Introductions and Reports

- a. Research Committee Introduction (Gan)
 - i. Student Research Day will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.
 - 1. The office of Research and Innovations purchased zFairs to manage the participants and judge's registration and scoring.
 - 2. Participants and judge registration will open soon
 - ii. Contact Jen Gan for any research faculty issues.
- b. Faculty Affairs Committee (Aykin-Burns)
 - i. No Updates
 - ii. Next meeting there will be a discussion on a new chair and plan out the year.
- c. Communications Committee (Hayar)
 - i. No Updates—not present
- d. Administrative Council (Hayar)
 - i. No Updates—not present
- e. Intercollegiate faculty Committee/CFE (Khairi)
 - i. October 21-November 1- benefits re-enrollment period
 - ii. New faculty app should be out soon.
 - iii. AI Conference is October 25th – Open to all colleges

VI. College Officer Reports

- a. Graduate School (Rojo, Li)
 - i. Discussion on graduate school admissions
- b. College of Health Professions (Howe, Karaduta)
 - i. CHP research day is on April 9th. Discussion about the current research day date for CHP students (too early for participation)
 - ii. PA students are organizing a fundraising run – Heros against Hunger 5K race on October 5th. Proceeds will benefit the Arkansas Food Bank.
- c. College of Medicine (Hollenberg, Landes, Shah)
 - i. Space issues are occurring for faculty at the Arkansas Children's Hospital.
- d. College of Nursing (Beasley, Reeves)
 - i. Received a 5-year accreditation renewal from the state board of nursing for the BSN programs.
 - ii. ACCN site visit is scheduled for April 14-16, 2025.
- e. College of Pharmacy (Gressler, Pathak)
 - i. Elevators in ED II on the south side are down.
- f. College of Public Health (Allison, Weber)
 - i. No Updates
- g. Academic Affairs (Annichiarico, Whittington)
 - i. UAMS historical research center recently opened a new online digital collection celebrating Dr. Elders.
 - ii. Student transition to workday student timeline is out. Please email Whittington if you would like the timeline.
- h. Associated Student Government (Tran)
 - i. No Updates

VII. Announcements

- a. Meeting with Provost (Sept. 9th, 2024) update
 - i. UA President Donald Bobbit will retire in January 2025
 - ii. Large computer updates to Windows 11 will be happening soon. Some computer upgrades will also be needed
- b. November and December meetings combined on December 9
- c. Andy Davis will be speaking on December 9th

VIII. Adjourn