

The University of Arizona®
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: February 26, 2024
3:00-5:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

Present: M Hymel (Chair), H Cui, J Dudas, T Dysart, W Fink, J Frumkin, L Hudson, J Jones, K Little, K Maggert, R Marx, H Nelson, T Ottusch, C Rankin, C Simmons, S Su, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), J Vetter, and L Ziurys

Absent: J Bernick, G Heileman, A Sanchez

Guests: M Madden, L Sandoval

Call to Order

Hymel called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. (Chair Hymel experienced a momentary internet malfunction)

Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of January 22, 2024

The minutes of January 22, 2024 were approved as written.

Review agenda for the March 11, 2024 Faculty Senate Meeting

Committee members reviewed the draft Faculty Senate agenda for the upcoming March 11, 2024 meeting. Items were added and time allotments were given for each item. Committee members agreed that Faculty Senators shall give advance notice to the Presiding Officer if they have questions on the proposals/policies listed on the Consent agenda. Sponsors of the proposals/policies can also be invited to the meeting to answer questions Faculty Senators may have. A Box folder will be set up for Faculty Senators to review proposals two weeks prior to the meeting. The folder will be maintained by Faculty Center staff and personnel in Curricular Affairs and will be the protocol moving forward. Any request to move proposals to Non-consent will need to be requested in advance of the Faculty Senate meeting. The agenda was approved.

President's Report – Jon Dudas

No report.

Provost's Report – Ron Marx

- Marx reported that the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be moving under the Provost from the President's purview. Interim Associate Vice

President, Jennifer Hatcher, will be reporting to Provost Marx. The President plans to meet with all deans over the next five weeks to discuss the financial plan. The first meeting was last week.

- The IT and HR centralization is to go forward on March 4, 2024. IT professionals working on research grants half time or more will not be centralized. Fine tuning is being implemented such as reclassifying job categories where need be.

Chair of the Faculty – Leila Hudson

Hudson questioned why ABOR took a proposal from the February 5, 2024 Faculty Senate meeting off its Consent agenda. Dudas responded that ABOR has its own agenda and had scheduled approvals for the next meeting.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Mona Hymel

No report.

Secretary of the Faculty – Tessa Dysart

No report.

Information Technology – Jeremy Frumkin

Frumkin reported that Tyson Swetnam was appointed Chair of the *ad hoc* IT Committee. Fink said that he had heard that long-term IT personnel in his college will now be reporting to IT instead of the college as of March 4, 2024. Frumkin confirmed that adjustments are being made on March 4, 2024 and staff working on research projects 50% or more of their time will remain in the college and not be reporting to UITS. The contact person will remain the same.

SPBAC – Greg Heileman and Cindy Rankin

Marx reported that five working groups have been implemented to work on different financial topics.

UWGEC – Jeremy Vetter

Stegeman reported that the *ad hoc* Gen Ed committee appointed by Hudson had a meeting on Friday and invited UWGEC members and staff for successful collaboration. Vetter reported that the Gen Ed committee has been preceding through a series of faculty forums on civic learning and American Institutions and all have been well attended. Feedback will be consolidated and with plans to move it through shared governance channels.

Graduate Council – Hong Cui and Sanlyn Buxner

Cui reported that Graduate Council met on February 16, 2024 and made changes to the Nursing graduate program involving no new resources. APPC reviewed the Graduate Council bylaws in comparison to the Faculty bylaws to recommend uniformity. All twenty-six Council members approved APPC's recommendations. An eVote will be cast when the Council bylaws are changed.

Undergraduate Council – Holly Nelson

Nelson said the Council is working on bylaws revisions and better representation for students. Policy changes are imminent and will be affecting students.

UArizona Staff Council – Jeffrey Jones

Jones reported that the Council will be meeting with President Robbins and CFO Arnold tomorrow to discuss the financial plan's effect on staff. The meeting will be hybrid and 2,000 have signed up on Zoom with 200 in-person reservations. Over 250 questions were submitted and were whittled down to fifteen. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for Friday to discuss outcome.

C11 – Wolfgang Fink

No report. Hymel asked that the questions previously asked of President Robbins be shared with Jones for his meeting tomorrow.

RPC – Lucy Ziurys

- Ziurys reported that the committee has been tasked with looking into Centers with RII at the University, including the Lovejoy Center, West EJ Center and COMT Education Center. Suggestions have been made to include missing items in proposals that would enhance approvals and utilize a uniform template so the committee can easily review proposal information.
- A new member from the College of Humanities was approved to join the committee.

APPC – Keith Maggert

Maggert reported that the committee is looking at UHAP 7.1 Professional Conduct Policy that lacks any guidelines and specifics and has been used to issue negative performance reviews and has placed two faculty on administrative leave. When the revisions are finalized, APPC will send it forward to Faculty Senate to approve an updated version.

SAPC – Tim Ottusch and Kristin Little

Ottusch reported that the new co-chairs have been reviewing old minutes and presentations to get caught up. Students have been concerned about the financial woes of the University and its impact.

DEI – Tad Pace and Spencer Willis

Hymel reported that the committee is trying to find out which colleges have DEI policies and/or committees.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.