

MINUTES
University Senates Conference
Academic Affairs and Research Committee
Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at 1 p.m.

Present: B. Francis; P. Kalita; W. Maher; and K. Novak, Chair

Absent: B. DeBerry-Spence

New Business

- A. Committee members met to determine AARC work for 2017-18. Members decided to focus on reviewing and assessing the purpose, communication, topics and meeting frequency of the EVPAA's faculty advisory council (officially titled the Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs (FACSAA)). As a result, we removed other items from the agenda, which were relevant tasks but irrelevant to the particular work of the AARC.

In other business, the committee discussed a possible topic for a USC presentation to the Board of Trustees in either March or May. Members will conduct background research for each respective university campus to consider the feasibility of the topic. Until it's considered more fully, the AARC members agreed to communicate the topic to the USC Chair, but reserve further announcement.

- B. Members discussed the AARC bylaws that suggest we "invite University Officers whose duties are relevant to the committee charge to meet with the committee at least once a year." In discussion, we determined that VPIED Ed Seidel, our clearest choice, already speaks to the USC membership at least twice per year to both inform and address questions. It doesn't make sense, at present, to invite him to speak to the standing committee alone.

Old Business

Planned regular committee meetings by phone one week prior to each USC meeting.

Next Meeting:

Week of Jan. 22, 2018, by phone.