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Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: April 18, 2022
3:00-5:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM
<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/9503583576>

Present: M Hingle (Chair), M Brewer, M Bolger, B Brummund, C Casey, J Dudas, T Dysart, W Fink, L Folks, P Gordon, R Hammer, S Helm, M Hymel, J Lawrence, W Neumann, D Ohala, S Sen, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), and J Summers

Absent: J Curry, K Kline, and R Tsosie

Guest: J Frumkin

Call to Order

Chair Hingle called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Hingle moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded. Motion passed and the agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of March 21, 2022

The minutes of March 21, 2022 were deferred.

UPDATES

Chair of Faculty – Jessica Summers

Summers reported that ABOR had its meeting at UArizona on April 7, 2022 and the incoming Officers were invited to the Arizona Faculties Council lunch. Time was spent working on the statement addressed to the Board requesting that faculty be involved in any processes that involve curriculum before it goes before the Board. The next meeting will be held in June 2022 and the incoming Officers will want representation at that meeting. The Open Carry law was not approved.

President of the University – Jon Dudas

Dudas reported that the tuition hearing was held at the last ABOR meeting. ABOR is focused on NAU's finances as they pertain to its business model. There is a possibility of NAU looking at partnerships in Pima and Maricopa counties to broaden its business model, since opportunities are more prevalent in Maricopa County for UArizona and NAU. ABOR has hired a consultant to look at medical school models in Arizona, and there are questions whether UArizona's College of Medicine Phoenix should include ASU involvement or if ASU should open its own medical school. ABOR was involved in a disbursement for a \$60M overage of TRIFF dollars, which has traditionally been split 40/40/20 between the three Universities, but Dudas offered a formula based on research efficiency favoring UArizona which wasn't well received by the other two Universities. Money was distributed through a funding model for all three Universities, and additional monies were transferred to NAU on the basis of its access mission. Frumkin asked

about the designation of funds in the future. Dudas added that UArizona, as well as the other two in-state institutions, are getting more TRIFF dollars than previously given due to a higher surplus in state taxes, with some additional monies to ABOR for funding specific projects. For the past twenty-two years, the TRIFF monies were voter protected, meaning Universities were the sole beneficiary to such funds. Optimistic thinking is that the TRIFF monies will not be reduced, but if the state experiences a downturn, a reduction in monies may be likely. Dysart asked about the GI funding with UAGC. Dudas responded that UAGC moved its headquarters from San Diego, California to Chandler, Arizona. In the process, it asked the Arizona State Approving Agency (ASAA) for its approval, which was denied due to it being based in California. Once the California residency was annulled, it reapplied to Arizona. After the usual sixty-day grace period, the relocation still wasn't approved. After a number of bureaucratic snafus at the ASAA, including asking UAGC for data it couldn't provide regarding Zovio, essentially UAGC was working closely with the ASAA and the California SAA, but the process was halted on the California end. According to SEC laws, the ASAA had to wait for Zovio to file its 10K, which happened last Friday. Apparently, information about Zovio's ownership is being sought, and UAGC doesn't have the answers. Since Zovio is no longer an owner and only a contractor, the circumstances are making the information requests more convoluted and difficult. Dysart asked if the GI funding would be restored once the ASAA completed its inquiry. Dudas responded that UAGC believes that it is a likely option that ASAA and the Veteran's Administration will obtain its needed information and the efforts going forward will allow GI funding retroactive status. Helm asked what currently affected UAGC students will face since they have been advised to consider transferring to different institutions. Dudas replied that those particular UAGC students are being funded for everything except living expenses. No monies are flowing from UArizona Foundation to UAGC. Concerns were raised about Zovio filing an extension on filing its 10K and postponed its earnings call until last Friday. Dudas wasn't on the earnings call, but someone reported to him that Zovio's current assets exceeded the value of the company. Zovio may need to unlock the value of the company by selling certain assets, namely Tutor Me, Full Stack, and OPM assets that are used to support UAGC.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Melanie Hingle

Hingle mentioned that the former Memorandum of Understanding, which is now the Guiding Principles and Implementation Plan will be going to vote at the May 2, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting to have in place when the new faculty leadership takes its posts. Improvements can be made with new eyes on the Shared Governance Review Committee in the fall. Changes were made based on feedback at the March 28, 2022 feedback meeting and April 2022 Faculty Senate meeting.

Secretary of the Faculty – Michael Brewer

Brewer said he was not planning on bringing forward any further Constitution and Bylaws revisions, unless a satisfactory solution on the grievance process language that had held up any votes on C&B changes this past year can be met.

IT Liaison – Jeremy Frumkin

Frumkin reported that an upcoming migration of student email will take place over the summer months. A new service in support of research was released today for Cloud-based storage for research data and further communication will be sent over the next few weeks. Casey asked if there was a timeline for the Learning Management System (LMS) RFP. Brummund replied he did not know. UArizona's current D2L system is in place, but other Universities have implemented the Canvas system. In the past three or four years, UITS has had success integrating various LMS into one system, as well as integrating various other technology platforms and putting faculty members and students in a position to be able to have consistent experience over time. It would

be possible to achieve all of these accomplishments with another system like Canvas, but the cut over costs are considerable.

SPBAC – Barry Brummund and Sabrina Helm

Brummund reported that there are three meetings left in the semester with full bookings. The meeting this week originally was a discussion with UAGC President Paul Pastorek, but that meeting has been pushed to May 4, 2022. This week and on May 18, 2022 sustainability and graduate/undergraduate recruitment/enrollment will be covered. The new faculty Co-chair has not yet been selected.

University-Wide General Education Committee – Joan Curry

Curry was absent.

Graduate Council – Ron Hammer

Hammer reported that a transition plan is forthcoming for leadership in Graduate Council over an extended period of time. Hammer will remain Chair of Graduate Council for one more year, but will be transitioning duties to a Co-chair during that time. The onboarding of the new Co-Chair will involve attendance at the Faculty Senate and Senate Executive Committee meetings during the coming year. The Doctor of Physical Therapy and Master of Physician Assistant Practice will be moving forward for Faculty Senate approval.

Undergraduate Council – Molly Bolger

Bolger reported that the BS in Nutrition and Human Performance will move forward to Faculty Senate for approval. The Minor in Southwest Studies may not have its additional learning objectives that were requested by ABOR addressed before the May 2, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting. Hammer concurred with ABOR's learning objectives.

University Staff Council – Jennifer Lawrence

Lawrence reported that the Council is finalizing a survey that is scheduled to go out to all University and Classified staff on Friday to gather information about their workplace experience and preferred work modalities. In conjunction with UArizona Staff Council, HR is also sending out a survey to supervisors. Once the data from both surveys is obtained, the Council and HR will have a better idea what workplace options will be considered. Last Thursday, the UArizona Awards for Excellence ceremony was held in person. Council elections will be held in May for new Council representatives.

Committee of Eleven – Wolfgang Fink

Fink reported that the committee had its second to last meeting of the year last Friday where the Operating Guidelines were reviewed in advance of the upcoming election for Chair and Vice Chair of the committee. The committee talked over what topics to discuss with Senior Vice President and Head Counsel, Laura Todd Johnson, who is the final guest for year.

ASUA – Kyle Kline

Kline was absent.

RPC – Paul Gordon

No report.

APPC – Tessa Dysart

Dysart reported that the committee discussed the open meeting language for CAFT hearings in the Bylaws. After no consensus was reached, the revision of the language will move forward to the following year.

SAPC – Cheryl Casey and Diane Ohala

Ohala reported that the committee planned on discussing the UAGC GI bill. Reports of delays in responses to CARE reports to the Dean of Students Office were discussed with Associate Dean of Students Gaskin, who explained the process. Privacy reasons often quash a faculty member hearing back from the office after reporting a student. The issue raised was issues not needing an immediate response, and what do the parties do in that instance. If situations escalate, there are avenues to pursue if the triage waiting position lags. Committee members discussed the increase in tuition and fees, and most significantly, an integrated mandatory meal plan for freshmen. Stakeholders were consulted previously about the idea of a meal plan and it wasn't well received. The added amount of money is substantial, and the Director of the Campus Pantry, Bridgette Nobbe, and others, are working to make sure waivers are in place for students who have religious exemptions or dietary/medical restrictions. The meal plan will affect the 2022-23 incoming students who are residential freshmen. Folks added that UArizona is the only institution in the AAU who doesn't have a meal plan, and there is no expectation that it will decrease the number of students who reside in dormitories. Parents, who were surveyed, regard the meal plan as a positive addition to the fees since they will no longer have to keep giving students money for food because the meal costs will be loaded onto the Cat Card. Fink asked how the meal plan relates to food insecurity. Folks responded that after talking to other Universities, the result is net beneficial because students are free from budgeting a particular amount and trying to make that money last and generally reduces food insecurity. The Campus Pantry is well-funded due to incredible support from its donors, in addition to the President's funding. Students are urged to use the resources at the Campus Pantry if any issues arise.

Provost – Liesl Folks

Folks reported that Promotion and Tenure process/decisions are being finalized and the final details for AIB are being pinned down. The Provost's Investment Fund initiatives have been awarded to thirteen out of the ninety-two proposals received for \$1.6M. Folks thanked Assistant Vice Provost, Hispanic Serving Institution Initiatives, Marla Franco and her team for partially funding some of the proposals. A suggestion from NAU to adjust the Conditions of Faculty Service section of the ABOR policy to include a Career-track title option of Teaching Professor is currently being considered by ABOR.

GPSC – Shilpita Sen

No report.

Review agenda for the May 2, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting

Faculty Center staff shared the nominees for the Faculty Senate election ballot. A Faculty Senate Resolution was submitted to some Senate Executive Committee members by Leila Hudson to be added to the May 2, 2022 Faculty Senate agenda. Committee members discussed adding the requested UAGC documents to the Box folder to gain better insight on questions that Faculty Senators may have. Financial impact, as well as impact on UArizona's reputation and the value of degrees are all topics that are highly volatile right now. Opposing views on UAGC seem to vary widely, ranging from walking away entirely in order to protect the UA brand and financial stability, to ensuring everything possible be done to protect current UAGC students (e.g., ensuring GI Bill issues are resolved so those funds continue to flow to current students). Committee members suggested adding the Resolution to the end of the agenda, preceded by a UAGC discussion in

order to get questions answered. Committee members discussed the multitude of points in Senator Hudson's proposed Resolution and whether they should be brought forward together or separately. Some Committee members worried that Senators might find portions of the resolution to be agreeable but others not. Hingle said Senior Vice Provost Burd is the person in charge of the transition and wonders if she should be invited to be present at the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting to induce an educated discussion. Summers would like to invite Burd, the President, and anyone else who can speak to the issues raised in the Resolution prior to it being introduced and potentially voted on. Committee members approved the Faculty Senate agenda for May 2, 2022. A link to the UAGC Box folder will be put at the bottom of the Faculty Senate agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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