

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Student Affairs Policy Committee

DATE: October 3, 2022

The committee had its first meeting of the new academic year on 9/13/22. The committee welcomed new members Jennifer Ludwig (Student Success & Retention Innovation; SSRI) and Amy Gaudet (ASUA). Jennifer Ludwig and colleague Jenny Nirh will be rotating their attendance at SAPC meetings as a standing representative on behalf of SSRI.

The meeting focus was on the forthcoming (now ratified) resolution by ASUA regarding continued free transit on Sun Tran, Sun Link Streetcar, and Sun Express in the new year. The committee recommended that Faculty Senate be updated on this issue so that a similar initiative could be considered for adoption by this body (GPSC is also working on a resolution of its own). This update is on today's Senate agenda.

The committee also discussed progress by the [Undergraduate Research Task Force](#) as informed by several SAPC committee members who are involved. We encourage our colleagues to likewise keep abreast of this initiative and take part in any forthcoming requests for additional faculty involvement.

A final topic of discussion was Student Basic Needs, particularly the Campus Pantry. Please stay tuned for an email on ways to assist.

Finally, the committee would like to make Senate aware of the following student-focused news and resources:

- ASUA's website features many different [Basic Needs resources](#) for students. Tabs highlight [on-campus](#), [off-campus](#), and [other resources](#) related to food insecurity, emergency shelter, health care, counseling and trauma services, childcare, clothing, transportation, and more.
- Applications for the Richard H. Tyler Student Emergency Fund (RHTSEF) will be available to Fall 2022 enrolled students in the coming weeks. Students should check the [Dean of Students page](#) for details about applying.
- The 2022-23 Undergraduate Research & Inquiry Collaborative invites faculty to apply to the Fall 2022 Faculty Challenge Grant with the goal of increasing the availability of experiences in undergraduate research and inquiry. The Faculty Challenge Grant provides hourly student employment wages for faculty who will build new individual research experiences for undergraduates where current opportunities do not exist. Awards will be in the amount of \$2,500 plus ERE per student for up to three new student employees (maximum award \$7,500 plus ERE). Fall 2022 funds will provide employment for student researchers from January through May 2023. Applications close Oct. 24. Send questions to Dr. Kelley Merriam-Castro, kmerriam@arizona.edu.
- National Transfer Student Week is Oct. 17–21. The [Transfer Student Center](#) is seeking nominations of stellar transfer students. To nominate a transfer student, please [fill out this form](#) by Oct. 17.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

GOALS:

- Have active representation from GPSC
- Continue to support basic needs initiatives and increase awareness of resources
- Explore student-affecting policies that changed and reverted during the pandemic to assess their continued applicability
- Continue to actively seek information about current student challenges and concerns; the committee welcomes contact from our colleagues about any student issue you may hear about; please email co-chairs Cheryl Casey (ccuillie@arizona.edu) and Diane Ohala (ohalad@arizona.edu).