

**The University of Arizona®**  
**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**  
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**Minutes: September 18, 2023**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**VIA ZOOM**

Present: M Hymel (Chair), J Bernick, C Casey, J Dudas, T Dysart, W Fink, A Grijalva, R Hammer (for H Cui), G Heileman, L Hudson, J Jones, K Maggert, R Marx, H Nelson, D Ohala, C Rankin, C Simmons, S Su, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), J Vetter and L Ziurys

Absent: A Sanchez

Guests: M Madden, L Sandoval

**Call to Order**

Chair Hymel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes of August 28, 2023**

The minutes of August 28, 2023 were approved with two corrections.

**UPDATES**

**Review agenda for the October 2, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting**

Hudson suggested calling a Special Senate meeting on September 26, 2023 to vote on the Ph.D. in Software Engineering in advance of the ABOR meeting. Items were added and removed, and time allotments were prescribed for each item. Committee members discussed a Special Election for new college Faculty Senate representation and the processes for proposal approval.

**President of the University – Jon Dudas**

- ABOR is discussing how to define mission differentiation among the three in-state Universities. How does Arizona's system look different than other Universities? One topic focused on not enough funding from State Legislators.
- ABOR's goal for UArizona is to establish an area of innovation technology park and satellite campus in the City of Maricopa.
- ABOR would also like UArizona to establish an institute on data and computing in collaboration with the colleges of engineering, medicine, science, and business to advance research, scholarship, and problem solving related to artificial intelligence data and computing at the University of Arizona by the end of this year to secure funding commitments up to \$5M. A summit or industry event for key academic leaders will also be scheduled by the end of the year.
- Hudson asked if there would be a valid proposal for the Meixner fellowships to roll out in the next couple of weeks. Dudas asked for Hudson to send it to him.

### **Interim Provost – Ron Marx**

- Marx reported that he is attending Financial Aid meetings with UAGC and UArizona to change practices with employers paying for UAGC students' tuition where students waive the right for Title IV funding. As a public university, this is not allowed. We are aligning policies with a goal of completion this fall.
- A SPBAC retreat is scheduled for October 4, 2023 to discuss UAGC.
- At the AAU meeting, opinion polling shows that most people believe that research universities are profit-making organizations. The most serious issue for policy makers across the political spectrum is the cost of higher education to students and their families.
- Bernick asked if graduate student issues were discussed at the AAU meeting. Marx responded that it was heavily discussed, and it is foreseen that there will be a significant reduction in graduate enrollment over the next ten to twenty years.

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

- Hudson informed the committee that she appointed Paul Bennett and Ravi Goyal to the Committee on Elections. She would like to appoint Katie Zeiders to the Committee on Faculty Membership (COFM) but asked for two other recommendations to fill the remaining two seats.
- Dysart suggested reappointing the former members of COFM who were abruptly removed and were willing to continue serving on the committee. Simmons added that it sets a bad example when timely consultation with SEC is disregarded but expectations are that the rules be followed by everyone else.

### **RPC – Lucy Ziurys**

- Ziurys reported that the committee is working on increasing PI's overhead return from 2% to 5%. After an affirmative Faculty Senate vote, the question was where the 2% comes from because it was recommended that the 2% should come from upper administration and not the colleges.
- The committee is looking at Intellectual Property procurement.
- The committee would like Ramin Yadegari from Plant Sciences to join the committee to fill one of three vacant seats.
- Rankin suggested going to the Research Integrity Officer, Scott Pryor, as a first step on Intellectual Property issues.

### **SPBAC – Cindy Rankin and Greg Heileman**

Rankin reported that the committee asked President Robbins to share his insights about UAGC and the Department of Education's announcement concerning the repaying of canceled student loan debt. Robbins suggested a retreat to specifically focus on UAGC and UArizona Online and how those components intertwine. A retreat is scheduled for October 4, 2023 during usual SPBAC meeting time extended to 2:00 p.m. Much of the retreat will be reviewing data that has been requested to make decisions.

### **University-Wide General Education Committee – Jeremy Vetter**

Vetter submitted a report in chat. The Gen Ed Office proposed delaying enforcement of general education attributes for two years from fall 2024 to fall 2026 to collect more data from four full years and allow full integration of the Civics American Institutions attribute. UWGEC endorsed such a measure and is now before Undergraduate Council.

### **Graduate Council – Ron Hammer**

Hammer reported that the Graduate Council and GCAAC approved Grades and Grading System Policy Amendments and Enrollment Policy Amendment for the Consent agenda. Registrar Alex Underwood can answer any questions at the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.

#### **Undergraduate Council – Holly Nelson**

- Nelson reported that the Council's subcommittees met last week and items are working their way to the Council for approval.
- Theater Production BFA and Musical Theater BFA are two disestablishments in the College of Fine Arts.
- A new Human Rights Practice Certificate in SBS is being considered.

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

- Jones reported that Interim Provost Ron Marx will be speaking at the September 26, 2023 UASC meeting.
- Assistant Vice President for Campus Life, Amanda Krauss, will also be a guest speaker.

#### **ASUA – Alyssa Sanchez**

Sanchez was absent.

#### **GPSC – Jeremy Bernick**

Bernick reported that GPSC is working on a Tuition and Fee Proposal for the October 6, 2023 ABOR meeting.

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

Fink reported that the committee is considering many interesting topics this year:

Ranking metrics for Universities in general;

Sacredness of Intellectual Property (IP) intramurally;

A Letter of Concern was sent to the Faculty Senate and Security Office, Steve Patterson, regarding mishaps and miscommunications with UAlert subscriptions;

The committee verified the correct email for the Office of Public Safety and Interim Safety Officer as [publicsafety@arizona.edu](mailto:publicsafety@arizona.edu) and [scpatterson@arizona.edu](mailto:scpatterson@arizona.edu), respectively.

C11 is inquiring what the status is with implementing the recommendations brought forth in the Oversight and Response Failure: Broken Trust report submitted by the General Faculty Committee on University Safety for All.

#### **APPC – Keith Maggert**

The APPC Handbook was shared in Chat. Maggert reported that it was sent to Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Andrea Romero.

#### **SAPC – Cheryl Casey and Diane Ohala**

SAPC's written report was shared via Chat. The committee met on 9.11.23. Both ASUA and GPSC reps have been seated, as well as an *ex officio* member of the Dean of Students Office. The committee needs one more Senator. The committee discussed Pay One Price and Sun Tran routes and problems with the Parking and Transportation website. Student/Post Doc health insurance will be discussed with Student Health later this fall.

#### **IT Liaison – Jeremy Frumkin**

Frumkin was absent.

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

No report.

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

No report

**Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – TBA**

**Old business**

There was no old business.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.