

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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Accomplishments

- **Faculty Workload Tool**: Launched a new tile in UAccess to standardize our records of workload assignments, in support of annual review and promotion review processes. Human Resources, the Office of the Provost, and University Analytics and Institutional Research collaborated to develop the new tile. Departments are responsible for finalizing data updates, including faculty review, by Monday, Oct. 31.
- **University Honors and Awards**: We are seeking nominations for this year's faculty awards, which are the highest honors bestowed upon faculty by the University. Nominations for this year's honorary degrees are also invited at this time – please review procedures and policies on the Faculty Affairs [website](#). For both processes, nominations may be submitted via the [Arizona Cultivate](#) website by Monday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m.
- The **Faculty Development Communities for Promotion** (FDCP) program kicked off its third year. The goal of this program is to support faculty to prepare and plan for promotion. Further information is available on the [FDCP program website](#).
- We hired 11 new faculty members starting in AY22-23 through the **Strategic Priorities Faculty Initiative**. Last year, we increased our recruitment and hiring budget to \$1.5M. The program has been in existence since 2008 and has a tremendous track record for recruiting and retaining superstars in their respective fields.
- Six projects were funded with a total of \$140,000 [awarded](#) through this year's **Hispanic Serving Institutions Faculty Seed Grants**. Proposals from single investigators are funded at the \$15,000 level and proposals from multidisciplinary teams representing different departments and disciplines are funded at the \$25,000.
- We have launched an internal search for the Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate College, and we welcome applications from experienced candidates through the HR Talent portal. The dean will be the institutional leader responsible for excellence in graduate education and for the academic success of graduate students.