

**The University of Arizona®**  
**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**  
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**Minutes: April 17, 2023**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**VIA ZOOM**

Present: B Brummund, C Casey, H Cui, D Cuillier, J Dudas, T Dysart (Secretary), L Folks, R Hammer, L Hudson, J Jones, J Milbauer, D Ohala, C Rankin, C Rocha, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), C Stanesco, and L Ziurys

Absent: J Curry, W Fink, M Hymel (Chair), L Irizarry, P Robles, C Simmons, and P Zenega

Guest: J Frumkin

**Call to Order**

In Chair Hymel's absence, Secretary Dysart called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes of March 20, 2023**

The minutes of March 20, 2023 were approved.

**UPDATES**

**Review agenda for the May 1, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting**

Committee members discussed the method of voting for the Faculty Senate elections and agreed that online voting via Qualtrics would be the preferred method. Faculty Center staff will review the survey with the Qualtrics team prior to the election. Items were added and time allotments were prescribed for each item.

**SAPC – Cheryl Casey and Diane Ohala**

- Ohala mentioned the grievance forwarded to the committee from a faculty colleague. Different issues were identified; free water accessibility, sanitary conditions in the dorms on weekends, tuition and fees, etc., and the committee will send a letter of response to the Faculty Officers.
- The committee met with Student Union Assistant Director for Meal Plan Programs, Lexi Czopek, to discuss the mandatory meal plan, which Ohala feels would be of interest to Senators. Ohala would like to have an informational slide show sent to all faculty close to the beginning of the fall semester so they are better informed. Folks added that the reason for the implementation of the mandatory meal plan was an effort to reduce food insecurity. Casey reported that the committee had questions about who can apply for waivers, and whether monies would be available for students with financial aid. The mandatory meal plan applies to only freshman living on campus, although any student may purchase one.
- Casey said the Pay One Price course materials program is rolling out for undergraduate students in fall 2023. The BookStore is pushing out information to faculty and students.

The official deadline for textbook adoptions was a month ago and included ~7,000 sections, with thirty-three sections missing. Textbooks or courseware cannot be included in Pay One Price unless the BookStore knows what instructors have adopted. The Library has set up departmental visits to share how the program works to better convey why textbook adoptions are critical.

### **APPC – John Milbauer**

No report.

### **RPC – Dave Cuillier**

- Cuillier reported that the committee had a productive meeting with the Provost last month. The final committee meeting will be next week. Cuillier will be taking another position at the University of Florida and leaving UArizona at the end of the semester and offered some parting thoughts to the committee. Parliamentary process can sometimes interfere with conducting business in an efficient manner. Much can be accomplished with new tools and new ways of doing business. Not all topics are agenda-worthy and many topics can be dealt with through online communication. The University could benefit greatly by considering rethinking the way these meetings are conducted and correct some of the broken systems.
- Stegeman added that the Presiding Officer does not have the power to shut down discussions in Faculty Senate without a 2/3's vote. Robert's Rules is very strong on not shutting down speech and Faculty Senate's vote should be more conducive to free speech and maximum participation.
- Folks said that when a vote is taken, having the pro's and con's stated prior to the vote would be helpful so everyone understands what they are voting on. Stegeman responded that time limits in meetings may have restricted opposing views being argued, and it's not a Robert's Rules question as much a question of being able to formidably address all meeting business. The cloture vote on the iSchool when others wanted to speak was something that couldn't be changed at that moment. The Faculty Senate could discuss invoking too frequent and premature cloture votes.
- Zuirys feels that topics are well debated in meetings but Casey does not agree, with the iSchool being a perfect example of using parliamentary procedure to hypothetically block a vote. The cloture vote was used to shut down discussion before the Director had a chance to respond. There have been instances of the use of tabling motions and when that failed, the use of postponing motions to delay.

### **Committee of Eleven – Wolfgang Fink**

Vice Chair Milbauer reported in Fink's absence. The committee talked to University Foundation's Roczniak and Procurement's Nassar. A Resolution will be forthcoming for UHAP 5.2.

### **UArizona Staff Council – Jeffrey Jones**

Jones reported that they will be presenting to SPBAC on Wednesday. A hybrid forum with President Robbins will be forthcoming. Staff will have the opportunity to submit questions in advance.

### **Undergraduate Council – Claudia Stanescu**

Stanescu reported that four proposals are currently on the agenda to move forward to Faculty Senate. Two will be up for full discussion at the next UGC meeting and updates will be forthcoming if anything changes.

### **Graduate Council – Co-chairs Ron Hammer and Hong Cui**

Graduate Council will be meeting on Friday and will forward two proposals for Faculty Senate approval. The committee agreed to allow inclusion of the proposals on the upcoming Faculty Senate agenda before approving today's agenda.

### **SPBAC – Barry Brummund and Cindy Rankin**

Brummund reported that last meeting, the Office for Sustainability, and student group UA Divest presented to the committee. SPBAC was asked to endorse sustainability and divest motions for the committee to vote on. Both groups, despite their differences, are focusing on its agreements to benefit the University. Although the University has done well on some components of reducing emissions, there is a long way to go.

At the last meeting, Provost Folks presented on the campus Master Plan effort, which she chairs. Folks talked about the master planning process and evolving capital expenditure and facilities processes, which change over time. For a future facing teaching and research organization, coupled with budgetary and sustainability issues creates a complex puzzle.

Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Helena Rodrigues, and UArizona Staff Council President, Jeffrey Jones, will be presenting at the upcoming meeting this week. Mission Differentiation and the link between workforce needs within the State of Arizona and graduation and academic programs in place will be looked at in May 2023.

### **IT Liaison – Jeremy Frumkin**

No report.

### **Secretary of the Faculty – Tessa Dysart**

Dysart addressed an alleged accusation of her violation of Open Meeting Law, which doesn't apply to Faculty Senate meetings. Stegeman added that the confidentiality of Open Session is governed by Robert's Rules. Open Meeting Law has never been litigated at the University.

### **Chair of Faculty – Leila Hudson**

Hudson thanked the committee for their help and expertise over the past year. Hudson reported that she and Vice Chair Hymel have been engaging in conversations with other peer institutions' Faculty Senate leaders to learn about different structures of governance, issues facing other institutions, and protocols at peer institutions. Resources in faculty governance are scarce and Faculty Center staff are at capacity. Casey asked how committee appointments are made in consultation with the Senate Executive Committee per the Bylaws. Hudson responded that she previously made a Chair appointment and bypassed SEC consultation and apologized for her mistake.

### **Vice Chair of the Faculty – Mona Hymel**

Hymel was absent.

### **Provost – Liesl Folks**

No report.

### **President of the University – Jon Dudas**

Dudas announced that the ABOR meeting will be held at UArizona campus next week. A Conceal and Carry Law SB 2667 is being considered by the Legislature and likely to pass but will be vetoed by all three Presidents and all three police chiefs at all three in-state Universities, as well as the Governor.

**ASUA – Patrick Robles**

Robles was absent.

**GPSC – Luis Irizarry**

Irizarry was absent.

**University-Wide General Education Committee – Joan Curry**

Curry was absent.

**Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Praise Zenega**

Zenega was absent.

**Old business**

There was no old business.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.