

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Student Affairs Policy Committee

DATE: October 2, 2023

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

SAPC met Sept. 11 to plan its upcoming agenda. We have invited representatives from Parking & Transportation Services and Counseling & Psych Services (CAPS) as guest speakers for this semester's meetings. We now have a committee representative from Student Affairs (Amanda Kraus). We still need one additional senator as a member.

Other topics the committee discussed at its Sept. 11 meeting:

- Student health insurance (pricey, not available to dependents or UA Online students, dental insurance not an option)
- Changes to SunTran routes (e.g., buses no longer going to Safeway, which is the nearest grocery store to campus).
- UArizona's Highland Market had announced it would be revamped over the summer to offer more grocery store pricing. Members couldn't tell much difference in product offerings (a few new international items, some bulk foods).
- Sept. 3 was the opt-out deadline for the UA BookStores' [Pay One Price](#) flat-rate course material program. As of Sept. 4, the opt-out rate was 10.8%, so nearly 90% of Main Campus undergraduates have their required course materials this semester. The BookStores are encouraging students to pick up the print materials provided through the program; other materials are delivered digitally through D2L.

SAPC asked Lexi Czopek, Assistant Director of Meal Plan Programs, to give an update at the Sept. 11 Faculty Senate meeting on the new [mandatory meal plan](#) for residential first-year students, designed to reduce food insecurity. She said they're happy with the Fall 2023 rollout and student/parent reaction. Financial help was given to Pell-eligible students and students could opt out for medical/religious reasons. Students were assigned a default plan but could switch to a more or less expensive one (they were surprised by the number of students who chose more expensive plans). Students can now order food ahead and use lockers for remote pickup to save time.

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

- UArizona's [Campus Pantry](#) provides food to employees and students. [Food donations](#) can be dropped off at the Student Union Information Desk.
- The [Back-to-Campus Safety Checklist](#) and [Wildcat Safety Guide](#) are available. Employees and students are also encouraged to install the LiveSafe app on their smartphone ([LiveSafe in the App Store](#), [LiveSafe on Google Play](#)). The app provides real-time interaction for reporting security and safety concerns.
- September is [Suicide Prevention Month](#). Campus Health offers free [QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Trainings](#). To request a training for your department or class, contact Ryley Tegler at ryleytegler@arizona.edu.
- The Winter 2023/Spring 2024 Schedule of Classes will be published Oct. 1. [Textbook adoptions](#) for winter and spring courses are due to the UA BookStores Oct. 10.

GOALS:

- Have active representation from ASUA, GPSC, Student Affairs, and Student Success & Retention Innovation
- Continue to support basic needs initiatives and increase awareness of resources
- 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).