

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, COPH	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, COPH	COPH Representative	x	
Katy Allison, COPH	COPH Representative	x	
Amy Tran, ASG	Student Government Association		x

Guests: Jennifer Gan, Kayla Bell, Kerry Evans, Bridget Fitzhugh, Susan Long, Wendy Ward

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025
4:00pm-5:00pm

In Person: IDW 115A/B and **Virtual (Teams)**

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sanders.

II. Approval of December Minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. Updates and New Business

a. Meeting with Dr. Gardner

- i. Search for the next Dean of Nursing is underway.
- ii. Search for Chair for the Department of Medicine and Chair of Neurosurgery is also occurring
- iii. The new Chair for Emergency Medicine, Ashley Booth Norse MD, has started
- iv. Mark Hagemeyer (current UAMS chief council and chief compliance officer) will transition to focus as the chief compliance officer beginning this summer
- v. A new chief counsel will be named later. This position is a dual report to system office and the chancellor, and David Curran (system office) is leading the search.

b. Faculty Excellence Series- Artificial Intelligence

- i. Will be presented on Tuesday, January 28th at noon

c. Post-Holiday Activity

i. Donate Your Old Blankets & Linen

1. The Academic Senate is organizing a pet supply drive to support our local animal shelter, Little Rock Animal Village. From March 3- April 11, we will be collecting old blankets, linens, and other needed items from LRAV's wish list to help keep animals warm and comfortable.

2. Pickleball Tournament

- a. The Academic Senate plans to arrange a pickleball tournament for Senate Officers and Representatives on Saturday, April 12th. A \$10 entrance fee will help cover court costs and the rest will be donated to LRAV.

- b. Please fill out survey if you are interested in playing.
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=oDpwWx8G2U6-ynZaOe4TBGR6d9HMLIRFgCsK0L-vqrZUQVvk2STeYnThKMkIOOFdaQ0FLMzk3VFpEVi4u&route=shorturl>
 - c. You can virtually donate to the event.
 - d. Faculty Senate Discussion
 - i. Current state of academic teaching and independence.
 - ii. A survey link will be sent out for faculty to anonymously write questions or concerns.
 - iii. We will look for any changes to policies.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Research Committee (Gan)
 - i. Student Research Day is Tuesday, February 18th.
 - ii. Need 50 more judges.
 - iii. **Sign up now:** <https://URD.ZFAIRS.COM/app/flex/82b2c0f0-583f-45f0-b942-b2e4801ffdd7?f=39992710-ce6a-4ab6-a68f-f69521a23f68>
 - iv. Staff salary increases are occurring – Please ask your chair.
 - v. ORSP is handling pre-awards; Grants accounting is handling post-awards.
- b. Faculty Affairs Committee (Aykin-Burns)
 - i. No updates.
- c. Communication Committee (Hayar)
 - i. Not present.
- d. Administrative Council (Hayar)
 - i. Not present.
- e. Intercollegiate Faculty Committee/CFE (Khairi)
 - i. Faculty Excellence Seminar Series is planning for speakers for 2026. Please send any topic ideas to Summer Khairi.
 - ii. If anyone wants to go through mentoring training, CFE hosts one. Please send Summer Khairi an email if interested.
 - iii. The app is live now. It is called UAMS Academic Affairs. The intention is to help with email burden.
 - iv. Executive Healthcare institute applications go live in February.
- f. Academic Policy Committee
 - i. No Updates
- g. Space Committee
 - i. Summer Khairi is the new representative for the Space Committee.

V. College Officer Reports

- a. Graduate School (Rojo, Li)
 - i. Discussion on implementing a new graduate application system.
- b. College of Health Professions (Howe, Karaduta)
 - i. No Updates

- c. College of Medicine (Hollenberg, Landes, Shah)
 - i. Medical student interviews have been concluded.
 - ii. Committee revising COM bylaws currently.
 - iii. Final stages of reviewing the promotion and tenure document.
- d. College of Nursing (Beasley, Reeves)
 - i. Search for new Dean.
 - ii. Accreditation visit will occur in April.
- e. College of Pharmacy (Gressler, Pathak)
 - i. Not present.
- f. College of Public Health (Allison, Weber)
 - i. Idea that COPH wants to present to Provost.
 - 1. Increase discount for eating healthier in the cafeteria.
- g. Academic Affairs (Annichiarico, Whittington)
 - i. Library is hosting the national library of medicine exhibit. It is open for 6 weeks.
- h. Associated Student Government (Tran)
 - i. Not present

VI. Announcements

- a. Need judges for UAMS Student Research Day.
- b. The next BOT meeting will occur on January 29th and 30th, at UA Little Rock.
- c. Upcoming BOT meeting will occur on March 11th and 12th, at UAMS
- d. The February Academic Senate meeting will occur on February 24th, 2025
- e. Ask for Provost about elevator issues.

VII. Adjourn