

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Ron Sanders, COM	President	x	
Christopher Walter, CHP	President Elect	x	
Tiffany Huitt, COM	Past President		Excused
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		Excused
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	COPH Representative	x	
Katy Allison, CPH	COPH Representative	x	
Amy Tran, ASG	Student Government Association	x	

Guests: Kimberly Eichelmann, Kerry Evans, Susan Long, Claire Tucker, Wendy Ward, Jen Gan

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
October 28, 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 September Minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. Updates and New Business

a. Updates from meeting with Dr. Gardner (Provost)

- i. Next meeting with the provost will be on November 18th.
- ii. Interview process is underway for the next Chair of Neurosurgery and next Chair of Emergency Medicine.
- iii. Search for the next College of Nursing Dean will start soon
- iv. Dr. Kevin Sexton has left UAMS and Bioventures. Dr. Eric Peterson, Pharmacology and Toxicology will assume leadership as the interim President of Bioventures.
- v. Ryan Cork is the new Vice Chancellor of the NWA campus
- vi. Financial Update- Loss of management reporting of -\$3.4M versus a budgeted loss of -\$2.1M. YTD loss of -\$232 versus a budgeted loss of -\$2.4M
- vii. Elevators for COP will be discussed in next town hall meeting.

Comments from senators:

1. Parking Lot 2 elevators are not working properly.
2. ED II elevators are not working properly.

b. Council of Deans Meeting (October 22nd)

- i. No action during their meeting. There were only discussions.
- ii. Mr. Erck updated the deans about fundraising and the Day of Giving.
- iii. Although on their agenda, there was no discussion about Emeritus Faculty.
- iv. The faculty benefits discussion was to ensure the HR website reflected current benefits (and noted some that will change January 1)
- v. The Workday Student Town Hall will be Nov. 6 at 2pm in IDW Rm 126.

c. Faculty Excellence Series

- i. Next Seminar Series
 - 1. Clare Brown, PhD on 11-13-24
 - a. Data Visualization: Fundamentals and Best Practice
- d. Holiday Drive
 - i. Send ideas to Summer Khairi or Ron Sanders Jr.
 - ii. Discuss survey results at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- e. Academic Senate Positions to Fill
 - i. Space Committee
 - 1. Time commitment: Monthly
 - a. Please contact Summer Khairi if you interested.

IV. Committee Introductions and Reports

- a. Research Committee (Gan)
 - i. Student Research Day will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.
 - ii. Expand engagement of research committee.
 - iii. Changes to the P&T for COM is the next project.
 - iv. Concerns about the salary/wages for research admin.
 - 1. Dr. Sanders: Will discuss this issue with the provost at the next meeting.
- b. Faculty Affairs Committee (Aykin-Burns)
 - i. No Updates- not present
- 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. Richelle Thompson, Dir of the OCE presented on the conference management services now provided by the Office of Continuing Education. Please consider inviting them to support your next conference! Thompson, Richelle H RHThompson@uams.edu
 - ii. APP is still in beta testing; current goal is for a grand opening in Nov.
 - iii. Please consider attending Nov Town Hall for Chancellor's Excellence Awards distribution later this Fall/Winter.
 - iv. Please send speaker bank request out to your faculty so that we can update our Speaker Bank every two years. Send email to Emily Freeman. Please let us know if anyone new in your college is working in faculty development so we can add them to the Faculty Development Council.
- f. Academic Policy Committee (Shah)
 - i. No Updates- Not present

V. College Officer Reports

- a. Graduate School (Rojo, Li)
 - i. Not present
- b. College of Health Professions (Howe, Karaduta)
 - i. No Updates
- c. College of Medicine (Hollenberg, Landes, Shah)
 - i. No Updates
- d. College of Nursing (Beasley, Reeves)
 - i. Chancellor circle grant was awarded to help with nursing simulation.
- e. College of Pharmacy (Gressler, Pathak)
 - i. No Updates
- f. College of Public Health (Allison, Weber)
 - i. No Updates. Will have more updates next month after all college meeting.
- g. Academic Affairs (Annichiarico, Whittington)
 - i. Library is hosting a trick or treat event on October 31st.
- h. Associated Student Government (Tran)
 - i. ASG is conducting intermural currently.
 - ii. ASG held a successful resource fair.

VI. Announcements

- a. Future University of Arkansas Board of Trustees (BOT) meetings
 - i. November 21 and 22
 - 1. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
 - ii. January 29 and 30, 2025
 - 1. University of Arkansas, Little Rock
 - iii. March 11 and 12
 - 1. UAMS, Little Rock
- b. November and December meetings combined on December 9
- c. Andy Davis will be speaking on December 9
- d. Please complete the Faculty Engagement survey (November 4-25)

VII. Adjourn