

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	x	
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		Excused
Bushra Zaman, ASG	Student Government Association		x

Guests: Tiffany Huitt, Aaron Woodall, Jordan Ford, Cesalie Wallace, Lesley Jones, Krista Langston, Cari Bogulski, Wendy Ward, Collin Swafford

UAMS Academic Faculty Senate Agenda
June 22, 2026; 4-5 PM
TEAMS

I. Welcome and Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Walter.

II. Approval of April 2026, minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. Old Business

- A. ASPIRE 2033 Strategy session with Academic Senate occurred.
 - 1. By 2033, UAMS will redefine what a statewide academic health system can – nationally distinguished and the driving force behind a healthier Arkansas. ASPIRE 2033 aligns our clinical care, education, research, and service missions around a unified vision to expand access, elevate experience, accelerate innovation, strengthen performance, and prepare the next generation of health professionals.
- B. UA System Faculty Advisory Council
 - 1. The University of Arkansas System Faculty Council is established as a systemwide advisory body to the President of the U of A system. The FAC provides a forum for dialogue, information sharing, and consultation between faculty representatives from UA system institutions and UA System leadership on matters of systemwide relevance to faculty and academic affairs.
 - 2. The FAC is intended to enhance communication and mutual understanding across the UA System and to provide the President with faculty perspectives on issues that may affect multiple institutions.
 - 3. The FAC is advisory in nature only.
 - 4. The FAC: Has no governing authority; does not exercise campus-level faculty governance responsibilities; does not supersede or override campus faculty senates, councils or other governance bodies; and does not make binding recommendations or decisions.
 - 5. Participation in the FAC does not alter or replace existing governance structures or processes at individual UA System institutions.
 - 6. Topics for discussion may be brought forward by the President or UA System leadership.
- C. Expanding AS representation
 - 1. To ensure equitable representation and strengthen shared governance across all UAMS campuses-including regional and non-main campus programs.

IV. New Business

- A. Membership and Elections Committee
 - 1. President Elect
 - (1) Madison Howe- CHP
 - 2. Members at Large
 - (1) Aaron Woodall – CHP
 - (2) Mauricio Moreno- COM
 - 3. College of Medicine
 - (1) Matthew Steliga
 - (2) Cari Bogulski
 - (3) Tiffany Huitt
 - 4. College of Public Health
 - (1) Rachel Hale
 - 5. Academic Affairs
 - (1) Jordan Ford
 - 6. Off main campus rep
 - (1) Collin Swafford
 - 7. NW Campus rep
 - (1) Krista Langston
 - 8. Email confirmation of representatives
 - (1) GS- Martha Rojo
 - (2) CHP-Lesley Jones
 - (3) CON-Cesalie Wallace
 - (4) SGA-Chimezia Nwadinigwe
- B. 2025-2026 AS year in review
 - 1. Raised >\$500 for UAMS food pantries
 - 2. Increased AS representation
 - 3. Participated in UAMS Chancellor Search
 - 4. Research committee's role in planning/executing SRD
 - 5. Advocated for ASPIRE 2033 focus group to include representatives from campus assembly
 - 6. Held/supported faculty outreach events to increase awareness of AS role and responsibilities
 - 7. Sponsored 2 faculty excellence seminar series
 - 8. Development, distributions, and analysis of faculty survey
 - 9. Consistent advocate for Academic Freedom and Evidence-Based Practice
- C. Thank you to our outgoing representatives.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Faculty Affairs (Aykin-Burns)
 - 1. Need a new chair for the committee.
 - 2. Creating a new roster for the faculty affairs committee.
- B. Research (Landes)
 - 1. No updates
- C. Communications (Howe)

1. Social Media for Academic Senate (i.e. Instagram) will move forward.
- D. Administrative Council (Hayar)
 1. Not present
- E. Intercollegiate Faculty (Khairi)
 1. AI policy is being updated. Dr. Wendy Ward will be sending an updated AI newsletter
 2. Mandatory training on AI on workday starting July 1st.
 3. App is live
 4. Two new faculty receptions will occur in the fall. One in LR (September 24th) and one in NWA.
 5. WFDC- Next Dinner is on December 1st.
- F. Academic Policy (Gressler)
 1. Not Present.
- G. Space (Annichiarico)
 1. Student Employee Health Services will be moving to the Central Building on the 5th floor.
 2. New space in the Central Building to accommodate a physician lounge
 3. Expanding classroom space in CHP building 2 for PA program.

VI. 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. No updates
- E. College of Pharmacy (Rains, Stolarz)
 1. No updates
- F. College of Public Health (Owsley, Weber)
 1. New Dean interviews are occurring.
- G. Academic Affairs (Annichiarico, Taylor)
 1. Deadline for accessibility has been extended by a year.
 2. Nominating for Last Lecture series is occurring.
 3. HLC is accreditation visit will occur in October.
- H. Associated Student Government (Zaman)
 1. Not present

VII. Announcements/Open Forum

- A. AI conference (October 8-9)
 1. Abstracts due July 3
- B. Building a strong faculty community (Sept 30 at 12pm)
- C. Re-Op Committee

- D. Next Meeting
 - 1. July 27, 2026, 4-5pm. In-person

VIII. Adjournment