Approved MINUTES - Faculty Senate Meeting

November 1, 2024
Synchronous Online

I. Welcome and Roll Call (1:02 PM)

Present – CHASSE: Barrio-Vilar, Cates, Cheatham, Condran, L'eplattenier, Hamilton, Livaudais, Noiset, Smith ; DCSTEM: Baillie, Deng, Hardeman, Milanova, Moore, Nichols, Streett, Zhang ; CBHHS: Atkins, Bajwa, Felan, Lewis, Porter, Ruhr, Solomon, Staley ; OL: Macheak ; BSL: Woodmansee

Absent – CHASSE: Anderson, Anson, Thomas; DCSTEM: Xing; CBHHS: McAllister, Sadaka, Townsend; BSL: Silverstein; Ex Officio: Drale, Bain, Hunter, Higginbotham, Le.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from October 4, 2024

Motion to approve: Woodmansee, 2nd Cheatham, passed on voice vote

III. Overview of Faculty Senate meeting structure and procedures -- Mark Baillie

- Voting members: for Faculty Senate, see Article III. Constitution.
- If legislation pertains to a University policy, include the policy number on the legislation. See policy page. When legislation has been passed and signed, please provide both red-lined and clean copy back to the executive committee.
- See Roberts Rules of Order material from Arizona State webinar for helpful information.
- See Operations and Motions section on Senate website (along the left column).

IV. Announcements

Smith: SLPA, SNRC, UA Little Rock Downtown, AICA will present two reading of *William Tincup's Squaw* on 11/8. Script from archives of SNRC; play is by poet, playwright, and novelist Diane Glancy, poet laureate of the Cherokee Nation. Features faculty, students, and community members. Free and open to public: 2 PM Stella Boyle and 5 PM UA Little Rock Downtown.

Moore: All Student Signature Grants have been made available.

V. Airing of Concerns and Congratulations (2-minute limit)

L'eplattenier: Congrats to organizers of the on-campus Fall-O-Ween event

VI. Introduction of New Topics (2-minute limit)

NA

VII. Reports

a. **Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report -** Mark Baillie

- New Ad Hoc Committee for Teaching Evaluations
    - Invitations have been sent out; expect a first report in April Senate meeting
    - Feedback on committees and councils sought; chairs and directors notified; Google form will be sent out week of 11/4 to committee members
- Follow up on Bobbitt resolution of gratitude; Dr. Bobbitt has responded with hand-written not to Senate
- Notice from President on responses of Chancellor to recent legislation; 2 approved; 1 disapproval (Digital Modality); one decline to sign: (Listing Course Modalities in Workday)

b. **Chancellor Report -** Christy Drale N/A

c. **Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Report -** Ann Bain N/A

d. **Undergraduate Council Report -** Joe Felan, Chair

No questions offered re: report

e. Graduate Council Report - Nancy Hamilton, Chair

No questions offered re: report.

VIII. Old Business

none

VIII. New Business

FS_2024_14 Executive Committee. (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting. No second required). **Update the definition of class days in Policy 501.13 Academic Offenses**

- Moved by Cheatham
- Need for consistent definition of "class day" explicated Baillie
    - Q Moore: What about Saturday classes?
    - Baillie: Definition is used for the purposes of filing an appeal/grievance; does not impact the scheduling of classes.
    - Q Hamilton: Similar concern; resolved.
- Baillie introduced Dean Harper
    - Harper emphasized need for this procedural definition and voices support
- Quorum called; 16 absent; 26 present
- Passes 22/0/0

Whereas, there are conflicting interpretations of what counts as a "class day" for academic offense procedures under the jurisdiction of the Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee (AIGC);

Whereas, the current policy refers improperly to the Student Handbook for its definition;

Whereas, a clear definition of "class day" as relevant to the operations of the AIGC is necessary;

Therefore, let it be resolved that policy 501.13 Academic Offenses be updated as amended below:

Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee (AIGC)

The AIGC is a Faculty Senate committee. Its makeup and purpose are governed by the Constitution of the University Assembly of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Article III. It provides the members of hearing panels.

The AIGC shall follow the procedures outlined below for conducting academic offense hearings. The procedures shall be distributed to all members of the committee by the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. Reasonable deviations from the time frame or procedures will not invalidate a decision unless the deviations cause significant prejudice to the student.

There are two types of procedures: one for students enrolled in a course and one for students who are not enrolled in a course. In either case, students are encouraged to consult the Office of the Dean of Students. For all procedures detailed in this policy, "class days" are defined as Monday through Friday of any academic term, excluding fall and spring university breaks and holidays for which the University is closed.

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Academic Dishonesty Procedures for Students Enrolled in a Course
These procedures are applicable when a student is enrolled in a course, and an instructor suspects the student of cheating, plagiarism, collusion, or similar activity, and when the suspicion is supported by substantial facts or evidence.

- The instructor is responsible for notifying the student in writing of the specific allegations within five class days ~~(class days are counted as defined in the Student Handbook)~~.

Effective Date: December 12, 2024

FS_2024_15 Executive Committee. (Legislation. Majority vote at one meeting. No second required). **Update the definition of class days in Policy 501.6 Grade Appeals**

- Moved by Hamilton
- Passes 25/0/0

Whereas, there are conflicting interpretations of what counts as a "class day" for academic offense procedures under the jurisdiction of the Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee (AIGC);

Whereas, a clear definition of "class day" as relevant to the operations of the AIGC is necessary;

Therefore, let it be resolved that policy 501.6 Grade Appeals be updated as amended below:

Appeal of Course Grades and Evaluated Program Requirements

The purpose of this policy is to explain the conditions and procedures for the appeal of course grades and other graded program requirements (e.g., comprehensive examination, qualifying examination, thesis, dissertation, and other culminating experiences).

Throughout this policy, the term "instructor" refers to the instructor of record who is responsible for issuing the course grade. "Instructor" may also refer to the program coordinator when the program faculty issues a grade for program requirements that do not reside in a course (e.g., comprehensive examination, qualifying examination, thesis, dissertation, and other culminating experiences).

Throughout this policy, "class days" are defined as Monday through Friday of any academic term, excluding fall and spring university breaks and holidays for which the University is closed.

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- Baillie relates news on behalf of Chancellor and Provost
    - Postponing reports until December Faculty Senate meeting; no major items at present
    - Basketball games in honor of new faculty on 11/4 and 11/6; encourage attendance
    - $1 million grant from AG office made for cybersecurity research at UA Little Rock
- Cheatham requests that Chancellor relays to the Board the importance of campuses being notified re: new President of UA System in advance of public announcement.

IX. Open Forum

N/A

XI. Adjournment

Moved by Cheatham, 2nd Hamilton

Adjourned at 1:42 PM