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**Minutes: February 16, 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, T. Moreno, W. Neumann, I. Ortega, D. Ray, L. Ritter, T. Tong, and K. Visscher

Absent: C. Higgins, J.C. Mutchler (Parliamentarian), L. Nadel, and R. Richardson

Observers: Jeremy Frumkin, Internet Technology Strategy Group Liaison, Ralph Fregosi, ICAC, Anne Padias, APAC

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of the minutes of January 12, 2015**

The minutes of January 12, 2015 were approved with one abstention.

**Provost's Report – Andrew Comrie**

**ABOR** – On Wednesday, February 4, 2015, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and Business Affairs Committee meetings were held. The *Never Settle* update presentation was held on Thursday, February 5, 2015. The UA is the Flagship University demonstrating a new format for ABOR meetings that will subsequently be adopted at the other two public in-state Universities. The Breakfast with the Regents presentation held prior to the ABOR meeting on Thursday morning received good feedback.

**Cluster hiring** – The process is mid-stream. The Provost and Senior Vice President for Research, Kimberly Espy, met with the seven review teams overseeing the seven cluster hire areas. Deans were consulted to convey recommendations in conjunction with other proposals that intersect with the cluster hires.

**Arizona State budget** – The proposed \$75M budget cut Governor Ducey would like to make to the higher education portion of the state budget will impact the UA by a \$21M deficit. President Hart will attend the Senate appropriations hearings next week.

**President's Report – Jon Dudas**

Dudas reported that feedback was very positive from Regent Killian in response to the Regent Breakfast with University Academic Presidents. Killian is interested in attending a class of one of the presenters. The Regent Breakfast with University Academic Presidents had such a profound impact on the Regents that the UA's reputation is quickly becoming known as the "In-touch" University.

**Jeremy Frumkin – Internet Technology Strategy Group**

Frumkin reported that campus computing will be announcing the official March 24, 2015 launch of the UA's Box.com implementation. More information will soon be provided through the CIO's Campus IT organization. The campus has engaged in Amazon Web Services (AWS) which will lower the UA's capital expenditure costs. An effort has been started to enhance the arizona.edu phone directory to (1) provide a college/department/unit view (i.e., Like the old printed directory had in the white pages); and (2) offer up much more information re: individuals. A high level approach is being defined, and will be

vetted with heads and stakeholders. The governance team includes Academic Affairs, Faculty Affairs, University Relations, Human Resources, and IT.

Questions and comments included: 1) Brewer asked about the timing on the D2L iCloud migration. Neumann responded that the Executive group will be convening in March 2015, and added that year-end is a more reasonable expectation time-wise. Some issues being spearheaded are mid-year/end-of-year updates instead of continuous release. 2) Galilee-Belfer said that she would like to see contact information in the report so the campus community can ask questions or provide feedback or concerns.

### **Ralph Fregosi – Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (ICAC)**

Fregosi explained that he is the Faculty Senate representative on the ICAC. The ICAC was implemented by President Koffler in response to a football program dispute as a watchdog organization for UA Athletics. Athletic Director Greg Byrne presented a report at the February 2015 Senate meeting.

### **Chair of the Faculty – Lynn Nadel**

*No report.*

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

***Merger/reorganization*** – The iSchool Proposal combining the School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS), and School of Information: Science Technology and Arts (SISTA) will be presented to the Faculty Senate at the March 2015 meeting. The affected faculty will vote on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, and then the proposal will be distributed to the faculty for any feedback. Vice Provost Tom Miller has been contacted regarding five-year reviews for department heads and best practices on consistency.

### **Secretary's report – Bobbi McKean**

***Constitution and Bylaws revisions*** – A couple more revisions were made to the Bylaws after the February Faculty Senate meeting, including a change to the membership terms for the Senate Standing Committees. A vote to approve the revisions at the March Faculty Senate meeting will allow the documents to be voted on in the March General Faculty election.

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

Co-Chair Galilee-Belfer announced that she and Richardson, along with Vice President for Strategic Planning and Analysis, Barbara Bryson, will lead the March 2015 Faculty Senate discussion. The topic will be centered around *Never Settle's* interface with faculty. Suggestions from the committee were sought.

Questions and comments included: 1) Comrie suggested that the tri-fold brochure designed by Bryson depicting key elements of *Never Settle* might be a good first step to engage discussion with Senators. The role of *Never Settle* was derived out of shared governance. 2) McKean is interested in how faculty and individual units can interact and support the core academic mission of the UA on a college/University level, and through SPBAC. 3) Moreno brought up that the non-college units have a different criteria that deviates from the standard teaching, research and service. 4) Provost Comrie also talked about the Academic Program Review process and how the local strategic planning process of the units fit with *Never Settle*.

### **Committee of Eleven – Pat Hoyer**

Hoyer reported that the committee has released its White Paper on the research mission at the UA. The demographics of an aging faculty are evident with 56% of external funding coming from faculty who are fifty years of age and older. The committee has suggested as a starting point for discussion, some ideas to

help funnel the focus into the research mission of the University, with a presentation and discussion at the Faculty Senate meeting on May 11, 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; *Approval to Revise the Second Bachelor's Degree Policy for Concurrent Degrees* and *Approval to Revise the Second Bachelor's Degree Policy for Sequential Degrees*. Ray explained that the first proposal outlines that the student may earn concurrent (simultaneous) degrees with a minimum of 120 units and the completion of all major, minor, and General Education requirements, as long as both degrees are awarded on the same date which will allow students to forego the additional 30 units required for a second Bachelor's degree. The second proposal outlines that a student may apply for a sequential second degree with a degree title that is the same as the first, completing at least 50 percent of all course work required in the major of the second degree after conferral of the first degree. Committee members agreed to move both proposals forward to the March Faculty Senate meeting.

### **ASUA – Issac Ortega**

ASUA and GPSC, with the assistance of University Relations, has drafted a letter from the student body leaders concerning the Governor's state budget cuts to higher education. The letter will be hand-delivered on February 17, 2015. UA Student leadership will meet with the Governor's Chief Education Advisor at that time to voice students' concerns for the future of higher education. A new lobbying campaign is expected to get underway over the next month with planned trips to the State Capital, letter writing to editors of local and state publications, and a broader reach into the community for student support. Upcoming ASUA elections have generated more candidates for offices than in the past seven years, and of the twenty-six candidates, only five currently hold offices.

### **GPSC – Zach Brooks**

GPSC has gotten 131 signatures (fifty-one from Nursing) opposing state budget cuts, which will be presented to the Governor's office. Meetings at the State Capital are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with Representative Chris Ackerley; Dawn Wallace, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Ducey; Representatives Vince Leach; and Senator John Kavanagh, who are Vice Chairmen for House Appropriations. Subsequent trips to the State Capital are scheduled at various times in the next few weeks with the UA State Relations Office. At the February ABOR meeting at the UA, there were fourteen graduate students who spoke in open session. The graduate students subsequently met with Chair Killian after the open session to talk about their concerns. The upcoming trip to Washington D.C. is scheduled in March 2015, with a major focus on the higher interest rates currently being assessed for graduate students. The GPSC Institute now provides links to all the surveys conducted by GPSC since 1990. On Sunday, February 22, 2015, GPSC has an open house with Senators Farley and Mach in the Student Union Ventana Room from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. The GPSC Alumni Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2015. GPSA Week is scheduled for April 5 - 11, 2015 with a BBQ on the UA Mall. Over one hundred registrants have signed up for Grad Slam, in partnership with the Graduate College, but dates are still being worked out. The UA will be hosting the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students Regional Conference to coincide with Spring Fling on April 10 through 12, 2015. GPSC elections are forthcoming and five people have expressed interest in the GPSC President position.

**APPC – Leslie Ritter**

*No report.*

**Research Policy Committee - Chuck Higgins**

*No report.*

**Student Affairs Policy Committee – Theodore Tong**

Tong reported that the SAPC met in January to update the charge and description for the committee for the Constitution and Bylaws revisions.

**Review agendas for the March 2, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting.**

Brewer said that as soon as the iSchool proposal is approved, the item will need to be added to the Senate agenda. Time allocations and order were assigned for each item.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Cherry