

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

Present: M Hymel (Chair), D Barefoot, S Cochran, W Fink, J Frumkin, G Heileman, L Hudson, K Little, K Maggert, R Marx, T Ottusch, C Rankin, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), S Su, J Vetter, S Willis, K Zeiders, and L Ziurys

Absent: J Bernick, H Cui, A Grijalva, and H Nelson

Guests: M Madden, L Sandoval

**Call to Order**

Chair Hymel called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes of April 15, 2024**

The minutes of April 15, 2024 were approved as written.

**Review agenda for the September 9, 2024 Faculty Senate Meeting**

Committee members reviewed the draft Faculty Senate agenda for the upcoming September 9, 2024 Faculty Senate meeting. Items were deleted and added. Time allotments were given for each item. Committee members discussed several sensitive and confidential topics. The Faculty Senate agenda was finalized and approved.

**SAPC – Kristin Little and Tim Ottusch**

Little reported the committee is absent an ASUA representative. After reaching out to President Grijalva to appoint someone, Grijalva said that she might be able to fill the vacant seat. Faculty Center staff informed Little that three attempts have been made to acquire the ASUA appointments for all shared governance committees, and none have been received. Hudson said she would contact her.

**APPC – Keith Maggert**

Maggert reported that policy approvals have been backlogged in the President's Office. Committee members have been looking at UHAP 7.01 Code of Professional Conduct. The committee decided the best way forward was to parse out the Code of Professional Conduct and Code of Academic Freedom into two separate policies, each with its own support and investigation structures. After finalization, APPC would like to send the policies to the DEI Committee for review and input. A new system for policy review will

be implemented soon to gather feedback from shared governance constituencies and Faculty Senate. A small subset of people who are allowed to introduce policies, and they are mainly administrators. Vice Chair Fellous has resigned from the University and the committee will need a replacement Faculty Senator to fill the vacant seat. Faculty Center staff informed Maggert that Senator Rogers has volunteered for committee service and will fill the vacancy immediately.

**RPC – Lucy Ziurys**

No report.

**C11 – Wolfgang Fink**

Fink said the committee is hopeful with Provost Marx's return that UHAP 5.2 will be approved for ratification.

**ASUA – Adriana Grijalva**

Sanchez was absent.

**GPSC – Jeremy Bernick**

Bernick was absent.

**UArizona Staff Council – D Barefoot**

Barefoot reported that the Council received an update from the Faculty and Staff Workload group and couldn't comment on its scope or purpose. A few years ago, a Flex Work survey was implemented and currently, a Workplace Climate Committee will be issuing another survey shortly to all staff. UASC has requested the number of workforce reductions to investigate the affectation to staff. Although the reductions were to be finalized at the end of FY24, they are still ongoing into FY25. A retreat will be scheduled for Staff Council Executive Committee and representatives to plan its interests for the coming year. Hudson asked if Staff Council meetings are public. Barefoot said yes. Hudson said the possibly faculty can help spearhead common interests in collaboration with administrators.

**Undergraduate Council – TBA**

The Review of the Undergraduate Minor in Insights Into Healthy Aging will be introduced as an Information Item on the next Faculty Senate agenda.

**Graduate Council – Hong Cui and Sanlyn Buxner**

No report.

**UWGEC – Jeremy Vetter**

Vetter introduced himself and explained his role as UWGEC Chair, as well as the membership of the Council. Streamlining processes without compromising quality of reviews is being discussed. More discussion is underway about the bookend courses of the GenEd Program, specifically Univ 101 and 301 amid budget challenges. UWGEC is working closely with the *ad hoc* General Education Committee chaired by Mark Stegeman.

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

Heileman reported that the first SPBAC was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. CFO Arnold gave a detailed presentation and updated the committee on where he sees the University heading into the next year, as well as the following year. Zeiders asked about the subcommittee who was working on a budget model. Heileman said that he wasn't aware of any group tasked with that charge.

### **Information Technology – Jeremy Frumkin**

Frumkin reported that there is reorganization going on in UITS, and there are no longer any faculty members at the table with senior leadership in UITS. Frumkin said that he would like committee members to ask him questions about shared governance decision making with deans, college units, research, and like. Frumkin will do his best to answer questions as best he can. Zeiders asked how many faculty were previously involved with senior leadership, Frumkin said that he is the only faculty member who was part of senior executive leadership at UITS. Fink asked Hudson if the *ad hoc* Committee on Information Technology is still intact. Hudson said yes, but will have to renew its charge to address the change in internal structure and what it signifies. Frumkin said that Tyler Swetnam was committee chair, and the committee gave reports within the timeline as promised but has been passive since that time. Frumkin isn't sure if the committee is aware if it's disbanded or should continue. Hudson praised the report the committee produced to Faculty Senate and said she would refresh the committee. Frumkin said the kind of centralization that happened over the summer is a positional and well as budgetary centralization. At the same time decision authority was not defined any more than with those budget lines in those positions under the unite. At this point, no direct ability to provide input on a regular basis to decisions around resource allocation or prioritization, things of that nature to the UITS organization from external stakeholders to UITS. In other words, there is no governance set up, and it isn't clear if the CIO feels that governance is applied to him. In the past, the minimal participation was Frumkin as the sole faculty member providing input, but the group has become smaller and more refined. Zeiders asked about the listening session held by CIO Brummund over the summer. Frumkin said that those sessions ended about a week ago and were internal to UITS. Notes of the sessions haven't been made publicly available.

### **Secretary of the Faculty – Katie Zeiders**

Zeiders introduced herself and explained her role as Secretary. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has three returning members and one new member with representation across colleges and faculty rank. The first meeting is scheduled for the end of September. Much of the work from last year didn't get completed, so there's a backlog on Bylaws changes. The Committee on Faculty Membership hasn't met recently and will take a look at faculty workload as one of its charges.

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

Hudson said she is working on three things: establishing a productive and cordial working relationship with our new President and reestablishing the relationship with Ron Marx. Hudson was pleased that the President Delegate sought her out while she was

on vacation for a one-on-one call. Second is processing all the information provided here today to get a level set for what has happened over the summer and come up with a strategy to most effectively intervene in the financial unfolding as it proceeds. Lastly, the specific issue of concern for campus climate in terms of safety, inclusion, and respect and advancing on the discussion of antisemitism, protecting free speech, and faculty's academic freedom. The community would like UA to lead the way on these issues. Perhaps Faculty Senate and Senate Executive Committee specific meetings off the regular meeting schedules may be considered.

**Provost's Report – Ron Max**

No report.

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

No report.

**DEI – Spencer Willis**

No report.

**President's Report – TBA**

No report.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.