

Committee of Eleven

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Committee of Eleven Annual Report 2015-16

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The committee was established in 1947 by President James Byron McCormick to obtain advice from the faculty. When the Faculty Senate and Constitution were established in 1948, the Committee of Eleven was defined constitutionally and membership determined by faculty-wide election. It is unique in higher education governance structures and is independent of other faculty or administrative committees or organizations. The Committee of Eleven is University-wide and does not have a prescribed agenda.

Faculty Constitution Article V, Section 3 provides:

The Committee of Eleven shall:

- a. Initiate, promote, and stimulate study and action dealing with and looking toward solution of situations and problems of interest and concern to the faculty and to the University.
- b. Make reports to the General Faculty or the Faculty Senate.
- c. Speak for the General Faculty as and when authorized by the General Faculty.

The Committee of Eleven's focus for 2015-2016 Academic Year included the following topics:

- The state of UA/State legislature relations



- The state of philanthropy at UA
- The relation of departmental hiring to cluster hires
- The provision of startup moneys from the ORD.

As is its practice, the Committee of Eleven met with key individuals throughout the academic year to support these inquiries. These included:


Mr. Tim Bee, Vice President Government & Community Relations
Regent Ron Shoopman

Mr. J.P. Roczniak, Interim President & CEO, UA Foundation (now President)

Dr. Kimberly Espy, Senior Vice President for Research

Guests were invited to further determined goals. We had hoped to foster more direct involvement of UA faculty with certain legislators, but that did not materialize. It was also hoped that we could develop some kind of direct ties between faculty leadership and the business community. These two factors were reasons for speaking to Mr. Bee and Regent Shoopman. The White paper issued the year before had identified increased philanthropy as a priority goal given the difficulties of federal funding and the seemingly endless cuts in state support. We are happy to report, faculty leadership were included in a variety of discussions regarding the future of philanthropy at UA and were invited to participate in the search for a new permanent leader for the UA foundation. Mr. Roczniak has indicated a strong willingness to remain connected to C11 and its work and to brief us next year on changes at the UA Foundation. The White paper also identified the difficulty of hiring new faculty, especially when the cost of startup was high. We had suggested new resources be brought to the VPR's office for exactly this purpose. This was done, but there was some concern regarding the interactions between departments and the Senior VP for Research and her office and how they came to agreement on scholarly areas in which a search would be deemed to support broad University goals. We were able to clarify with Dr. Espy the expected involvement of the ORD in cases in which her office provides the bulk or all of the startup funds for new hires.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Schwartz, Chair
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