

FROM: Student Affairs Policy Committee

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

At the committee's Nov. 8 meeting, we discussed the Student Health Insurance Plan available to UA students for 2022-23. According to the [website](#), UA Online students are not eligible for the plan and dependent coverage is not an available option. Dental coverage is not available either. Our GPSC representative shared that graduate students are concerned about increases in prescription costs and difficulty finding providers who accept the United Healthcare plan. With an annual premium of \$2,765 for 2022-23, premium costs are a bit lower than this year's (\$2,861).

At the Nov. 16 SPBAC meeting, co-chairs Diane Ohala and Cheryl (Cuillier) Casey updated the committee on SAPC's priorities and accomplishments. [<link to PowerPoint presentation>](#)

SAPC members Ohala, Casey, and Tim Ottusch attended the UA's Student Basic Needs Symposium on Dec. 2. The event brought together campus partners, members of the Arizona Board of Regents, Arizona State University, and Pima Community College. Keynote speakers Tim Galarneau and Suzanna Martinez, from the University of California (UC) system's [Basic Needs Initiative](#), shared that UC's goal is to cut food and housing insecurity by half by 2025. We learned how UC works with community, state, and federal partners to support student basic needs, including emergency relief and crisis resolution. Symposium participants brainstormed ways to increase student awareness of available resources, destigmatize help, and make use of untapped campus resources (such as leftover food in the Student Unions and at small/mid-size campus events – food is already harvested from large events for the Campus Pantry).

Todd Millay, Executive Director of the Student Unions, shared that three markets on campus now accept [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) benefits](#) (campus restaurants are unable to accept SNAP). Millay said Highland Market will be converted to a grocery store next summer, offering lower prices to students and employees.

**The committee also would like to make Senate aware of the following student-focused news and resources:**

- As you prepare for Spring 2023 classes, we encourage you to add information to your syllabi about available student basic needs resources. Syllabus templates can be found under [Related Information](#). For example, the [Undergraduate Course Syllabus Template for In-Person Classes](#) includes recommend information about food from the Campus Pantry, Counseling and Psych Services, Campus Health, The Dean of Students Office's Student Assistance Program, and campus safety. We encourage the inclusion of these resources in graduate courses as well.
- The University Libraries are holding free [study break events](#) through Dec. 12 to support students during finals. Activities include reference drop-in help, therapy dogs, snacks, self-care kits, and virtual reality meditation.
- The [Campus Pantry](#) is collecting food (see [most urgently needed items](#)) and hygiene supplies, including shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, and laundry supplies. Donations can be dropped off at the Student Union Information Desk. The Pantry also accepts tax-deductible monetary [donations online](#).

- Cleaning out your closets? The [Campus Closet](#) collects gently used or new business, professional, and casual clothing for UArizona students, faculty, and staff who cannot acquire the items otherwise. Drop off at the Info Desk in the Student Union Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm, or email [ua.campuscloset@gmail.com](mailto:ua.campuscloset@gmail.com) to set up a dropoff.
- The 2023 Basic Needs Center Benefit Dinner will be held Feb. 3 from 5:30-9:30 pm in the Student Union Memorial Center's Grand Ballroom. Tickets are \$45 per individual or \$600 per table of 8. Register at <https://register.uafoundation.org/2023basicneedsbenefit>.
- In Spring 2022, under recommendation from the University Academic Advising Council (UAAC), the Office of the Registrar proposed updates to the Grade Replacement Opportunity (GRO) policy and the Repeating a Course policy. The updated Repeating a Course and Grade Replacement Policy eliminates the cap that limits a student's access to GRO once they've earned more than 60 units, as recommended by UAAC. The updated Repeating a Course and Grade Replacement [policy can be found online](#). It takes effect in Spring 2023.
- Proposition 308, a ballot measure granting in-state tuition to undocumented students in Arizona, passed with about 51% of the vote. According to the [Arizona Republic](#), changes to state law will go into effect as soon as the state certifies the election results, meaning non-citizen students (also known as "Dreamers") could begin paying in-state tuition in the spring semester.

#### GOALS:

- Have active representation from ASUA, GPSC, and Student Success & Retention Innovation
- 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](mailto:ccuillie@arizona.edu)) and Diane Ohala ([ohalad@arizona.edu](mailto:ohalad@arizona.edu)).

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Cheryl (Cuillier) Casey &  
Diane Ohala, Co-Chairs

# SAPC Members

## **Co-Chairs**

Sen. Cheryl (Cuillier) Casey, UA Libraries (since 2014)

Diane Ohala, Linguistics (since 2016)

## **Members**

Sen. Jeff Stone, Psychology (since 2013)

Sen. Kristin Little, English (since 2020)

Sen. Tim Ottusch, Family Studies-Human Development (since 2020)

Matthew Mugmon, Music (since 2019)

Meg Cota, Educational Policy (since 2021)

Sylvester Gaskin, Associate Dean of Students (since 2021)

Jenny Nirh or Jen Ludwig, SSRI (since 2022)

Charlotte Brown, Postdoc, Tumamoc Desert Laboratory (since 2021)

Ilham Chelabi, GPSC representative (since 2022)

Amy Gaudet, ASUA representative (since 2022)



# Our Charge

The Student Affairs Policy committee considers matters and forwards action items to the Faculty Senate relating to the **health, safety, and welfare of the student body**, including financial aid, the Student Code of Conduct, Code of Academic Integrity, admission registration, residency classification, high school and community college relations, recruitment and retention **policies**, Commencement, and matters brought forth from the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

# Top Priorities

- Student Basic Needs
  - Food
  - Housing & Utilities
  - Transportation
  - Health Care & Mental Health Services
  - Childcare
  - Course Materials
  - Technology (hardware & software)
  - Safety

# Interconnections



UA Basic Needs Coalition  
(Diane involved in)



UA Student Data Network  
(Diane involved in)



Arizona Higher Ed Food Security Coalition  
(Diane involved in)



UA BookStores/Libraries' course material  
proposal (Cheryl involved in)

# Some Challenges

- Siloed student communications
- Which growing populations does SAPC represent?
  - Global microcampuses?
  - UA Global Campus?
- Access/awareness of available resources



# Some SAPC Accomplishments/Goals

- Work(ed) with other units to make student resources easier to find
- Leverage(d) monthly SAPC reports to Senate to increase faculty knowledge of student-related news, issues, and resources
- Revised course materials policy in UHAP 2.11 (potential conflict of interest); need to revisit

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- Successfully addressed Senate (with UA BookStores) on potential negative impacts of outsourcing campus store; will continue focus on course materials
- Assisted in establishing UArizona's Basic Needs Coalition and continue to support related bodies and initiatives, including the upcoming Basic Needs Symposium (1<sup>st</sup> ever)
- Provide(d) input on student climate surveys and other student-facing initiatives (e.g. CatCloud)
- Act(ed) as a conduit between faculty and students to investigate, support, and resolve a variety of student-centered concerns

Thank You! Questions?

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