
Absent: J. Baxter, M. Lubisich, W. Neumann, and D. Ray

Guests: J. Frumkin, IT Liaison

Call to Order
Vice Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of August 21, 2017
The minutes of August 21, 2017 were approved with one abstention.

UPDATES

Research Policy Committee – Erica Corral
Corral informed the committee that the RPC met earlier in the day with Assistant Vice President for Tech Launch Arizona, Doug Hockstad. Hockstad provided background information on ABOR’s changes to the Intellectual Property Policy (IP), specifically mentioning faculty’s course instruction materials. Committee members feel it would be prudent to write a UA policy addressing issues of licensing, ownership, and use of course materials specifically addressing faculty who leave the UA and may take the course content they developed with them. Comrie said that deans were almost unanimously opposed to the policy, because it allows faculty to undercut an entire online college program by withholding IP for course materials they have developed. Ownership issues of course content can be contentious, and Chair of the Faculty Nadel would like the committee to continue to try to find middle ground. Corral said that defining what exactly counts as 'course content' before the faculty member leaves the UA would be helpful. Hockstad said that he would work with the Office of General Counsel to work on a redraft of the UA policy. Corral said that the new ABOR policy going into effect will determine committee action, and Dudas said ABOR’s second reading will be at the September ABOR meeting. Comrie said a good point of contact would be Dean Marc Miller in the College of Law, since he is well-versed with the writing and revisions of the draft policy. Online versus in-class content is also an issue that isn’t clear as to the parameters of the policy. The committee discussed its yearly workload overview, including core research facilities, the Committee of Eleven Report, and Dr. Espy’s responses to Dr. Witte’s inquiries addressed to the Senate. Corral stated that not all of the issues discussed were going to be looked at by RPC, but that they had a strong list of items to get started with.
**Academic Personnel Policy Committee – Ron Hammer (via Zoom)**

Hammer said that the committee met on Monday, September 11, 2017 and are addressing tenure issues concerning Tenure Track faculty who move to Career Track positions primarily in the Colleges of Medicine. Physicians who get bogged down with clinical service, and have no time for scholarly service may have issues resulting in postponement of tenure eligibility by moving to a Career Track position. APPC committee members thought that the guidelines that govern the transition between Career and Tenure-eligible tracks should be more consistent with those of tenure-track appointments. The guidelines state that the track change request would be reviewed by departmental or college committees; committee members feel that more representation within the faculty member’s department is needed, so both departmental and college committees should typically review the request. The APPC is working with Vice Provost Tom Miller to propose a consensus policy.

**Committee of Eleven – Steve Schwartz**

Schwartz said that the committee would be working on two things this coming year; RCM and its promotion of excellence, and how the UA can push for more vigorous annual performance reviews and meaningful post-tenure reviews among the faculty. Comrie stated that he would be convening a faculty-centric/shared governance committee to look at RCM, and wanted to know if he should include Committee of Eleven members so the efforts could be collaborated. Schwartz said that the Provost’s group would looking at RCM in a more detailed fashion, whereas the C11 group would be looking at general principles. Vaillancourt suggested to have the C11 Committee advise the Provost’s committee on conceptual impacts around the University. Comrie then suggested appointing a couple of C11 members to his committee for an added perspective. Richardson said that SPBAC will also be involved on a shared governance level with reviewing RCM. The RCM subcommittees made recommendations to SPBAC in the past, and recommended to Comrie that the Provost’s committee also include subcommittees to focus on different aspects of RCM.

**President’s Report – Jon Dudas**

A legislative push to thwart bonding for University maintenance and upgrades is affecting all three in-state Universities. The UA was able to get on the agenda, which was a significant accomplishment in itself, as calendaring issues have been contentious. The next ABOR meeting is scheduled for September 27 – 29, 2017 at Northern Arizona University. The November 2017 meeting will be held at the UA and will include discussion of the UA’s new Strategic Plan. Solutions for DACA seem to be moving forward in Washington, D.C.

**Provost’s Report – Andrew Comrie**

Comrie reported that ABOR’s Academic Student Affairs Committee will review the General Education structure and quality, and the new Moral Sciences Department is set for approval. Candidates for the College of Education dean are being interviewed. A leadership change in the Office of Global Initiatives has occurred, with Suzanne Panferov named as Interim Vice President.

**Chair of the Faculty – Lynn Nadel**

No report.
**Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer**

Brewer announced that there was a glitch in the new voting system at the onset of the current election now in process. The problem stemmed from the system automatically dropping Career Track faculty at the beginning of the academic year. A new system is in place to prevent this from happening in the future. Brewer talked with Director of Postdoctoral Affairs, Jennie Hoit, about including postdoctoral scholars under the umbrella of shared governance. The proposal to include the director of the office of postdoctoral affairs as a voting ex-officio member of Faculty Senate was not approved at the September meeting, in part because there was a sentiment that postdoctoral scholars should be able to have their own representative, rather than being represented by an administrator with oversight of them. However there is not yet an organization of postdoctoral scholars that could nominate and elect representatives for this purpose. Brewer is proposing to appoint postdoctoral scholars to some of the Senate Standing Committees, such as APPC and RPC. Richardson said that the concerns raised in Faculty Senate had some validity, in that some organizations do not have procedures in place to choose interested parties. Several participants were under the impression that the motion was tabled, but in actuality the motion did not move forward and was not approved.

**Secretary of the Faculty – Amy Fountain**

Fountain said that there is an effort by Curricular Affairs for all committees to write their own bylaws. Committees include Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, College Academic Administrators Council, and the University-Wide General Education Committee. Fountain said her understanding was that there may be an inclination to prepare for the Commission on Higher Education accreditation. Fountain would like to work with the Office of Academic Affairs, specifically Executive Director for Academic and Curricular Affairs, Pam Coonan and Assistant Director for Academic Policies and Organizations, Celeste Pardee to ensure that these committees were aware of the existing language in the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Faculty affecting them as individual committee bylaws were drafted.

**IT Liaison – Jeremy Frumkin**

An online researcher ID website has been implemented to help researchers and faculty track publications. Communications about ORCID.arizona.edu will be forthcoming. Follow-up is continuing with online descriptions of courses available to students.

**SPBAC – Co-chairs Randy Richardson and Allison Vaillancourt**

Vaillancourt made an announcement that health insurance premiums will be increasing for the next year. Premiums will increase $2.00 to $12.00 per pay period, and co-pays will also be increasing. Routine care will be free, primary care will be $20, specialists will be $40, emergency room will be $200, urgent care will be $75, emergency room will be $200, and radiology will be $100. The first SPBAC meeting was held on September 6, 2017, and the co-chairs asked the committee what questions they would like answered for the coming year. Some of the suggestions were defining principles that will help guide investing, freezing or reducing resources, new possible revenue streams, how diversity and inclusion efforts are evaluated, international strategies, the appropriate balance between student growth and academic quality, and UA rankings. The Rankings Committee and President Robbins will be joining SPBAC at the next meeting.

**Graduate Council – Co-Chair Jim Field**
Field presented the Master of Science in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics. The committee agreed to move the proposal forward for Faculty Senate consideration. Nadel asked if the funds from the program were going to be used for hiring new faculty, and what would happen if the money stops flowing and those faculty hired are on tenure-track. Field responded that the faculty were not going to be hired immediately, and would be hired based on the popularity of the program. Comparison studies were conducted with University of Texas at Austin and the University of Wisconsin at Madison, both of which had extremely successful outcomes.

**Undergraduate Council – Dennis Ray**
Ray was absent, but the committee looked at the Proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Food Safety. The committee agreed to forward the proposal to Faculty Senate for a vote.

**APAC – Susanna Eden**
Eden said that APAC would be holding its annual meeting with special guest, President Robbins. The meeting will be held in Crowder Hall on September 25, 2017 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**ASUA – Matthew Lubisich**
Lubisich was absent.

**Graduate and Professional Student Council – Jessica Baxter**
Baxter was absent.

**Student Affairs Policy Committee – Jeff Stone**
Stone informed the committee that SAPC will be holding monthly meetings for the remainder of year. The committee had its first meeting on September 13, 2017, and discussed a preliminary report for online textbook adoptions, which increased by 86%. Stone attributes the increase to email notifications sent out to faculty. Stone suggests continuing with the notifications to maintain faculty’s involvement. The committee met with Executive Director for Research Technology, Jeremy Frumkin and Executive Director for Campus IT Operations, Tom Bourgeois, regarding the possibility of providing better course descriptions online for students. The most efficient way to proceed would be to instruct every department to post some of its past and present syllabi online. Frumkin suggested that bringing the voice of Academic Affairs to the table would definitely create a long-range vision for the project.

**Setting the October 2, 2017 Faculty Senate Agenda**
Items on the agenda were rearranged and time allotments were adjusted for each. Nadel asked APAC representative Susanna Eden to present her oral report at the Faculty Senate meeting. Eden agreed.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.