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Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: December 14, 2015
3:00-5:00 p.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Brewer (Chair), L. Breci, A. Comrie, J. Dudas, M. Galilee-Belfer, B. McKean,
T. Moreno, L. Nadel, D. Ray, S. Schwartz, T. Tong, and K. Visscher

Absent: M. Felix, J.C. Mutchler (Parliamentarian), W. Neumann,
R. Richardson, L. Ritter, and J. Sun

Call to Order

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

Approval of the minutes of November 23, 2015

The minutes of November 23, 2015 were approved.

Updates

President Report– Jon Dudas

Dudas reported that the Regents and the University Presidents met with the governor's office and discussed the student-supported proposal to fund 50% of in-state resident tuition. The goal is to have a philosophical policy in place that supports the funding idea and then to work out the actual details.

Provost Report– Andrew Comrie

Comrie congratulated the IT *ad hoc* group and Jeremy Frumkin for their work on the role of the CIO at UA draft document. Comrie is still working to populate the search committee of a new CIO. As the need for the committee to continue becomes more apparent it was suggested that the *ad hoc* committee develop guidelines for their future membership.

Chair of the Faculty – Lynn Nadel

Nadel reported that a group of faculty finished visiting the six student cultural centers on Friday, December 11th. He will be writing a summary of what he heard that affect students' lives. Nadel feels strongly that UA cannot ignore the issues that were raised. The recently organized quality groups on teaching and research are moving forward with the help of Barbara Bryson. The group is working to better define quality by speaking to UA issues specifically. Nadel reported that the Research Policy Committee will be recharged with Associate Professor in Materials Science and Engineering, Erica Corral serving as chair. The membership of the Committee will stay basically the same.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer

Brewer talked about the progress being made on UHAP changes. He and M. Galilee-Belfer have been working with Tom Miller to address issues of the use of annual reviews in promotion and tenure discussions. Defining who belongs under the title of general faculty is also part of the discussion.

Secretary of the Faculty – Bobbi McKean

A meeting of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will determine whether or not a revision of the bylaws will be necessary for the upcoming spring election concerning the defining of general faculty. It has been noted that rules and policy within UHAP, the Faculty Governance Handbook, ABOR manual and the OGC are not all in sync and need to be reviewed. Bobbi and Michael are just starting a review of the Non-enrolled Minors policy. Faculty Senate committee structures and memberships are also under

review. There are changes in how Honorary Degree committee meetings. It was suggested that Deans nominating candidates attend the Honorary Degree Committee meeting to answer questions and not just the Senate meetings. After a very successful PAC 12 conference call (with eleven of the twelve schools taking part) plans are progressing for the February conference here at UA.

Information Technology (Jeremy Frumkin not present). Discussion on the Draft recommendations report concluded that the document presented a good overview of the key points and will be useful in the search for a new CIO.

SPBAC – Mika Galilee-Belfer

Galilee-Belfer said that a discussion on salaries will be held on December 16, 2015 when the Provost and CFO Gregg Goldman can facilitate the discussion. Barbara Bryson will be at the February 3rd meeting to facilitate discussion on quality.

Graduate Council – Koen Visscher

Visscher said that the Council will not be meeting until January.

Undergraduate Council – Dennis Ray

The Undergraduate Syllabus 2-page policy and syllabus template was reviewed. SEC suggested additional wording to the template. B. McKean and M. Galilee-Belfer will submit wording changes for the Syllabus Template to Senate EC before it goes forward to Faculty Senate.

APAC – Linda Breci

APAC has been working on better defining employment categories at UA. As changes come forward concerning overtime and minimum salaries, the categories will need to be codified. She noted that part of the issue APAC faces is impacted by its lack of access to data bases.

ASUA – (Manny Felix not present)

No report.

GPSC – Sarah Netherton

Netherton updated the Committee about the many things going on within the GPSC. The quality of student life is an issue that has become more apparent recently. Students are facing issues that are impacting their ability to focus on their studies. She explained the issues being faced by the Campus Pantry, non-profit organization committed to helping students who suffer from food insecurity. Plans are in place to move the distribution location to the Student Union. EC members discussed the importance of this organization and suggested ways for faculty to help support either through donations or time. Netherton met with the Muslim student organization this week and found fewer issues than she expected. GPSC is working with ASUA and Athletic Director Greg Byrne to better facilitate a fair plan for proposed student athletic fees. Many graduate students are not engaged with UA athletics and feel a mandatory fee is not only unfair but cost prohibitive.

Committee of Eleven – Steve Schwartz

Regent Ron Shoopman, who is very involved in the Southern Arizona business community, met with the committee on December 4, 2015. He was encouraging about interactions between UA faculty and Arizona legislators.

Academic Personnel Policy Committee (Leslie Ritter not present)

No report.

Student Affairs Policy Committee – Ted Tong

Tong has developed small working groups to address specific issues. One group has already been engaged with the international student group. He noted that the group (mainly undergraduate students) is interested in having more of an “American” experience.

Review of the Faculty Senate Agenda for the January 25, 2015 Meeting

Review of the agenda was postponed until the January 11th meeting.

Adjournment

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

Recorded by Barb Kuehn