

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Liesl Folks
<https://provost.arizona.edu>

DATE: 1 March 2021

ACCOMPLISHMENTS and GOALS:

- **Update on leadership searches:** Carmala Garzione has been appointed as the dean of the College of Science, joining us from RIT. She will join the faculty in the Department of Geosciences. See the [campus announcement](#) which went out on February 25th.
- **Campus Announcements and webinars:**
 - Campus webinar [How COVID-19 Vaccines Work](#) with faculty colleagues Drs. Battacharya & Krupp held on January 28th.
 - Faculty Senators asked to participate on 2021 [Provost Investment Fund](#) Proposal Review Committees, via email on February 1st. Request also shared with members of GPSC, ASUA, G-CAAC, UAAC.
 - [Memo on Preparing for Stage 2 Instruction](#) shared to faculty & instructors on Feb 18th.
 - Webinar on [Transition to Stage 2 for Instructors](#) held on February 18th.
- **Live Chat session topics with faculty and instructors:**
 - January 28, 2021 – Finding Academic Resources to Support Your Students, with panelists Lisa Elfring, Danielle Flink and Jenny Nirh.
 - February 11, 2021 – Understanding Career-Track, with panelist Andrea Romero.
 - February 23, 2021 – Individual Brand Management for Faculty, with panelist Lehman Benson.
 - **UPCOMING:** March 9, 2021 – Lessons Learned from a Year of Remote Learning, with panelists Andrea Romero and Lisa Elfring.
 - **Reminder:** Live Chat recordings can be accessed online:
<https://provost.arizona.edu/content/provost-forum>
- **Modifications to RCM:** Asked Colleges to establish AIB Working Groups to provide College-level review and feedback on possible changes to budget model.
- **Faculty support program:** As of 02/24/2021 we have received **48** proposals and distributed **\$294,417** to the following 10 colleges:
 - College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture
 - College of Science
 - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
 - College of Education
 - College of Engineering
 - College of Medicine-Tucson
 - College of Nursing
 - Eller College of Management
 - Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

- **Provost Investment Fund**

We received 98 proposals

We have binned the proposals into 3 categories:

Category	# of Proposals
Academic Program	29
Research	27
Student/Employee/Community Program	42

We issued a call to the campus community to participate in the review committee, and have faculty, staff, and student representatives currently reviewing the proposals.

Below is the timeline:

Action	Timeline
Committee reviews and scores proposals	February 11 – March 8
Committee meets to review and sends a recommendation to Provost Liesl Folks	March 15-19
PIF Award Notifications	March 31

- **HLC Review Process**

Reminder - On April 26 and 27, 2021, the University of Arizona will undergo the ten-year comprehensive review for Reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the institutional accreditation agency with authority from the U.S. Department of Education to perform the review. The initial review will be performed virtually by eight HLC Peer Reviewers, one on-site Peer Reviewer, and a Federal Compliance Reviewer, all selected by HLC. In addition, the two other UArizona campus sites (Phoenix Biomedical Campus and Sierra Vista) will be reviewed. Recommendations from the Peer Reviewers will be evaluated by the HLC Board for UArizona Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

Accreditation is *required* for the institution to receive federal financial aid and for students to receive an accredited degree. UArizona has been accredited since 1917 and had its last comprehensive review in December 2010.

*HLC expects that all administrators, deans, directors, and department heads, and many faculty, staff, and students are **aware** of the importance of the visit and will be **available** for appropriate meetings with the HLC Peer Review Committee.*

More information is available about the preparation for the [UArizona 2021 HLC review](#) and from the [HLC website](#).

Our Assurance Argument can be reviewed online here:

<https://arizona.box.com/s/pl02zcil2m9ztvm74llqbxj6zbf2witj>.