

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Ron Sanders, COM	Past President		x
Christopher Walter, CHP	President	x	
Oleg Karaduta, CHP	President Elect	x	
Summer Khairi, CHP	Secretary	x	
Clare Brown, CPH	Parliamentarian	x	
Sarah Maggie Coffield, COM	Member at Large		x
Laura Gressler, COP	Member at Large		x
Nukhet Aykin-Burns, COP	Member at Large	x	
Melissa Halverson, CHP	CHP Representative	x	
Madison Howe, CHP	CHP Representative		Excused
Lisa Jansen, GS	GS Representative		Excused
Martha Rojo, GS	GS Representative		Excused
Brian Parks, CON	CON Representative	x	
Brittany Beasley, CON	CON Representative	x	
Lara Rains, COP	COP Representative	x	
Amanda Stolarz, COP	COP Representative		x
Lian Taylor, 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	
Kelsey Owsley, CPH	CPH Representative		x
Bushra Zaman, ASG	Student Government Association	x	

Guests: Jeffery DeSantis, Joann Scales, Noelle Danylchuk, Wendy Ward

UAMS Academic Faculty Senate Agenda
March 30, 2026; 4-5 PM
TEAMS

I. Welcome and Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Walter.

II. Approval of February 23, 2026, minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. New Business

A. House of Delegates update (Jeffrey DeSantis)

1. Purpose of the House of Delegates

a) The purposes of the UAMS campus assemblies are:

(1) To provide an organization that will permit a broad base for campus governance through involvement of students, faculty and staff in the development 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;

(2) To generate and promote understanding, collaboration, and a sense of community on this campus; and

(3) To provide a representative forum for the communication and exchange of ideas as the basis for a deliberative synthesis of recommendations to the Chancellor and, through the Chancellor's office, to the President of the University on matters of concern of the Assembly.

2. The House of Delegates shall have the authority to make recommendations to the Chancellor on any matter of general campus-wide concern. This responsibility includes such areas as:

a) Safety, traffic and security

b) Fringe benefits and health services

c) Salaries, work schedules and working conditions

d) Job evaluation, grievances and appeals

e) Other non-academic affairs

3. 2025-2026 Officers

a) Dana Metcalf- Chair

b) Dana Trickey- Chair-Elect

c) Sheena Joyner- Parliamentarian

d) Nadine Ledet- Secretary

4. Committees

a) Standings:

(1) Agenda (Executive) Committee

(2) Nominations (Membership and Elections) Committee

(a) Chair: Kendra Henderson

b) Ad Hoc:

- (1) Traffic
 - (a) Chair: Jeffrey DeSantis
- (2) Working Conditions
 - (a) Co- Chairs: Ty Haynie and Charles Stutts
- (3) UAMS Internal Communications Steering Committee
 - (a) Chair: Kerry Roberto
- (4) Public Relations and Good Neighbor
 - (a) Co-Chairs: Sharanda Williams and Bonnie Hopp
- (5) Wellness and Fringe Benefits Committee
 - (a) Chair: Vacant
- (6) Historical Committee
 - (a) Chair: Bonnie Hipp
- c) Events:
 - (1) UAMS Benefits Fair
 - (2) Good Neighbor Committee Line Dancing
 - (3) UAMS Walk for the Cure
 - (4) Veteran’s Appreciation
 - (5) Christmas Gift Drive for kids
 - (6) Jingle Bell Run
 - (7) Summer Cereal Drive

5. Anyone who wants to join House of Delegates can simply attend regular meetings.

B. Membership and Election committee

1. Chapter 5. Section 2: “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.”

2. Dr. Walter will serve as the chair. Each college and the at large representatives will work with Dr. Walter to identify a member to represent the respective group.

3. Individuals on the ballot will be presented at the next monthly Senate meeting, with distribution of ballots for voting following the meeting. Per the Constitution, additional individuals can be nominated from the floor during that meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Faculty Affairs (Aykin-Burns)

1. Faculty Handbook updates are being conducted.

B. Research (Landes)

1. Need new chair of research committee

2. Student Research Day – Thank you Jen Gan for all her help and all volunteers/judges.

3. Need more volunteers for research committee.

C. Communications (Howe)

1. Not present

- D. Administrative Council (Hayar)
 - 1. Not present
- E. Intercollegiate Faculty (Khairi)
 - 1. Need more mentors for the Mentor/Mentee program
 - 2. WFDC Spring Event is on May 21st
 - 3. Faculty Appreciation week is April 14th through April 16th (Academic Senate is sponsoring April 14th in the morning/breakfast. More details to come. No official sign up, but please try to come represent the Senate.)
- F. Academic Policy (Gressler)
 - 1. Not Present
- G. Space (Annichiarico)
 - 1. Joint Commission cited the SIM center and Student Wellness Center about not being accessible to the main campus. A group is looking into those issues.

V. College Reports

- A. Graduate School (Rojo, Jansen)
 - 1. Not present
- B. College of Health Professions (Howe, Halverson)
 - 1. No updates
- C. College of Medicine (Hollenberg, Landes)
 - 1. No updates
- D. College of Nursing (Beasley, Parks)
 - 1. Dr. Brian Parks will serve on the membership and election committee.
 - 2. All nursing programs have been filled for upcoming year.
- E. College of Pharmacy (Rains, Stolarz)
 - 1. Lara Rains will serve on the membership and election committee.
- F. College of Public Health (Owsley, Weber)
 - 1. Keri Weber will serve on the membership and election committee.
- G. Academic Affairs (Annichiarico, Taylor)
 - 1. ESSC and OED workshops are coming up.
 - a) Educator Academy workshop is on April 1st in LR.
 - b) Educator Academy workshop is on April 3rd in NWA.
 - c) OED has blackboard training and accessibility office hours.
 - d) LR Library – 2nd and 3rd floor is closed and under construction.
- H. Associated Student Government (Zaman)
 - 1. Successful events: Trivia night and volunteering Stocked & Ready
 - 2. Arranging a Pickleball event.

VI. Announcements/Open Forum

- A. Faculty Engagement and Networking Week- April 14-16
 - 1. Dr. Khairi will get more information from the Academic Senate.
- B. Re-Op Committee
- C. Next Meeting
 - 1. Monday, April 27, 2026, 4-5pm
 - 2. Will present individuals on ballot for elections.

VII. Adjournment