

The University of Arizona®
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: September 19, 2022
3:00-5:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

Present: M Hymel (Chair), B Brummund, C Casey, H Cui, J Curry, D Cuillier, J Dudas, T Dysart, W Fink, L Folks, R Hammer, L Hudson, L Irizarry, J Jones, J Milbauer, D Ohala, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), P Robles, C Rocha, P Zenega, and L Ziurys

Absent: M Bolger, C Rankin, and C Simmons

Guest: J Frumkin

Call to Order

Dysart called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of August 22, 2022

The minutes of August 22, 2022 were approved.

UPDATES

Provost – Liesl Folks

The Faculty Workload Assignment Tool is now live. An email will be sent to the Deans to distribute to departments for review of its data. Individual faculty members will be asked to review said data and Deans will resolve any disputes should they arise.

President of the University – Jon Dudas

- The bivalent vaccination is now available to everyone on campus. The CDC is updating its guidelines and discussions continue with building managers regarding clean-up of campus.
- ABOR committee meetings were held last week. ABOR will address civic-minded course curricula due to political environments outlined in the National Review opinion section.
- The COVID reporting system has been revamped with quicker response times.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Mona Hymel

Hymel checked in briefly from the airport to mention that she compiled a comprehensive list of Faculty Officer/Faculty Center accomplishments over the summer.

Chair of Faculty – Leila Hudson

Hudson reported she had conversations with Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Romero, and Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Impact, Betsy Cantwell regarding sponsorship of in-depth discussions of pressing issues related to academic freedom and research security.

Secretary of the Faculty – Tessa Dysart

- Dysart thanked Fink for his assistance with technical difficulties during the Faculty Senate meeting. Further testing in Law 164 will be ongoing before the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- An announcement will be made at the beginning of the next Faculty Senate meeting that substantive discussions in Chat will be considered out of order. Anyone experiencing technical difficulties will be advised to use Chat to communicate any problems.
- Any presentations/documents to be shared at the meeting need to be sent to Faculty Center staff and Dysart in advance of the meeting.
- Comments/Questions included:
 - Commendation for a smoothly-run meeting,
 - Potential disability concerns with limiting Chat,
 - Audio inside Law 164 was inaudible,
 - In-person participants thoroughly enjoyed the meeting,
 - UITS volunteered to work with Law School IT for a seamless technical transmission of the next Faculty Senate meeting.

IT Liaison – Jeremy Frumkin

Frumkin answered questions about SharePoint. There are three different collaboration platforms; Box, 0365, and Google. SharePoint is the best platform for data categorization.

SPBAC – Barry Brummund and Cindy Rankin

Brummund reported that SPBAC has met twice with another meeting this week recapping the 2022 Legislative session and state budget, a look at 2023 budget request, and a review of the Strategic Plan. The first meeting in October will be a review of the census information on enrollment, retention, and diversity. The second meeting in October is focused on research and innovation. The committee prioritized topics for the year:

- Budget and AIB
- Strategy and Strategic Plan update
- UAGC integration
- Faculty hiring, retention, and diversity
- Social support for students (with SAPC Co-chairs)
- Staffing retention and diversity
- Student retention and graduation
- Expansion into Phoenix/Maricopa County

University-Wide General Education Committee – Joan Curry

Curry reported that UWGEC meets twice monthly. The committee is considering modifications on the current Gen Ed courses that were submitted throughout the last year. Two-hundred forty-nine have been completed with another 100 in various stages of completion.

Graduate Council – Co-chairs Ron Hammer and Hong Cui

- Hammer reported that the Council held its first meeting last Friday. Graduate Council will be moving forward to Faculty Senate an MS in Innovation in Aging program proposal that passed unanimously.
- Two substantial changes (that affects 20% or more of a unit) are four name changes in one proposal and one grade replacement opportunity policy.
- After ten years, Vice Provost/Dean Andrew Carnie will be returning to the faculty and stepping down in his current role. An internal search will be conducted for his replacement.

Undergraduate Council – Molly Bolger

Bolger was absent.

UArizona Staff Council – Jeffrey Jones

Jones reported that Arizona Champions nominations are going out. The UArizona Staff Council Secretary, Roque Perez, has resigned and Danielle Oxnam will stand in nomination as her replacement.

ASUA – Patrick Robles

- Robles reported that ASUA is working to keep fair, free public transit in Tucson with emphasis on students and faculty. ASUA is working with key stakeholders at UArizona Parking and Transportation Services, the Department of Transportation, City of Tucson, and executive leadership. Pressure from students has resulted in dialogue between UArizona's Director of Transportation Services and the City of Tucson Transportation Director, as well as contact from the Mayor's office.
- A Resolution was approved by ASUA Senate last week, and GPSC will be discussing a similar Resolution at its next meeting.
- Committee members discussed related parking issues and bringing the Resolution to the Senate.

Committee of Eleven – Wolfgang Fink

Fink reported that the committee had its first meeting last week and the committee revisited its work on UHAP Chapter Five.

Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Praise Zenega

- Zenega reported that the committee will meet for the first time on Wednesday. The committee is addressing civic-minded courses, including critical race theory, which involves questions of academic freedom.
- Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Romero presented statistics on populations of different interest groups, which gave insight into what needed to be addressed. Interim Associate Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Maribel Alvarez, reported on activity in the various colleges. Positive strides were made in terms of diversity hires.

RPC – Dave Cuillier

Cuillier reported the committee will meet next week to implement its work on the 2% distribution to PI's from Finance and Administration (F & A). A presentation to Faculty Senate will be forthcoming in the next few months. Folks stated that some colleges distribute more than 2% based on performance metrics and salary recovery. The committee should discuss the variability between F & A distributions across campus.

APPC – John Milbauer

- Milbauer reported that the committee met last week and discussed Bylaws Article VII, Section Five of the Grievance Review Procedures. Language concerning an *ad hoc* committee comprised of neutral members to review grievances can overrule the Grievance Clearinghouse's decision not to move a grievance forward.
- Question/Comments that the Bylaws change must first be reviewed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee prior to it being presented to Faculty Senate.

SAPC – Cheryl Casey and Diane Ohala

- Ohala said that in addition to bringing the ASUA Resolution to Senate, the committee was interested in inviting Architect for IT Business, Meredith Aronson, to an upcoming Faculty Senate meeting to discuss CatCloud. The platform is linked to D2L and faculty will benefit from understanding how they work together efficiently.
- A standing member of SSRI has been assigned to the committee.
- The Campus Pantry is short on volunteers and SAPC would like to send out a message campus-wide with information on opportunities to help.

GPSC – Luis Irizarry

Irizarry reported on the Financial Stress Survey that will be distributed to students and additional social events that will be planned for students. A voter's guide policy will be sent to all members in advance of the November elections.

Review agenda for the October 3, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting

Items were added and time allotments were given to each item.

Recorded and transcribed by Jane Cherry