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Minutes: March 23, 2015
3:00-5:00 p.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Brewer (Chair), A. Comrie, J. Dudas, M. Galilee-Belfer, P. Hoyer, L. Nadel, B. McKeen, T. Moreno, W. Neumann, I. Ortega, D. Ray, J. Sun (for Z. Brooks), T. Tong, and K. Visscher

Absent: C. Higgins, J.C. Mutchler (Parliamentarian), R. Richardson, and L. Ritter

Observers: Jeremy Frumkin, Internet Technology Strategy Group Liaison

Call to Order
Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of February 16, 2015
The minutes of February 16, 2015 were approved.

Provost’s Report – Andrew Comrie
Arizona State budget – The Governor approved the final state budget designating a 14% cut to higher education with UA’s total allocation closer to 10%. A column was published in Lo Que Pasa encouraging feedback from the campus community on budget issues.
Tuition – The UA tuition request to ABOR is due Thursday, March 23, 2015. Tuition setting will be held on May 4, 2015. Guaranteed tuition is a benefit to incoming students and will be honored in the future. Individual program fees are program centric and governed by the fees committee.
RCM – Details on the technical front are being worked on while the steering committee tackles governance issues. Budget components will be integrated into the regular committee structure on the academic side. Program proposals will align with the financial mission.
Never Settle – Driving Never Settle forward in the face of budgetary challenges will be a difficult task. New investments in broad initiatives are on the forefront, while slowing down certain other activities. Investment visibility will be essential for transparency.

President’s Report – Jon Dudas
Dudas reported that he and Chair Nadel have launched a pilot program recruiting students at the national level. The original budget cut of $74M increased to $104M with the final budget approval. Regent President Klein is in long-term discussions with the legislature to try to find long-term solutions to the budget cuts. ABOR is also looking at a state-wide education effort. The guaranteed tuition program is 0% increase for three entire years for resident and non-resident students.

Jeremy Frumkin – Internet Technology Strategy Group
Frumkin reported that an IT briefing for upper administrators and heads of IT was held on March 5, 2015. NetID+ will be required for use of campus VPN by April 30, 2015. Information security Awareness Training will be made available in the near future. Box.com will officially be launched on March 24, 2015. Future endeavors to make Box.com HIPAA compliant issues are being worked out. Frumkin requests feedback from the committee and will take recommendations of topics to be included in future reports.
Questions and comments included: 1) Brewer asked about the timing on the D2L iCloud migration. Neumann responded that the Executive group will be convening in March 2015, and year-end is a more reasonable expectation for completion. Some issues being spearheaded are mid-year/end-of-year updates instead of continuous release. 2) Galilee-Belfer said that she would like to see contact information in the report so the campus community can ask questions or provide feedback or concerns.

Chair of the Faculty – Lynn Nadel

No report.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer

Non-tenure Track Task Force appointments – Brewer reported that appointments to the committee have been made and the first meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2015. Another reorganization/merger between the Department of Hydrology and the Department of Atmospheric Sciences is on the horizon and the three neutral observers have been assigned.

Secretary’s report – Bobbi McKean

Constitution and Bylaws revisions – The Constitution and Bylaws revisions have been distributed to the General Faculty and Secretary McKean has received positive responses to the revisions.

PAC 12 Academic Leadership Coalition - Brewer, McKean and Cherry will be attending the Pac-12 Academic Leadership Coalition conference at Washington State University in Pullman, WA. The Faculty Officers hope to spark new interest from non-involved schools and increase involvement with the attending schools. Comrie said that the Provosts of the Pac-12 schools met eighteen months ago but haven’t had a meeting since that time. Presidents of Pac-12 schools meet regularly.

Committee of Eleven – Pat Hoyer

Hoyer reported that the committee prepared a White Paper on the research mission at the University that was released in early February 2015. Committee of Eleven members will lead the discussion at the April 6, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting. The C11 White Paper subcommittee will be meeting on March 24, 2015 to plan for the Senate presentation. On Friday, March 27, 2015, Senior Vice President for Research Kim Espy will be the guest at the C11 meeting. Nadel informed the Committee that Espy will be unable to attend the April Senate meeting and be part of the discussion as previously planned. Associate Vice Presidents for Research, Neal Armstrong and Office of Research and Discovery Chief of Staff, Caroline Garcia will be in attendance at the meeting. Espy will be scheduled for a discussion the first or second Senate meeting of the fall semester.

Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee – Co-chairs Randy Richardson and Mika Galilee-Belfer

Co-Chair Galilee-Belfer announced that she was pleased with the discussion and interaction of the attendees at the March 2015 Senate meeting. SPBAC is recommending strategic advantage areas on globalization and sustainability. The deans from the Colleges of Humanities, Education, Science and Agriculture & Life Sciences will meet with SPBAC on April 15, 2015, for a panel discussion.

GPSC – Zach Brooks

GPSC at-Large representative Juhyung Sun attended for President Brooks while Brooks was attending the Legislative Action Days for the National Association of Graduate-Professional Student (NAGPS). Sun reported that GPSC elections are underway and there are three Presidential and four Vice Presidential candidates running for office. The Grad Slam, a three-minute venue where graduate students present their research in ten or fewer slides, is in its preliminary round. Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week will be held April 5-11, 2015 allowing graduate students to connect and socialize over a barbeque and other events. UA will host the upcoming Western Regional NAGPS Conference from
April 10-12, 2015. GPSC has taken four trips to the State Capital to voice its concern with the budget cuts. NAGPS is appealing to the federal government to level the interest rate for graduate students aligning with the rate for undergraduate students.

**ASUA – Issac Ortega**
Ortega reported that the main highlight coming out of the budget cuts has been the assurance that the UA sustains its commitment to guaranteed tuition. ASUA elections are underway. The ASUA Senate body is being restructured with more seats and a more diverse population. Five students from each college plus an at-Large population will more than double its size from ten senators to twenty-two. Comrie added that this restructure was a major transformation of the student government as we know it. ASUA, along with Administration and Athletics, is communicating the “Bear Down With Pride” message to promote responsible behavior throughout the NCAA tournament.

**Undergraduate Council – Dennis Ray**
Ray brought forward the Approval to Exclude 400-Level Courses From General Education – Tier Two from the University-Wide General Education Committee and Undergraduate Council. Committee members would like an explanation of the proposal from its source and agreed to wait until the May Senate meeting to move it forward for approval. Two more proposals will be reviewed by CAAC on March 24, 2015 and will be forwarded to the committee for approval prior to the April Senate meeting.

**Graduate Council – Koen Visscher**
Two Master’s program proposals were discussed but due to lack of a quorum, no vote was taken. An email vote was distributed with results due by March 30, 2015.

**APPC – Leslie Ritter**
No report.

**Research Policy Committee - Chuck Higgins**
No report.

**Student Affairs Policy Committee – Theodore Tong**
No report.

**Review agendas for the April 6, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting.**
Order and time allocations were assigned for each item.

**Adjournment**
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Cherry