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**Minutes: January 12, 2015**  
3:00-5:00 p.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Brewer (Chair), Z. Brooks, A. Comrie, J. Dudas, M. Galilee-Belfer, P. Hoyer, B. McKean, J.C. Mutchler (Parliamentarian), L. Nadel, W. Neumann, D. Ray, R. Richardson, and K. Visscher

Absent: C. Higgins, T. Moreno, I. Ortega, L. Ritter, and T. Tong

Observer: Jeremy Frumkin, Internet Technology Strategy Group Liaison

**Call to Order**

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**Approval of the minutes of November 17, 2014**

The minutes of November 17, 2014 were approved with one abstention.

**President's Report – Jon Dudas**

Dudas reported that there will be an upcoming announcement about a gift to the University. Senior leadership are preparing for the upcoming ABOR meeting at the UA February 4 and 5, 2015.

**Provost's Report – Andrew Comrie**

*Upcoming ABOR meeting February 4, 2015* – Senior leadership are preparing for the updated *Never Settle* presentation.

*RCM Updates* – Presentations were made to department heads in December 2014 and workshops with deans and their teams were implemented last week.

*Cluster hiring* – In late December, the review teams were charged and the process is now underway.

*Arizona State budget* – There has been no news of the Arizona State budget issues.

**Chair of the Faculty – Lynn Nadel**

*Adding an APAC Representative to Senate Executive Committee* – Nadel explained that an APAC representative will be added to the Senate Executive Committee membership with the upcoming bylaws revisions. Faculty Senate will approve the revisions before they are voted on in the General Election.

*Adding an internet technology liaison to Senate Executive Committee* – Nadel explained that Jeremy Frumkin has been added as a monthly guest to the Senate Executive Committee to keep Senators apprised of campus technology issues and concerns.

*Adding an Athletics liaison to Senate Executive Committee* – A faculty representative from the UA's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee will be invited to attend future Senate Executive Committee meetings to keep Senators apprised of Athletics issues.

*Breakfast with the Regents February 5, 2015* – Nadel told the committee that the plan to go forward with a video presentation to the Regents has been changed because of a lack of production time. A more interactive presentation will be devised by the working group members to include UA's faculty and staff. Group members include Kendal Washington White, A.P. Durand, Karen Seat, Bobbi McKean and Michael Brewer. Faculty and students who will be part of the presentation are in the process of being selected.

***Academic Freedom Working Group*** – The Kiva Room in the Student Union has been reserved on January 21, 2015 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and January 22, 2015 from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. for two, same-topic Academic Freedom Open Forums. Working group members are Miranda Joseph, Amy Fountain, Amy Newhall, Gary Rhoads, Linda Brechi, Michael Brewer, Matthew Abraham, and Lynn Nadel. The working group has devised a survey that has been distributed to the faculty to determine what topics of concern faculty have, and what will be discussed at the scheduled faculty forums.

***New Faculty Governance Website*** – The launch of the new Faculty Governance website is scheduled for the latter part of January 2015.

**Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer**

***Merger/reorganization*** – A neutral committee has been assigned to oversee the merger of The School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS), and School of Information: Science Technology and Arts (SISTA) in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

**Secretary’s report – Bobbi McKean**

***Constitution and Bylaws revisions*** – McKean informed the committee that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will be meeting on Friday, January 16, 2015 to review the revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws.

***Honorary Degrees*** – Honorary degrees will be discussed at the January 26, 2015 Senate meeting in Executive Session. There will be 8 for consideration.

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

Co-Chairs reported that visits by the Deans, along with key personnel in their colleges are being set up to discuss RCM plans and planning in colleges. Senior Vice President for Health Affairs, Skip Garcia will be invited to a meeting to discuss the Banner Health merger. Other visitors being scheduled will be Ben Champion of the President’s Advisory Council on Environmental Sustainability, Francisco Moreno, Chair of the Diversity Coordinating Council and Mike Proctor from Global Initiatives.

**Committee of Eleven – Pat Hoyer**

Hoyer reported that the committee will sign the White Paper at the upcoming C11 meeting and will be distributed to the President, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences Skip Garcia and the Faculty Senate. Vice President for Research Kim Espy is scheduled to meet with the committee on February 13, 2015.

**Graduate Council – Koen Visscher**

*No report.*

**Undergraduate Council – Dennis Ray**

Ray brought forward two items on the non-consent agenda for Faculty Senate approval; Proposal to amend the Class Attendance, Participation, and Administrative Drop Policy and Proposal to accept Cambridge International Examinations as a Credit-by-Exam. On the former, a suggestion was made to include the language, “*Because students may be permitted to add classes through UAccess beyond the course start date, Instructors should be attentive to student enrollment dates when assessing adequate participation for the purposes of administrative drop.*” Parliamentarian Mutchler suggested that any changes or friendly amendments be done in Senate to avoid revisiting the lengthy committee approval process.

**ASUA – Issac Ortega**

*No report.*

**GPSC – Zach Brooks**

GPSC has prepared White Papers on the subjects of fees, childcare for students, food insecurity and raises for Graduate Students. At the upcoming ABOR meeting, GPSC will report on the student surveys on childcare, fees and workload rates. GPSC elections will be held in the spring in tandem with ASUA's elections. Events coming up this spring are GPSA Week, Grad Slam and the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students regional conference

**APPC – Leslie Ritter**

*No report.*

**Research Policy Committee - Chuck Higgins**

*No report.*

**Student Affairs Policy Committee – Theodore Tong**

*No report.*

**Review agendas for the January 26 and February 2, 2015 Faculty Senate meetings.**

Nadel said that due to scheduling conflicts, the Intercollegiate Athletics discussion scheduled for January will be switched to February, and the Academic Freedom discussion will be rescheduled for January. Members agreed and adjusted and assigned time allocations for each agenda item.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Cherry