

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Student Affairs Policy Committee

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

On Jan. 1, Tim Ottusch and Kristin Little will take over from Diane Ohala and Cheryl Casey as SAPC co-chairs. SAPC will be adding 3 new committee members.

SAPC met Nov. 13 with guest speakers David Salafsky (Executive Director, Campus Health Service) and Ivan Acosta (Program Coordinator, Senior; Insurance Office, Campus Health Service). They shared about the breadth of services offered by [Campus Health](#) and [Counseling & Psych Services \(CAPS\)](#). They also explained [student health and insurance options](#). They emphasized that students don't need health insurance to use Campus Health – discounted student rates and assistance funds are available. Several Campus Health services are also [available to UArizona employees](#). Dental coverage for students is being discussed (students would need to travel off campus for dental services).

At the Nov. 16 Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) meeting, the Regents approved new and adjusted fees at UArizona. Beginning in the 2024-25 academic year, UArizona will:

- Simplify its mandatory fees by combining them into a single Student Engagement Fee.
- Simplify its undergraduate tuition and fees structure by establishing an undergraduate College Fee with four “rate tiers” (ranging from \$550-\$1,800/year for residents and \$800-\$2,600/year for non-resident students – depending on their primary college). The College Fee eliminates 7 differential tuitions, nearly 30 undergraduate program fees, and 420 undergraduate course fees, other than the Honors College program fee, which will increase from \$475 to \$600/semester.

The UA BookStores shared an update with SAPC on [Pay One Price](#), the digital-preferred, flat-rate course materials program that launched in Fall 2023 for all students taking a Main Campus undergraduate course. Pay One Price provides a predictable cost of \$250 per semester, regardless of major.

- For Fall 2023, there were approximately 32,000 students in the program. 11% of those students opted out of Pay One Price. Opt-out rates by class level were: Freshman 5.3%, Sophomore 7.9%, Junior 13.6%, Senior 22.2%.
- The average number of courses taken by participating students was 6.1, while the average number of courses taken by non-participating students was 4.9. Full-time students with an average of 15.4 credits participated 88.7% of the time, while part-time students with an average of 8.1 credits participated 87.5% of the time.
- The UA Libraries' support of Pay One Price and continued partnership with the BookStores strengthened the rollout of the new program. The Libraries provided hundreds of unlimited-user ebooks for Pay One Price, lowering overall costs for students. This library/bookstore relationship remains unique across the country within universities and our combined efforts support the end goal of student success.
- ABOR has invited UA BookStores Director Peter Neff to present about Pay One Price at a spring meeting.

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

- You can help UArizona's [Fostering Success program](#) by ordering [basic essentials](#), [school supplies](#), and [food items](#) for students from its Amazon wish lists (your order is shipped directly to the program). Fostering Success is for students that are or have been in foster care, are struggling with homelessness, and for those that do not have a natural support system in their life.
- Students can now make personal information changes directly in their [UAccess Student Center](#). Students can make changes by selecting **Forms** in the **Quick Links** section on the dashboard. Requests that were previously offered on the "Change of Personal Information" form are now made individually. Tutorials with detailed instructions are available for:
 - [Updating Primary Name Tutorial](#)
 - [Updating Date of Birth Tutorial](#)
 - [Updating Social Security Number/ITIN Tutorial](#)
- The annual [University of Arizona Student Success Conference](#) will be held virtually Feb. 14-15. Free registration, which is open to all UArizona employees and students, begins Jan. 15.

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).