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Minutes: November 21, 2016
3:00-5:00 p.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Brewer (Chair), A. Comrie, J. Dudas, S. Eden, J. Field, M. Finnegan,
A. Fountain, M. Galilee-Belfer, L. Nadel, M. Paiewonsky, D. Pietz,
D. Ray, R. Richardson, T. Tong, and J. Udeozor

Absent: E. Corral, W. Neumann, and S. Schwartz

Call to Order

Vice Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of October 24, 2016

The minutes of October 24, 2016 were approved with one abstention.

Update from the President – Jon Dudas

The ABOR meeting was held in UA's new ENR2 Building. President Hart stated that the new building has received LEED designation. The regular board meetings were uneventful on Wednesday, November 16, and Thursday, November 17, 2016, but Friday's presentation concerning deferred maintenance and the 10-year mission plan were received with Regent pushback. The Breakfast with the Regents held on Friday, November 18, 2016 was well received by all attendees. There is a general consensus by the Regents that they are receiving more informational data from all three universities that allows for more comparison between the three in-state Universities. Newly appointed Regent Lyndel Manson expressed a desire to dig deeper into specific topics. The Regents want the three universities to prioritize their strengths, to allow for a more concise attraction to students with different interests.

Update from the Provost – Andrew Comrie

Diversity planning is moving along and Comrie has charged Diversity Coordinating Council and J. Treviño to provide a draft mission statement and strategic plan. Treviño is sharing the draft document with various groups across campus. The President's Advisory Council is in the process of being set up, but will not be meeting until the near future. Goals for the UA to become carbon neutral by 2025 are in the planning stages, with SPBAC input needed for the topic of climate neutrality. The Academic Affairs Committee has proposed three new degrees and one new department, and they have all been well-received going through the UA approval processes. The search for a new COM-Phoenix dean is progressing. Three to four finalists will be visiting the Phoenix campus. Public Land Grant Universities meetings were held last November 14 and 15, 2016. Comrie was involved in two sessions; IT security, and the ethics behind the data, and the a second session dealing with Strategic Hiring Initiatives (Cluster Hires) which was presented with Senior Vice President for Research, Discovery and Innovation, Kimberly Espy.

The College of Humanities Associate Dean, Kim Jones, and Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Gail Burd, have approved a New Academic Unit Implementation Request for a Department of Public and Applied Humanities. The Senate Executive Committee agreed to send the request forward for Senate approval, and will be presented by Associate Dean of Humanities Kimberly Jones, and Dean of Humanities Alain-Philippe Durand. Approximately a half-dozen candidates are waiting to be housed in the new proposed unit, and the unit will address the faculty without a tenure home. Questions about infrastructure financing have been raised by Humanities faculty. SenExec members feel Senate members will be able to debate any issues that arise.

Update from the Chair of the Faculty – Lynn Nadel

The Breakfast with the Regents presentation went very well, and included four brief, diverse presentations. Further growth in engaging Regents is still recommended. The presentations highlighted how various faculty engage students in research and how that research helps make the students successful. Nadel and Brewer talked by phone with the Arizona Faculties Council before the ABOR meeting to decide what issues needed to be raised with the Regents. The Presidential search committee met and may have a list of candidates by the end of the semester. The focus of the University Committee for Monitoring Labor and Human Rights Issues was discussed.

Update from the Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer

An additional Agenda item concerning Banner General Faculty will be added to the Senate agenda, along with a straw vote from Senators. The definition of General Faculty that passed in the Special Election could include Banner employees who were UA faculty before the merger. Senior Associate Dean Anne Wright would like the wording changed to include said faculty by changing the word “employees” to “individuals.”

Update from the Secretary of the Faculty – Amy Fountain

No Report.

Update from Graduate and Professional Student Council – Jude Udeozor

No report.

Update from Committee of Eleven – Steve Schwartz

No report.

Update on IT – Jeremy Frumkin

No report, but mentioned that Interim CIO Karen Williams would like to give a report at the December Senate Executive Committee meeting.

Update from SPBAC – Randy Richardson and Mika Galilee-Belfer

Richardson brought up challenges occasionally associated with SPBAC's examination of sensitive issues. SenExec members brought up the possibility of asking for, or otherwise examining, multiple sources of information as possible.

Update from Graduate Council – Jim Field

Three graduate programs are in the approval process, Genetic Counseling, Cyber-Security by MIS, and an MA or Graduate Certificate in Human Right Practice from Social and Behavioral Sciences. If edits can be done prior to the December 5, 2016 Senate meeting, the documentation will be sent out to the Executive Committee for approval to move them onto the December Senate agenda.

Update from Undergraduate Council – Dennis Ray

There are two agenda items coming forward and on the December Senate agenda. The Academic Probation Policy has been approved by all constituencies, and a Bachelor's of Arts in Arabic. Ray will be there to answer questions

Update from APAC – Susanna Eden

APAC has slowed the process of changing NTT faculty appointments, since some members of APAC will become members of the General Faculty. The designation is not official until the President approves the election results changing the Constitution definition. The change will increase the number of faculty applying for Professional Development Grants. Eden was asked by APAC to question whether shared governance is evident in facilities planning and about the five-year plan survey for the master plan. Is it moving forward? She was told there are committee members already working on the plan with Vice President for University Planning, Design and Construction, Robert Smith, who is taking the lead on this. Consultant-facilitated workshops are being planned for next semester. APAC sent out a survey to their members concerning characteristics desired in the next UA President. They will compile the data and forward it to Nadel after Thanksgiving.

Update from ASUA –Michael Finnegan

ASUA is starting the process for the recruitment of a new student Regent. American President post-election issues have arisen with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students, as well as hate speech on campus. How other Universities are handling the same issues are being looked into. Hate speech is directed more toward Muslim students at ASU, but ASUA leaders want to be pro-active on this issue to avoid it from happening on the UA campus. ASUA is looking for clarification that DACA students will continue to receive support if their status changes due to the changes in policy by the newly elected American President.

Student Affairs Policy Committee – Ted Tong

No report.

Update from Academic Personnel Policy Committee – Moisés Paiewonsky

Paiewonsky said APPC is assisting the Committee of Eleven with gathering information for a white paper on college and departmental faculty governance and RCM implementation. Paiewonsky met with Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Tom Miller, and Vice President for Business Affairs and Human Resources, Allison Vaillancourt, concerning the updating Chapter 7 in UHAP, which concerns the Academic Policies of the behavior in the classroom. He will be sending out the Chapter 7 of UHAP to APPC committee members and meet in the beginning of the semester.

Update from Research Policy Committee – Erica Corral

No Report.

Setting the agenda for the December 5, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Committee finished setting the agenda for the December 5, 2016 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Reported by Jane Cherry