

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: The Faculty Officers <http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/>

DATE: March 1, 2021

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Based on feedback from a concerned faculty member related to the security of our Qualtrics voting system, the officers engaged UITS to review the system. The results of the UITS review and a summary of how the system has been safeguarded for the future are described in documents and a presentation associated with our March 1, 2021 Faculty Senate meeting.
- The Shared Governance Review Committee was convened for the 3rd time on Thursday, February 18th; members continued to work to establish a shared understanding of shared governance. Two future meetings (March and April 2021) will be focused on identifying indicators of the 'health' of shared governance, and coordinating across the governance bodies of faculty, staff and students. Planned SGRC deliverables for this AY include a draft "playbook" for shared governance and the signed Shared Governance Memorandum of Understanding.
- Worked with the Provost, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Career Track Faculty, and others to move forward proposed changes to clarify titling for career track faculty. Relevant policy changes will come to Senate prior to approval and implementation.
- Met with members of Office of Gen Ed, UWGEC, UGC, and Provost's Office to discuss Gen Ed Refresh, and implications for faculty governance.

GOALS

SHORT-TERM:

- Work with administration on streamlining the program approval process while ensuring for adequate engagement from faculty shared governance entities, including Senate. Goal date: by May 3, 2021.
- Work with members of the Shared Governance Review Committee, Faculty Senate, President Robbins, Provost Folks, Secretary Dudas, SVPR Cantwell, & CFO Rulney to establish a functioning "playbook" for shared governance & signed Shared Governance Memorandum of Understanding indicating agreement to how we will collaborate on decisions and direction of the university. Goal date: by May 3, 2021.
- Revise the membership and mechanisms for populating the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils to include ex officio representation from Senate and to ensure Councils have representative faculty membership and adhere to the Shared Governance Memorandum of Understanding.
- Ensure appropriate continued faculty representation on UWGEC, UGC given planned changes to Gen Ed.

LONG-TERM:

- To ensure a continued successful, safe, and healthy return to campus life for all members of the UA community.

- To broaden participation in shared governance to ensure that the University lives up to its values and supports its mission as we move ahead.
- To work with you to do all that we, as a community, can do to save lives, support our most vulnerable community members, and increase faculty participation in all decision-making that affects our lives and the long-term health and well-being of all of us.

To Our Senate Colleagues: We remain grateful to you for your hard work, your input, your ideas and your continued engagement in shared governance. We continue to work to support the work of the University and to ensure the prominence of the Faculty voice.

Contact us: email (hinglem@email.arizona.edu), phone (520.621.3087), or Office Hours (weekly, Tuesdays, 4-4:45pm <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/94767916308>). Chair Summers remains on sabbatical during Spring 2021; she will continue to attend Faculty Senate, Shared Governance Review Committee, and ABOR meetings in Spring 2021. Vice Chair Hingle and Secretary Brewer will stand in for Chair Summers this Spring at all other meetings requiring her regular attendance.