Summary of the UA Faculty Senate meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016

Approved Minutes of previous meetings, plus agenda, reports from Faculty Officers, ASUA, GPSC, APAC and the Provost and President are available at: http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu

The Faculty Officers thanked the outgoing Senators at this time: Breci, Cuello, Dai, Fregosi, Ghosh, Guertin, Harris, Moreno, Najafi, Polakowski, Simmons, Snyder, R. Vaillancourt, Valerdi, Visscher, Brock, Cox, Felix, Netherton, Rees, and Sun. Special acknowledgements were given to

- Senator Smith for her sixteen years of service on Senate and other University committees.
- Senator Silverman for his thirty years of service as a Senator.
- Secretary McKean for her three years of service as a Faculty Officer.
- Senator Conway for his fifty years of teaching at the UA.

REPORT BY PROVOST COMRIE

- Outstanding advisory document from SPBAC that had originally been distributed to the Finance Committee received.
- Promotion and Tenure letters sent April 29 (approximately 100 faculty).
- Mary Hardin will be the interim dean for the College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture (CAPLA).
- The Deans Search Advisory Committees for CAPLA and College of Education will be announced by Mid-May.
- Final report from the Honors Re-visioning Task Force will be posted online.
- The Chief Diversity Officer will be announced shortly and the cluster hiring is about 80% complete.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT HART

- State Higher education budget was being debated at the time of the meeting.
- A multi-year salary plan will be announced before Commencement.
- UA secures signatures of all nine members of the U.S. House of Representatives seeking the inclusion of report language in the U.S. House Commerce Justice Science Appropriations bill for the four UA priorities in astrophysics and space sciences research.
- Diversity Task Force is looking into campus climate, the classroom experience, the student experience, admissions and financial aid, health and wellness, faculty and staff diversity, cultural competency training, space and facilities, and student support. The co-chairs are working with the students to figure out how to encourage student engagement through the summer months.

ACTION ITEM: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Constitution and Bylaw revisions that require only a Faculty Senate vote were approved. Revisions to go forward to a General Faculty vote in the fall were also approved. Information about the changes will be posted with the minutes.

ACTION ITEM: PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSITY HANDBOOK FOR APPOINTED PERSONNEL (UHAP) http://policy.arizona.edu/faculty-affairs-and-academics/proposed-revisions-university-handbook-appointed-personnel

Proposed and approved changes include:

- Better support for Non-tenure track faculty with annual reviews and clear procedures for Promotion.
• Procedures on research misconduct and other professional code of conduct violations/findings incorporated into the annual and promotion review process.
• Revision on the five-year reviews for administrators, including 360-degree aspect being incorporated into annual reviews for faculty.

ACTION ITEMS: NON-CONSENT AND CONSENT AGENDA – CHAIR OF UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL, DENNIS RAY AND CHAIR OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL, KOEN VISSCHER

All proposals were approved. Undergraduate Council items:
• Approval to Revise the Grade Replacement Opportunity (GRO) Policy
• Second Start Readmission Program
• BS in Psychological Science degree

Graduate Council items:
• GIDP Minor in Social, Cultural and Critical Theory
• New House Numbered Option for Graduate College Programs

SENATE ELECTION RESULTS

Committee on Conciliation
Faten Ghosn       Patrick Holt       James Ratner

University Committee on Ethics and Commitment
Julie Ledford     Elizabeth Oglesby

University Hearing Board
Kirk Emerson      Elizabeth Hall-Lipsy
Robert Torres     Cerese Vaden

Faculty Senate Representative to the Senate Executive Committee (two-year term)
William Neumann

Faculty Senate Representative to the Senate Executive Committee (one-year term)
David Pietz

Faculty Senate Representative to the Grievance Clearinghouse Committee
John Leafgren

Faculty Senate Representative to the Shared Governance Review Committee (two-year term)
Edward Martin

Faculty Senate Representative to the Shard Governance Review Committee (one-year term)
Moises Paiewonsky