President Snortland called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Members present: Breckenridge, Cheatham, Coleman, Crawford, Flinn, Fulmer, Gauntt, Hall, Hemphill, Jespersen, Johns, Liebman, Mercer, Muller, Parins, Pine, Prentice, Ramsey, Robertson, Sanders, Sanderson, Sherrill, Spears, Spillers, Tarwater, Thompson, Thurmond, Tschumi.


The minutes of the March 21, 1990 Faculty Senate Meeting were approved as distributed.

Announcements.

The Honors and Awards Committee of the UALR Assembly has announced the following student awards:

Whitbeck Award - Sandra E. Jacobi, Biology and Chemistry major, GPA 3.9
Stortz Plaque - Evelyn Kimbrough, History major, GPA 3.9
Pauline Hoeltzel Award - Melody Smith, Journalism, GPA 3.1
G.J. Francis Memorial Plaque - Darryl Haley, English major, GPA 3.7
Robert Sarver Award - Susan Patton, Health Ser. Admin. major, GPA 4.0

The members of the Senate recognized these students.

The University Assembly meeting will be April 27, 2:00 p.m., for election of the Assembly President and for Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration John Shelby to present the status of health insurance. Phyllis Moore has been nominated by the Executive Committee for President.

The Faculty Senate will meet Monday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. to take action on the Admissions and Academic Standards and the Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Language Competency recommendations and to elect two members to the Appeals Committee.

The Committee on Committees will meet Monday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. in the Mockingbird Room to appoint members of the Assembly and Senate committees.

President Snortland said that college faculty members were counted and faculty apportionment for the Senate will remain at present representative levels for the next two years.

Shterrill recognized history student Christopher Knight who won the overall state championship at Batesville in bagpiping.
Reports.

Senate Library Committee Report by Shirley J. Pine.

Shirley J. Pine, Chairperson of the Senate Library Committee presented the Annual report from the Library Committee. See Attachment A

Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Foreign Language Competency, Angela Pfeiffer.

Angela Pfeiffer, Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Language Competency distributed a revised draft of the proposal. The draft dated 4/17/90 was reviewed and discussed. Support and opposition to the committee report were expressed. See Attachment B

Representatives of the College of Business Administration expressed the view that the commentary materials are misleading regarding foreign language requirements at other universities and colleges in Arkansas. Pfeiffer responded the material was accurate. The question of whether international awareness is taught in ways other than foreign language courses was raised. Robertson indicated that a requirement of a foreign language does give a student an overview but possibly not competency in the language. Robertson, Sherrill, and others inquired about the omission of the BS degree students from the foreign language competency requirements. Ramsey, Sherrill and Flinn spoke in favor of the foreign language competency for all baccalaureate degree students. Cheatham said she thought of the BS degree as a discipline specific degree whereas the BA is a general broad based arts humanities degree. Liebman, Robertson, Ramsey, and Crawford inquired about the need for additional faculty and resources to staff the requirements. The impacts on students who may not have had high school foreign language and on other degree requirements were raised. Cheatham said that with the increased staff that the Foreign Language Department expects and redistribution of present faculty, resources will be available when the requirement would be implemented in 1994.

New Business.

Motion. (Coleman/Spears) (Legislation. Requires majority vote at one meeting.)

That the Faculty Senate recommend that UALR confer the appropriate degrees at the May 19, 1990 commencement to each student who has completed requirements as specified by his/her respective department, college or school.

In the tradition of Cal Ledbetter, Sherrill made a motion to table the motion. He was ruled out of order by President Snortland.

The original motion passed by voice vote.

Reports.

Ad Hoc Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing, Rosalie Cheatham.
Senator Cheatham presented an updated draft of the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards. She thanked the many individuals and groups who contributed to revisions and changes in the draft as presented at the March 21 Faculty Senate meeting.

Cheatham highlighted a number of changes. Proposed deadline for admission is three weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. The section on conditional status has been modified. Students on conditional status will be asked to limit enrollment to 13 hours and remediation should be completed within the first 30 hours of coursework. If a student is denied admission as a regular or conditional student, a Developmental Core Program is designed to assist the student whose skill level is below the minimum required for admission to the university. These changes clarified terms under the areas of conditional student status and the guidelines for deciding which students to admit conditionally. The Developmental Core Program is proposed for access to higher education by students who may not be eligible for admission as a conditional student.

Concerns about resources and staff for the Developmental Core were raised. Arkansas has a weighted funding factor for developmental courses, and fees may be assessed. The number of students who might enroll in a Developmental Core Program is unknown. Other questions regarded placement scores for remediation. These will remain at state levels. If the ACT score is above state level but below the UALR admission score, students will be expected to limit enrollment to 13 hours. The ACT enhanced score was discussed and clarified.

The Ad Hoc Committee added commentary to these changes. Several editing changes were proposed, one was to clarify the procedures under which a student is eligible for conditional admission but may not be admitted.

A Motion (Cheatham/Hemphill) was made to move on to the motion of the Faculty Research Committee.

Motion passed by voice vote.

New Business.

Motion. Faculty Research Committee/Executive Committee. (Recommendation. Requires majority vote at one meeting.)

To approve the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Policies and Procedures for Dealing with Misconduct in Research and Service.

President Snortland read a letter from Andy Covington, Director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Covington said the policy as presented was a discussion document, and that he had been made aware of serious concerns by faculty about the policy. See Attachment C.

Substitute Motion. (Sherrill/Parins) That the proposal from the Faculty Research Committee on Policies and Procedures for Dealing with Misconduct in Research and Service be returned to the Faculty Research Committee to redraft the proposal and to obtain the concurrence of the
Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee before the proposal is returned to the Senate.

Sherrill, President of the UALR Chapter of the AAUP, raised questions about the proposed policies and procedures because of concern about process, definitions of misconduct, no appeal, and broad implications of the policies beyond deliberate data misrepresentation.

Members of the Faculty Research Committee agreed to the substitute motion.

Substitute Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion. Placed on the agenda by the Executive Committee and the Drafting Sub-Committee of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Evaluation. (Robertson/Johns) (Recommendation. Requires majority vote at one meeting.)

To approve the Annual Faculty Review Policy. See Attachment D.

President Snortland led discussion on the policy. Sherrill stated that the AAUP office in Washington had reviewed the policy and no areas were cited for concern. Sherrill raised a personal concern about lines 44-46. Sanders, Draft Committee Member, clarified the purpose of the questionable statement on behalf of the faculty with nonteaching appointments.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.