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Committee of Eleven Annual Report 2014-15

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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 2014-2015 Academic Year included the following activities and topics:

- Health Sciences/Medical School Issues
- White Paper
- UA Foundation Board
- Research Office Changes
- Student Enrollment and Diversity



Over the summer, Chair Hoyer and Vice Chair Strittmatter (Chair of white paper subcommittee) met with a number of Deans as well as the Head of Bio5 and members of the Council of Academic Business Officers. The discussions provided a global overview of concerns about the research mission. Those individuals are acknowledged and their input summarized in the report. During Fall Semester 2014, the Committee continued to work on drafting and preparing the white paper entitled "Status of the University of Arizona Research Program". Vice Chair Strittmatter prepared the draft of the document with input from the subcommittee (Schwartz, Jones, Hildebrand). The final draft was presented to the entire Committee of Eleven for discussion and approval. The document was finally approved in late January. An original signed document was delivered to the President's office, and released in electronic form to the University community on February 2, 2015. A presentation and discussion of the report was held in the Faculty Senate on April 6, 2015. The document can be viewed at <http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu//committee/26>

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

President Ann Weaver Hart
Gail Burd, Senior Vice Provost, Academic Affairs
Tom Keating, Chair of the Arizona Foundation Board
Laura Todd Johnson, Office of the General Counsel
Kim Espy, Senior Vice President for Research
Gregg Goldman, Senior VP for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer
Provost Andrew Comrie

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Hoyer, Chair
Committee of Eleven