

Report to the Campus Council from Faculty Senate Chair, Neil Allison, Fall 2009

Many changes have been taking place at the UofA since our last report:

- 1) We are now affiliated with SECAFS, Southeastern Conference Academic Faculty Leadership
- 2) Dean searches for College of Education and Health Professions, Bumpers College of Agriculture are underway
- 3) Dean of the Graduate School is being split into two positions: a) Dean of Graduate School and International Studies and b) Vice Chancellor of Research and Economic Development
- 4) Student Evaluation of Instructors, is undergoing change – most visibly now these are done in the 12th week of the semester and all chair positions have to undergo training regarding this process. The evaluation instrument, the Purdue Form will eventually be changed...
- 5) Arkansas Text Book compliance remains the best in the state with 95% compliance
- 6) Act 182, a state law allowing students with degrees from junior colleges to transfer in without having to repeat core classes in the 2nd year
- 7) Financial Advisory Committee report revealed that faculty salaries low compared to SEC, no faculty raises this year.
- 8) Many changes in facilities are in the making – including renovation of key classrooms and buildings on campus.
- 9) The Faculty side of the Fringe Benefits Committee is being resurrected.