

The Faculty Senate  
Arkansas State University

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE FIXED MEETING TIMES FOR SOME SHARED  
GOVERNANCE AND OTHER COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, administrators, faculty, and staff waste time and energy repeatedly seeking out convenient times to hold committee meetings central to the mission of Arkansas State University; and

WHEREAS, our current practice of holding Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Deans Council, Chairs Council, Shared Governance Oversight Committee, Promotion, Retention, and Tenure committees, Departmental, and other committee meetings at difficult or inconvenient times often suppresses participation among faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor has made transparency and participation among members of our campus community a priority, stating of our campus community members “you should have a voice in our future and you can only participate if you are fully informed”; and

WHEREAS, other universities have successfully calendared university, college, and departmental committee meetings mid-week at times when constituent members may attend (indeed, have no excuse but to attend) for the purpose of increasing participation and routinizing meeting times.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Faculty Senate requests as part of the strategic planning process that Chancellor Damphousse reformulate University policy on regularly scheduled committee meetings. We request that he set aside times mid-week (preferably Wednesday afternoons) for regularly scheduled university, college, and departmental committee meetings to take place, and during which the University schedules few, or no classes.