

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: Kimberly Eichelmann, Kerry Evans, Jennifer Gan, Bradley Martin, Shayla Stinnett, Claire Tucker

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
December 10, 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. Walter.

II. Approval of October Minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. Updates and New Business

a. Open discussion re: Changes to constitution and creation of Academic Senate By-Laws

i. We were asked to review UAMS 210.1 Constitution policy to make sure that was not in conflict with the new UA BOT policy 100.4 Governance and Administration

1. UAMS & UA system Legal made suggestions

ii. These documents must be voted on by the Academic Senate prior to next UA BOT meeting in January.

iii. Academic Senate will reconvene on Dec 16 @ 4:00 PM via TEAMS to vote on the amended amendment

iv. Changes are bolded below.

b. Chapter 1: Structure of the Organization

i. **Article III was changed to Chapter 1: Structure of the Organization**

1. **Section 1.** The Academic Senate will be composed of:

a. Two faculty elected from each College. For colleges with 100 or more full time faculty, three faculty elected from each College

b. Two faculty elected from Academic Affairs

c. Three faculty elected from faculty at large,

d. Elected officers of the Academic Senate,

e. An elected representative member of the Associated Student Government.

f. Professors emeriti, members of the Chancellor's Cabinet, adjunct professors and visiting professors, lecturers, and

volunteer faculty members shall have voice, but cannot serve as elected **representatives or officers of the Academic Senate.**

- g. Faculty representatives may be immediately reelected for a second term. At the end of two consecutive full terms, a representative shall wait at least one year before becoming eligible for election again to the Senate
- c. Chapter 2: Meetings of the Academic Senate
 - i. **Article V was changed to Chapter 2: Meetings of the Academic Senate.**
 - ii. Section 1. Unless otherwise indicated herein, meetings of the Academic Senate and its committees are open to **at least all represented persons, although floor privileges may be limited.** The Chairpersons of the Academic Senate and its committees may extend floor privileges to those persons who are not members.
 - a. Motion to modify to amend these bylaws. Added “to at least.”
- d. Chapter 3: Officers of the Academic Senate and Members of the Academic Senate
 - i. **Article VII was changed to Chapter 3: Officers of the Academic Senate and Members of the Academic Senate**
 - ii. Section 8. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President-elect, Secretary, or Parliamentarian, a special election will be held to fill the office (See **Chapter 4**, Section 2).
- e. Chapter 4: Elections of the Academic Senate
 - i. **Article IX was changed to Chapter 4: Elections of the Academic Senate**
 - ii. No changes.
- f. Chapter 5: Committees of the Academic Senate
 - i. **Article XII was changed to Chapter 5: Committees of the Academic Senate**
 - ii. **Section 2. Standing Appointed Committees**
 - 1. Membership and Elections Committee
 - a. The Membership and Elections Committee is composed of: one of the elected College representatives from each College, one of the at large members, and the past-president. A member will exclude themselves from the committee if they are planning to be nominated for a position.
 - b. The Membership and Elections Committee will prepare a slate of nominees for each Academic Senate office to be filled and, as needed, as vacancies that should be filled occur. The committee will prepare this slate according to the procedure outlined in **Chapter 4, Elections of the Academic Senate.** The Committee is responsible for preparing the ballot, distributing and counting the votes.
 - iii. Section 3. Committee Meetings
 - 1. All committee meetings, **except Membership and Elections Committee**, are open to **at least all represented persons (though floor availability may be limited)** and the date, time,

and location of committee meetings must be published at least one week in advance of the meeting.

- a. Motion to modify to amend these bylaws. Added “except the Membership and Election Committee” and “to at least”
- b. Membership and Election Committee is closed due to the sensitivity of the election process.

g. Chapter 6: Amendments to the Bylaws

- i. **Article XIV was changed to Chapter 6 Amendments to the bylaws.**
- ii. Amendments to the **bylaws** require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, providing that a quorum is present. A proposed amendment may be offered by any member of the Academic Senate or by any committees of these bodies. No vote can be taken upon a proposed amendment until it has been submitted to the Academic Senate and published as part of the agenda for two consecutive meetings of these bodies. All proposed amendments must be in written form when placed on the agendas. Any amendment **to the bylaws approved by the Academic Senate must not contradict the existing Constitution that governs the Academic Senate and will be effective immediately.**
 1. Motion to modify to amend these bylaws. Added “to the bylaws approved by the Academic Senate” and “and will be effective immediately.”

h. Motion to approve edits as written by Dr. Clare Brown. Motion has been passed.

i. Article I Purposes

- i. The purposes of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Campus Assembly are:
 1. To provide an organization that will permit a broad base for campus governance through a participating involvement of students, faculty, and staff in the development **and recommendation** of guidelines and regulations for campus affairs in relation to those matters that affect the quality of campus life as well as to those matters that enhance and sustain an environment of academic excellence;

j. Article 2 Definitions

- i. No Changes

k. Article III Composition

- i. **Section 1. The Campus Assembly is composed of three deliberative bodies:**
 1. **The Academic Senate**
 2. **The House of Delegates**
 3. **The Associated Student Government**
- ii. **Section 2. The Academic Senate will be composed of:**
 1. **Elected representatives of the faculty**
 2. **Elected officers of the Academic Senate**
 3. **A representative member of the Associated Student Government.**
- iii. **Section 3. The House of Delegates will be composed of:**
 1. **Elected officers of the House of Delegates**
 2. **Elected representatives from relevant campus groups**

3. Motion to make 2 changes in article III- the word members to representatives and remove the word elective in the phrase **a representative member of the Associated Student Government.**

1. Article IV Functions

- i. **Section 4. The Associated Student Government shall have the authority to make recommendations to the Office of the Chancellor on any matter of student affairs or campus-wide concern, including such matters as education, safety, security, work schedules, work conditions, and student affairs policies and programs at UAMS.**
- ii. **Section 5: Unless otherwise indicated in their Bylaws, meetings of the Academic Senate, House of Delegates, and the Associated Student Government and its committees are open to all represented persons, although floor privileges may be limited. The Chairpersons/Presidents of the Academic Senate, House of Delegates, and the Associated Student Government and any associated committees may extend floor privileges to those persons who are not members. For meetings of the Academic Senate, House of Delegates, and the Associated Student Government, the date, time, tentative agenda, and location of meetings must be published at least one week in advance of the meeting.**
- iii. **Section 6: The Secretary of the Academic Senate, House of Delegates, and the Associated Student Government shall promptly prepare minutes of each meeting and shall forward them to the President-elect/Vice President of the appropriate body. The President-elect/Vice President shall thereupon promptly duplicate the minutes and send them to all members of the appropriate body. In addition, a copy of these minutes shall be made publicly available.**
- m. Motion to approve the amendments to the amendments. Motion has passed.

- IV. **Committee and College Reports**

- a. Committee and college reports were voted to be tabled until next meeting.

- V. **Adjourn**