

ARTICLES OF LOCAL CAMPUS GOVERNMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ARKANSAS,  
FAYETTEVILLE (Effective July 1, 2025)

PREAMBLE

IN ADOPTING THIS POLICY FOR ARTICLES OF LOCAL CAMPUS GOVERNMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ON ITS OWN MOTION, MAY AT ANY TIME REVIEW, AMEND, REVISE, OVERRULE OR AFFIRM ANY MATTER, POLICY, RESOLUTION OR LEGISLATION THAT MAY BE ADOPTED BY ANY GROUP REFERRED TO HEREINAFTER. THESE ARTICLES ARE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY 100.4.III.5.

ARTICLE I - THE FACULTY

A. Authority

1. The faculty, acting under the Board of Trustees and through the Faculty Senate, shall be authorized to develop and recommend educational and academic policies and programs. Such matters shall include, but not be limited to:
  - a. admission requirements; transfer of credits; withdrawals; academic integrity; academic probation, suspension, and dismissal;
  - b. curriculum and courses;
  - c. degrees and requirements for degrees;
  - d. University academic calendars; and
  - e. awarding of academic honors.
  - f. recommendations to the Chancellor of the names of individuals to receive honorary degrees.
  
2. The faculty, acting through the Faculty Senate, may also make recommendations on any institutional matter of faculty concern. Such matters shall include, but not be limited to:
  - a. policies regarding faculty status, including appointments, promotions, granting of tenure, annual review, retirement, non-reappointment, and dismissal of faculty;
  - b. policies affecting the general welfare, working conditions, and the services performed by and for the faculty; and
  - c. policies relating to academic and professional research and other scholarly and creative activities.
  - d. disciplinary policies for graduate and undergraduate students.

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## ARTICLE II - THE FACULTY SENATE

### A. Authority

1. The Faculty Senate shall exercise general legislative authority for the faculty and shall be the sole campus representative governance body authorized to develop and recommend educational and academic policies and programs. The Faculty Senate may also make recommendations on any institutional matters impacting faculty consistent with Article I, Section A.



2. The Faculty Senate shall report to the Campus Council for informational and advisory purposes all legislation which it passes.
3. Recommendations adopted through the Faculty Senate shall be transmitted to the Chancellor, with a specific request for the Chancellor's review and favorable action. If the Chancellor declines to act favorably upon such a recommendation within two weeks of receiving it, the Faculty Senate, upon a majority vote, may refer the action to the Campus Council for review. The Campus Council, upon a three-fifths vote, may request that the President consider the matter. .
4. If a resolution is not achieved on the recommendation within 30 days after referral to the President, the President may submit the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for consideration.
5. The Faculty Senate shall have authority to pass legislation expressing its approval or disapproval of any recommendation of the faculty of any college or school or of any other group of the faculty on educational and academic policies and programs or other recommendations on any institutional matters impacting faculty. Further, any favorable recommendation of the Faculty Senate shall be referred to the Chancellor consistent with this

policy, with any negative recommendation of the Faculty Senate with rationale be reported back to the proposer.



## B. Membership

1. Each member of the Faculty Senate shall be a member of the faculty who is eligible to vote for members of the Faculty Senate. The following members of the faculty shall be eligible to vote for the Faculty Senate Chair, Faculty Senate Vice-Chair, and members of the Faculty Senate:
  - (1) tenured or tenure-track faculty who hold a half-time or greater appointment;
  - (2) clinical, teaching, research faculty or professors of practice who hold a half-time or greater appointment;
  - (3) instructors in their third (or greater) consecutive year of at least a half-time appointment or greater; and
  - (4) those additional faculty who have been declared eligible to vote by the Faculty Senate.
  
2. The voting membership of the Faculty Senate shall consist of the Chair, the Vice Chair, and representatives elected pursuant to paragraphs 4-7 below.
  
3. The Chancellor, the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the dean of each undergraduate academic college or school as well as the deans of the School of Law, the Graduate School and International Education, Students, Admissions, Honors College, University Libraries, and the Senior Associate Athletic Director , shall be non-voting members of the Faculty Senate. This provision does not preclude any dean from election as a voting representative pursuant to paragraphs 4-8 below.
  
4. The members of each separate faculty (identified in Article III, Section A.1) who are eligible to vote, shall elect for staggered two-year terms one Faculty Senate representative for each 25 such members of that separate faculty, except that each

separate faculty shall be entitled to at least one representative. Each separate faculty shall establish its own procedures for the election of these representatives.

5. During each spring semester, the Faculty Secretary shall determine and report (a) the total number of members of each separate faculty who are eligible to vote for Faculty Senate representatives, and (b) on the basis of one representative for each 25 of such faculty, the number of Faculty Senate representatives allocated to each separate faculty. For this purpose, no person shall be counted as belonging to more than one separate faculty; should any person's separate faculty be unclear, that person's majority academic appointment shall determine the separate faculty in which they should be counted.
6. Twelve campus-wide representatives shall be elected to the Faculty Senate for staggered two-year terms.
7. The Faculty Senate shall adopt rules for the election of campus-wide representatives consistent with this policy. These rules shall provide for election by faculty eligible to vote as described in Article I, Section A.5 above.

#### C. Officers and Duties

The officers of the Faculty Senate shall be the Faculty Senate Chair, Faculty Senate Vice Chair, immediate past/outgoing Faculty Senate Chair, Faculty Senate Chair-Elect, Faculty Senate Vice Chair-Elect, Parliamentarian, and Secretary.

1. The term of each officer shall begin July 1.
2. Pursuant to rules adopted by the Faculty Senate, each spring the faculty shall elect a Faculty Senate Chair-Elect and Faculty Senate Vice Chair-Elect who will serve a three year beginning the following July 1. Upon completion of the first year of the term, the Faculty Senate Chair-Elect and Faculty Senate Vice Chair-Elect shall become the Faculty Senate Chair and Faculty Senate Vice Chair Upon completion of the second year of the term, the Faculty Senate Chair shall become the immediate past/outgoing Faculty Senate Chair and serve for the final year.
3. Should the Chair of the Faculty Senate be unable to complete the term of office, the Vice Chair shall become, for the unexpired term, Chair of the Faculty Senate. Should the Chair-Elect of Faculty Senate be unable to complete the term of office, the Vice Chair-Elect shall become, for the unexpired term, the Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate. Vacancies in the Vice-Chair and Vice Chair Elect may be filled pursuant to rules adopted by the Faculty Senate.
4. The Parliamentarian and Secretary shall be appointed by the Faculty Senate Chair and will have voting privileges only if they are elected to the Faculty Senate.

5. The duties of the officers of the Faculty Senate shall be those normally associated with their respective offices. Specific duties may be established pursuant to rules adopted by the Faculty Senate.

D. Meetings

1. The Faculty Senate shall meet at least three times each semester, and at such additional times at the discretion of the Chair of the Faculty Senate.
2. A meeting notice and tentative agenda shall be distributed by the Secretary to all members of the faculty at least five days in advance of each regular or special meeting of the Faculty Senate.
3. Meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be open to all faculty members, though the Faculty Senate may adopt rules limiting floor privileges to speak at meetings.
4. A majority of the members of the Faculty Senate shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. An action of the Faculty Senate shall require a simple majority vote of those present and voting, a quorum being present.
5. Agenda and minutes of each regular and special meeting of the Faculty Senate shall be promptly posted to the public faculty senate website as the official record.

E. Committees

1. The Faculty Senate may establish appropriate standing and *ad hoc* committees and shall adopt rules for the appointment of faculty members to such committees. Student, staff, and administration representatives shall serve on such committees as the Faculty Senate deems appropriate and shall be appointed pursuant to the rules of each constituency provided that at least one student shall serve on each committee except the Committee on Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure.

2. There shall be a standing Committee on Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure, elected by the tenured and tenure-track members of the faculty (pursuant to rules adopted by the Faculty Senate). It shall consist of twelve tenured members of the faculty. Four members shall be elected each year for terms of three years each, such terms to begin on July 1. Should a committee member be unable to complete the first 30 months of the three-year term, the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall supervise a special election to fill the vacancy. The Committee on Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure shall elect its own chair and vice-chair from its membership.
  - a. The Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee may, on its own initiative, make recommendations regarding faculty status to appropriate officers and bodies.
  - b. Whenever any question concerning faculty status is referred to the Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, including a question concerning a specific faculty member's tenure, promotion, appointment, dismissal, retirement, and the like, the committee shall make a recommendation on such question consistent with other University policies.

#### F. Procedures for Amendment of Articles I, II and III

1. Proposed amendments of Articles I, II, and III may be presented to the Faculty Senate at any regular or special meeting. Any such proposal may be amended at that same meeting by majority vote of those present and voting, a quorum being present.
2. A recommendation to amend these Articles shall not be voted upon at the same Faculty Senate meeting at which the proposed amendment was presented. If such proposal is amended by the Faculty Senate, the amended proposal shall not be voted upon at the same meeting at which such proposal was amended.
3. A recommendation to amend these Articles, if approved by a three-fifths vote of those present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Faculty Senate, a quorum being present, such recommendation shall be promptly forwarded to the Chancellor for review and approval. Once approved, the Chancellor shall transmit the proposed amended Articles to the President for review, approval, and transmission to the Board of Trustees. Upon review and approval by the Board of Trustees, the amended Articles shall be adopted and shall supersede the existing structure.
4. An amendment of these Articles shall be effective from the time of its adoption by the Board of Trustees, or at a future time specifically set by the Board of Trustees.



#### ARTICLE III - COLLEGE, SCHOOL, AND AT-LARGE FACULTIES

A. Separate Faculties

1. The separate faculties shall be those of the: Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences; College of Engineering; School of Law; Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design; J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences; College of Education and Health Professions; Sam M. Walton College of Business; and University Libraries.
2. Each separate faculty shall be composed of those members of the faculty eligible to vote per Article II, Section B.1 above.
3. For purposes of voting on at-large faculty representatives, the faculty shall be composed of those members of the faculty eligible to vote per Article II, Section B.1 above.
4. For purposes of Section B below, the Graduate School Faculty shall consist of the voting membership of the separate faculties who are authorized to serve on a graduate thesis or dissertation committee or to teach graduate courses and who are regularly involved in such graduate level activities, and such other persons as the Graduate School Faculty may elect.

B. Authority

1. Each separate faculty or the Graduate School Faculty may pass legislation making recommendations on its own academic affairs, such as the matters described in Article I Section A1 above. Such legislation shall be promptly referred to the Faculty Senate for review, unless other university policies apply. Any recommendation receiving concurrence from the Faculty Senate may be advanced consistent with this policy, with any recommendation not supported by the Faculty Senate reported back to the proposing faculty with rationale.
2. Each separate faculty, as well as the Graduate School Faculty, shall adopt its own rules of procedure provided that they are not in conflict with policies of the Faculty Senate or other applicable University policies.

## ARTICLE IV - THE STAFF

A. Authority

1. The staff, acting through the Staff Senate, shall have responsibility relating to the quality of the work life of the staff, the efficiency of the University's operations, and the staff's service to the campus community.
2. The staff, acting through the Staff Senate, may make recommendations on any matter of staff concern. Such matters shall include, but not be limited to:
  - a. fringe benefits;
  - b. University calendars and schedules;
  - c. compensation;
  - d. work schedules and working conditions;
  - e. hiring and dismissal procedures;
  - f. staff and administration evaluation;
  - g. grievance procedures;
  - h. environment and safety;
  - i. physical facilities; and
  - j. health and wellness.

B. Membership

In these Articles, "staff" shall mean all UA, Fayetteville employees eligible for fringe benefits who do not hold a faculty appointment of at least half-time or greater. .

C. Officers

The officers of the staff shall be the officers of the Staff Senate.

D. Meetings

Meetings of the Staff Senate shall be open to all members of the staff, and they shall have an opportunity to be heard as provided in by-laws adopted by the Staff Senate.

E. Committees

The Staff Senate shall establish appropriate standing committees of the staff and shall adopt rules for the appointment of members to such committees.

## ARTICLE V - THE STAFF SENATE



A. Authority

1. The Staff Senate shall exercise general legislative powers for the staff.
2. The Staff Senate shall select, in conjunction with the Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, the Staff Employee of the Quarter and the Staff Employee of the Year.
3. The Staff Senate will report to the Campus Council for informational and advisory purposes all legislation which it passes. Any legislation addressing matters of concern beyond staff shall be referred to the Campus Council for final action.
4. The Staff Senate shall elect the staff members of the Campus Council as specified in Article VI, Section B.1.c.
5. The Staff Senate shall act as the official liaison for staff with the administration, faculty, and students. The Staff Senate may review items of interest or concern brought to it by staff, administrators, faculty, and students.
6. Except for matters referred to Campus Council, recommendations adopted through the Staff Senate shall be transmitted to the Chancellor with a specific request for the Chancellor's review and favorable action. If the Chancellor declines to act favorably upon such a recommendation within two weeks of receiving it, the Staff Senate upon a majority vote, may refer the action to the Campus Council for review. The Campus Council, upon a three-fifths vote, may request that the President consider the matter.

If a resolution is not achieved on the recommendation within 30 days after the referral to the President, the President may submit the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

7. The Staff Senate may recommend amendments to Article V by a three-fifths vote of those present and voting at a regular or special meeting, a quorum being present. Any proposed amendment shall be furnished to the Staff Senate Chair and made available for review by Staff Senate Membership at least seven days prior to the meeting. Any recommendation to amend these Articles shall not be voted upon at the same Staff Senate meeting at which the proposed amendment was presented. If such a proposal is amended by the Staff Senate, the

amended proposal shall not be voted upon at the same meeting at which such proposal was amended. Once approved by Staff Senate, a recommended amendment shall be promptly forwarded to the Chancellor for review and approval. Once approved, the Chancellor shall transmit the proposed amended Articles to the President for review, approval, and transmission to the Board of Trustees. Upon review and approval by the Board of Trustees, the amended Article shall be adopted and shall supersede the existing structure. provided, however, that such amendment may not alter those subject matter areas within the purview of other governance bodies nor the procedures outlined in paragraph 3 above.

#### B. Membership

1. Each member of the Staff Senate shall be a member of the staff (as defined in Article IV, Section B).
2. The voting membership of the Staff Senate shall consist of the Chair, the Vice Chair, and such others as provided in by-laws adopted by the Staff Senate.
3. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources shall be a non-voting member of the Staff Senate.

#### C. Officers and Duties

1. The officers of the Staff Senate shall be the Chair, the Vice Chair, and such others as provided in the by-laws adopted by the Staff Senate. Each shall be elected as provided in by-laws adopted by the Staff Senate.
2. The Chair of the Staff Senate shall:
  - a. call, and preside over, meetings of the Staff Senate;
  - b. act as spokesperson for the staff;
  - c. be a member of the Campus Council;
  - d. appoint staff members to University committees as provided in rules of the Staff Senate;
  - e. appoint members to standing committees of the staff;
  - f. establish *ad hoc* committees as deemed appropriate, appoint the members of such committees, and appoint persons or panels advisory to the Chair as deemed appropriate; and
  - g. perform such other duties as the Chair deems appropriate to the office.
3. Should the Chair of the Staff Senate be unable to complete the term of office, the Vice Chair of the Staff Senate shall become, for the unexpired term, Chair of the Staff Senate.
4. The Vice Chair of the Staff Senate shall:
  - a. assist with the duties of the Chair of the Staff Senate;

- b. act for the Chair of the Staff Senate at such times as the latter may be unable to perform his or her duties; and
  - c. have such other duties and powers as provided in by-laws adopted by the Staff Senate.
- 5. Should the office of the Vice Chair of the Staff Senate become vacant during the term of office, the Chair of the Staff Senate shall call a special meeting of the Staff Senate to elect a new Vice Chair for the unexpired term. Nominations shall be made from the floor, and all nominees shall be current members of the Staff Senate.
- 6. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration and Human Resources shall appoint an individual from their office to serve as Recording Secretary and to provide clerical assistance to the Staff Senate and its officers.

#### D. Meetings

- 1. Regular meetings of the Staff Senate shall be held monthly, during regular office hours, and as provided in by-laws adopted by the Staff Senate.
- 2. Special meetings of the Staff Senate may be called by the Chair, by a majority of the members of the Staff Senate, or otherwise as provided in by-laws adopted by the Staff Senate.
- 3. A majority of the members of the Staff Senate shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
- 4. Agendas and minutes of each regular and special meeting of the Staff Senate shall be promptly posted by the Recording Secretary to the public Staff Senate website, which will be the official record.

#### E. Committees

- 1. The Staff Senate shall utilize the standing committees of the staff.
- 2. The Staff Senate may establish appropriate *ad hoc* committees.

3. The Staff Senate may recommend appointment of staff to University committees.

## ARTICLE VI - THE CAMPUS COUNCIL

### A. Authority

1. The Campus Council shall have authority to make recommendations to appropriate University officials, bodies, and/or units on matters of shared interest among faculty, staff, and students not within a subject matter area reserved to other campus governing bodies.
2. All legislation initiated by other campus governing bodies shall be reported to the Campus Council for informational and advisory purposes. If the legislation is not within the sole subject matter area of those bodies, it will require final action by the Campus Council for approval.
3. The Campus Council may make recommendations to the Chancellor, on any matter within the purview of the Campus Council, including legislation reported other campus governance bodies with a specific request for the Chancellor's review and favorable action. If the Chancellor declines to act favorably upon such a recommendation within two weeks of receiving it, the Campus Council upon a three-fifths vote, may request that the President consider the matter.
4. If a resolution is not achieved on the recommendation within 30 days after referral to the President, the President may submit the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

### B. Membership

1. The voting membership of the Campus Council shall consist of those specified in paragraphs a-c below.

- a. The Chair and Vice Chair of the following campus governing bodies:
  - i Faculty Senate
  - ii Staff Senate
  - iii Associated Student Government
  - iv Graduate-Professional Student Congress

12 additional representatives from each governing body specified in the paragraph above shall be elected for one-year terms by their respective governing body pursuant to their rules.

- b. The voting administration representatives shall include :dean of each undergraduate academic college or school, the deans of the Law School, the Graduate School and International Education, the dean of Admissions, dean of Students, dean of the Honors College, and the dean of the University Libraries.

- c. The non-voting administration representatives shall include:
  - i The Chancellor
  - ii All Vice Chancellors
- 2. Should a faculty, student, or staff representative be unable to complete the term of office, the governing body which elected that person shall elect a replacement member to serve for the unexpired term.

#### C. Officers and Duties

- 1. The Campus Council shall elect, in the spring, its Chair and Vice Chair from its members. The term of the new officers will begin each July 1 for a one-year term ending the following June 30.
- 2. Should the Chair of the Campus Council be unable to complete the term of office, the Vice Chair shall become, for the unexpired term, Chair of the Campus Council.
- 3. The Secretary of the Campus Council shall be appointed by the Chair of the Campus Council, but with voting privileges only if entitled thereto by virtue of election to the Campus Council.
- 4. The duties of the officers of the Campus Council shall be those normally associated with their respective offices.

#### D. Meetings

- 1. The Campus Council shall meet at least once each semester, and at such additional times as the Chair of the Campus Council deems appropriate or upon call of the Chancellor.
- 2. A meeting notice and tentative agenda shall be distributed by the Secretary to all members of the Campus Council, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Associated Student Government Senate, Graduate-Professional Student Congress, and to all members of the faculty, at least five days in advance of each regular or special meeting.

3. A majority of the voting members of the Campus Council shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. An action of the Campus Council shall require a simple majority vote of those present and voting, a quorum being present.
4. Agenda and minutes of each regular and special meeting of the Campus Council shall be promptly posted by the Secretary on the public Campus Council website, which will be the official record.

E. Committees

1. The standing Executive Committee shall consist of ten members. Membership includes the Chair and Vice-Chair of Campus Council. The remaining members will be elected by the Campus Council and shall consist of two from each governing body that composes the Campus Council. The term of appointment shall be for one year. Members can be re-appointed.
  - a. Any person represented on the Campus Council may submit to the Executive Committee, through a member of the Council, proposed motions, reports, discussion items, or other business to be placed before the Council, with an appropriate rationale to accompany each such proposal.
  - b. The Executive Committee shall review each proposal submitted under the provisions of paragraph a above and may recommend that the proposal be changed or withdrawn by the initiator(s) thereof, who may accept or reject any such recommendation.
  - c. The Executive Committee shall review all legislation reported by the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Associated Student Government Senate, or Graduate-Professional Student Congress. If final action is required by the Campus Council, the Committee shall include such items as an agenda item for the next meeting of the Campus Council. If legislation reported by a legislative body appears to the Executive Committee to be legislation which rests within the subject matter area of a legislative body other than the one from which it was reported, it shall be promptly referred to the appropriate legislative body and shall be considered enacted only if approved by such legislative body.
  - d. The Executive Committee shall prepare, for each meeting of the Campus Council, a tentative agenda.
  - e. The agenda prepared by the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Campus Council for distribution.
2. The Campus Council shall utilize the standing committees of the faculty, students, staff, and administration as the Campus Council deems appropriate.

3. The Campus Council **may** establish appropriate standing and *ad hoc* committees and shall adopt rules for the appointment members to such committees. Provision shall be made for faculty, student, staff, and administration representatives on such committees unless the Campus Council deems such provision clearly inappropriate.

#### F. Amendments to Article VI

1. The Campus Council may recommend amendments to Article VI by a three-fifths vote of those present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Campus Council, a quorum being present, such recommendation shall be promptly forwarded to the Chancellor for review and approval. Once approved, the Chancellor shall transmit the proposed amended Article to the President for review, approval, and transmission to the Board of Trustees. Upon review and approval by the Board of Trustees, the amended Article shall be adopted and shall supersede the existing structure., provided, however, that such amendment may not alter those subject matter areas reserved to the Faculty Senate, the Staff Senate, or other campus governing bodies.
2. One or more proposed amendments to Article VI may be presented to the Campus Council at any regular or special meeting. Any such proposal may be amended at that same meeting by majority vote of those present and voting, a quorum being present.
3. A recommendation to amend Article VI shall not be voted upon at the same Campus Council meeting at which the proposed amendment was presented. If such proposal is amended by the Campus Council, the amended proposal shall not be voted upon at the same meeting at which such proposal was amended.



4. An amendment of Article VI shall be effective from the time of its adoption by the Board of Trustees, or at a future time specifically set by the Board of Trustees.

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