

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Friday, March 19, 1999  
Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members present: Anda, Bolton, Cheatham, Ford, Fuller, Harm, Hawk, Moore, Morgans, Mullins, Nelson, O'Neal, Raymond, Reddy, Rimer, Runion, Sims, Spillers, Stevenson, Stodola, Thomas, Watts, Willis, Wold

Members absent: Anderson, J., Anderson, S., Baker, Chapman, Christy, Connelly, Driskill, Dwyer, Flinn, Foster, Freeman, Gitchel, Hathaway, Levernier, Lindeman, Mansell, Martin, Rucks, Shaikh, Snelson, Tschumi, Wang

I. Approval of minutes of the March 19, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

II. Announcements - There were no announcements

III. Reports

A. Chancellor - not present

B. Provost - not present

C. Student Affairs Committee - no report

D. University Judicial Appeals Committee - Dr. Sam Howell reported that this committee had not had a meeting in two years because issues were settled in other committees.

E. Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee - no report

F. Behavioral Standards Committee - will report at the next Senate meeting.

G. Admissions and Transfer of Credit Committee - Pattie Thompson reported that this committee had accomplished two things this year, 1) dropping of "conditional admission" while still supporting the legislative mandates for all courses in which a student might enroll; and 2) heavy involvement in the high school/UALR concurrent enrollment program which is currently progressing. The committee spends most of its time working with students who do not meet the admissions standards and are in the "provisional" category. The committee dealt with 400 students in this category during Fall and about 300 during the Spring semester.

H. Appeals Council - Dr. James Spears sent a written report that only one appeal has occurred and has not yet been resolved

IV. Old Business - no old business.

V. New Business

A. Motion. Admissions and Transfer of Credit Committee. (Legislation. Requires majority vote at one meeting.) That the UALR Admissions policy be amended to include provisions for a new admissions status, Distance Education. Presented for the committee by Pattie Thompson.

Distance Education

Students seeking to take courses by distance education and not currently enrolled at UALR may apply for admission as a Distance Education Student (DE). Application consists of a completed DE application form. Should the student desire to become degree seeking, an application for change of status with documentation to satisfy all regular entrance requirements must be submitted to the UALR Office of Admissions and Records.

Commentary

With the advent of internet technology many students are seeking alternatives to the traditional delivery systems of learning. Those who are degree seeking, physically present on the UALR campus will utilize existing means of entry to our system. However, across the country there are students who simply wish to enroll in a course or courses whose delivery method is non-traditional. Some method of application with minimal restriction is therefore necessary. These students would pay UALR tuition and appropriate fees. Since the offerings would be UALR offerings the usual measures to insure UALR quality would be in effect. The use of these courses to fulfill another university/program's requirements is at the discretion of the receiving entity. There are no limitations to the number of credit hours taken in this status.

**The motion passed.**

Minutes submitted by:  
David S. Spillers