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Updates

- **Dr. Kirsten Limesand** has been named the Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate College and began her new role on Jan. 9. Thank you to Carmie Garzione and the search committee for their work.
- The **Provost's Investment Fund** has \$1 million available for the spring cycle and is **accepting proposals** through **Feb. 23**. A **proposal workshop** will be offered at 1 p.m. on **Feb. 2**.
- The University of Arizona hosted a site visit by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) on campus on Jan. 18-20 in connection with its application for **accreditation**. Open meetings to seek input from faculty, staff and students were held on **Jan. 18 from 4:45-5:30 p.m.** at the **Student Union Memorial Center**. The reviewers have commended us for 6 aspects of our operations (General Education refresh, research infrastructure improvements, data and analytics and assessment, living strategic plan and aligned budget, support for student academic success/retention/undergraduate research/engagement and outreach to community), and have recommendations for improvements spanning 5 aspects of our operations (program learning outcomes / assessments / continuous improvement, develop and implement a strategic plan for inclusion, shared governance processes, use of digital platforms for urgent communications, tracking of student complaints).
- Gail Burd and Jane Hunter invite Faculty Senators to participate in one of the UA-UAGC Coordination Work Groups. The Work Groups are reviewing what should be done during the stabilization phase (~3-6 months) and the optimization phase. The Work Groups are Academics, Student Success, Institutional Operations, Oversight and Compliance, and Continuous Improvement. Please contact Jane Hunter at jhunter2@arizona.edu to learn more.
- Recipients of the **Outstanding Faculty Awards** will be honored on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Crowder Hall, **Fred Fox School of Music**. The event is open to all University faculty, staff, and students. A reception will follow the ceremony. I hope you will join me in recognizing the awardees and celebrating the exceptional work and efforts we all aspire to achieve. **RSVP**
- "TEDxUArizona: The Messy Middle" takes place 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Jan. 31** at Centennial Hall. Visit tedx.arizona.edu for more event details.
- Crucial Conversations training has been offered to all Department Heads and Deans by the Office of Learning & organizational Development. To date, 60 Department Heads have taken the training, and 20 Deans are scheduled for training on in February.
- Promotion dossiers for 185 cases are ready for university-level review. The breakdown is;

Continuing Status and Promotion Review	15
Career Track Promotion Review	52
Track Transfer Reviews	6
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Total Cases	185