Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
8:15-9:50 a.m. Old Main Boardroom


Guests: F. Cordova

Call to Order
Co-Chair R. Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of January 20, 2016
The minutes of January 20, 2016 were approved.

Updates
Co-Chair Richardson introduced J.P. Roczniak, Interim President of the UA Foundation. Roczniak told the Committee about development trainings being conducted for UA department heads, with more planned for both faculty and Development Officers.

The UA has been ranked in the top 200 by Princeton Review in the publication entitled “Colleges that Pay You Back.”

ASUA representative M. Felix updated members concerning the proposed athletic fee for students. Following conversations with Athletic Director Greg Byrne and Zona Zoo representatives, ASUA is developing an online survey to better understand the pulse of the undergraduate student body. Felix said he would keep SPBAC updated at future meetings. It was suggested that since many parents are paying for their child’s tuition that they should also be polled. It was further discussed that while it’s the current student body being polled, the fee would apply to future students - not to those currently enrolled. Members suggested that the poll not just ask whether or not there is support for the fee but also what students see as the value proposition of the fee.

The GPSC, which recently conducted its own survey about the athletic fees, found that almost 90% of respondents were against charging graduate students the fee.

Co-Chair Richardson highlighted Chair Talk #9 on the Faculty Governance website concerning Campus Climate. This topic is one that will be included in future SPBAC meetings.

New Business
Co-Chairs Richardson and Galilee-Belfer have expressed a desire to serve another term as co-chairs. President Hart, Provost Comrie, and Chair of the Faculty Lynn Nadel have been
consulted, and are supportive. SPBAC bylaws call for the voting members of SPBAC to vote on the re-appointment for a second term. Faculty Center staff will send an email to the voting members asking them to vote Yes, No, or Abstain on the re-appointment. A non-response is counted as a No vote. Richardson and Galilee-Belfer asked those voting to include any questions or concerns about SPBAC in their voting email. Members asked why Richardson and Galilee-Belfer would like to continue as co-chairs. In response, the Co-chairs will draft a statement for inclusion in the voting email that addresses that issue, much as would be done if they were running for an elected position in faculty governance.

**Structured Discussion**
After a brief introduction and background from SPBAC member Barbara Bryson, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Analysis, members divided into small groups to discuss quality indicators as they relate to two of the *Never Settle* pillars - Partnering and Synergy. This discussion arose in response to ABOR’s new plan, ABOR 2025, which replaces the former ABOR 2020 plan. Among the changes: a shift from 32 metrics to 12 metrics plus “quality indicators” – measures not necessarily quantifiable but that reflect quality across the teaching, research/scholarship, and service domains. Conversations about quality in teaching and scholarship have already been held among faculty groups.

Discussion in partnerships and synergy began with groups identifying exemplars on campus in these domains, and then identifying what attributes these exemplars had that made them so effective in terms of quality. Bryson gathered feedback from groups (3 small groups focused on Partnership, 1 larger group focused on Synergy) about quality relationships the UA has with the community, research partners, global collaborators, and businesses.

Bryson told the members that Provost Comrie would be part of the quality discussion at the Academic Affairs meeting today, February 3rd at the Arizona Board of Regents meeting in Tempe.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

**Future Meetings**
- **February 17, 2016**  8:15 am – 9:50 am  Old Main Boardroom
- **March 2, 2016**  8:15 am – 9:50 am  Old Main Boardroom
- **March 16, 2016**  CANCELLED-SPRING BREAK
- **April 6, 2016**  8:15 am – 9:50 am  Old Main Boardroom
- **April 20, 2016**  8:15 am – 9:50 am  Old Main Boardroom