

The University of Arizona®
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: March 18, 2024
3:00-5:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

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

Absent: J Bernick, R Marx, A Sanchez, S Su, and L Ziurys

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 February 19, 2024

The minutes of February 19, 2024 were approved as written.

Review agenda for the April 1, 2024 Faculty Senate Meeting

Committee members reviewed the draft Faculty Senate agenda for the upcoming April 1, 2024 meeting. Items were deleted and added. Time allotments were given for each item. Committee members discussed having proposal initiators present at the Faculty Senate meeting to answer questions in the event items are pulled off the Consent agenda. Curricular Affairs will invite proposal supporters to answer Faculty Senators' questions. The agenda was approved.

DEI – Tad Pace and Spencer Willis

- Willis reported that the committee will be working on a climate survey. Associate Research Scientist, Maribel Alvarez, will be consulted for help in this area.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2024.

SAPC – Tim Ottusch and Kristin Little

- Little reported that the Co-chairs are still compiling resources to share with faculty and staff that can hopefully disseminate information to students.
- The committee will be discussing FAFSA (free application for student aid) and addressing student questions and concerns.

- The C11 asked President Robbins to waive the rent charges for the Campus Pantry, but no response has been received.
- Cuts to the student newspaper Opinions section will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Hudson heard that funding for student clubs had been prematurely terminated.

APPC – Keith Maggert

No report.

RPC – Lucy Ziurys

No report.

C11 – Wolfgang Fink

No report.

ASUA – Alyssa Sanchez

Sanchez was absent.

GPSC – Jeremy Bernick

Bernick was absent.

UArizona Staff Council – Jeffrey Jones

Jones reported that the Council has announced its Save-the-Date for its upcoming Crossroads Conference. The conference will be held in the Student Union on May 21, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Undergraduate Council – Holly Nelson

- Nelson said the Council discussed its role as a subcommittee of Faculty Senate to further impact its work reviewing and submitting proposals for the campus community.
- Vetter mentioned that two Faculty Senate representatives need to be appointed to UGC, GC, and UWGEC.

Graduate Council – Hong Cui and Sanlyn Buxner

No report.

UWGEC – Jeremy Vetter

Vetter mentioned that UWGEC's bylaws do not mention the inclusion of two Faculty Senators on the committee, but thinks it is mentioned elsewhere and supports the inclusion.

SPBAC – Greg Heileman and Cindy Rankin

Heileman reported that Economics Professor, Price Fishback, gave an outstanding presentation of the overspending data at the last SPBAC meeting.

Information Technology – Jeremy Frumkin

No report.

Secretary of the Faculty – Tessa Dysart

Dysart notified the President of Faculty Senate's vote to not approve the Constitution and Bylaws revision but instead ask him questions regarding ABOR's status under administrative law. No response has been received.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Mona Hymel

No report.

Chair of the Faculty – Leila Hudson

- The deans are currently involved in All Funds meetings with the Provost, CFO, and Garth Perry, to discuss budgets for the upcoming year. Some colleges appear to have been underfunded under AIB and may not receive the advertised percentage cuts.
- HB 2735, the bill revising the shared governance law, will be debated in State Senate on Wednesday.
- Hudson asked what the relationship is between the Office of General Counsel (OGC) and shared governance. Under recent developments, faculty leaders and other faculty in shared governance may need legal advice. Maggert said that administration has open access to OGC whereas faculty do not, setting up an imbalanced power dynamic. Dysart added that when she was Chair of APPC, the Office of Government Affairs was asked to provide a legislative update every year to the committee. She also asked if Senate really wanted to have OGC interfere with its operations. Having OGC in a position to represent faculty could be a double-edged sword. Faculty may not agree with advice offered or want to be subject to it. She also stated that when speaking or writing to different constituencies, it is advised to make clear that you are acting on your own behalf and not the University's.

President's Report – Jon Dudas

No report.

Provost's Report – Ron Marx

The Provost was absent.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.