

FROM: Student Affairs Policy Committee

DATE: Feb. 6, 2023

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Committee will next meet on Feb. 8. Guest speakers will be Robyn Huff-Eibl and Travis Teetor from the UA Libraries to share about their technology lending program for students.

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

- [Free fares on Sun Tran](#) public transit have been extended through June 30. We applaud ASUA for its advocacy with the Tucson City Council and Mayor Regina Romero on this issue. See [“Tucson extends free Sun Tran rides through June 30, mulls how to lift bus fares long-term”](#) (*Tucson Sentinel*).
- Update on UArizona’s [Richard H. Tyler Student Emergency Fund](#): “Over 42,517 applications were received through the Richard H. Tyler (RHTSEF) since May of 2020. To date \$32 million dollars of CARES/HEERF and donor funds have been offered as emergency aid directly to students through the Richard H. Tyler Student Emergency Fund. The RHTSEF committee continued to review the 10,000 applications received since the start of the Spring 2022 semester. Unfortunately, the volume of applicants has exceeded the funds available at this time. For this reason, the committee narrowed the applications by prioritizing students demonstrating need that had not previously been funded by the RHTSEF or through Financial Aid batch distribution within the 2021-2022 academic year. At this point, we have exhausted the federal funds available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. All remaining applications will remain on file with the committee for consideration should any additional funds become available.” The website refers students to other resources, including the City of Tucson’s [COVID-19 Emergency Rent and Utility Assistance](#), which currently has a waiting list of more than 3,500 applications.
- The University Center for Assessment, Teaching and Technology (UCATT), which formed this summer when Digital Learning and the Office of Instruction & Assessment merged, has a [new website](#). Faculty can find resources for [teaching](#), [course design](#), [technologies](#), [assessment](#), and [professional development](#).
- A [CatCloud Faculty Resource Page](#) is available. [CatCloud](#), an all-in-one digital hub for students to actively manage their academic and student life, pulls in information from D2L, Trellis, and UAccess, improving students’ ability to view classes and grades, organize assignments and quizzes, receive enrollment notifications, and much more.
- [Registration](#) is open for UArizona’s [Student Success Conference](#) on Feb. 14-15. The focus will be on first-generation college students. Feb. 14 sessions are virtual and Feb. 15 sessions are in person (see [Schedule At-A-Glance](#)). The event is hosted by [Student Success & Retention Innovation](#).

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) and Diane Ohala (ohalad@arizona.edu).