

**The University of Arizona®**  
**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**  
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**Minutes: December 16, 2024**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**VIA ZOOM**

Present: M Hymel (Chair), D Barefoot, W Fink, J Frumkin, A Grijalva, G Heileman, L Hudson, K Little, K Maggert, R Marx, T Ottusch, L Rezende, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), S Su, J van Haren, J Vetter, P Waddell, S Willis, K Zeiders, and L Ziurys

Absent: S Cochran, J Bernick and C Rankin

Guests: M Madden, L Sandoval

**Call to Order**

Chair Hymel called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes of November 18, 2024**

The minutes of November 18, 2024 were approved.

**Review agenda for the January 27, 2025 Faculty Senate Meeting**

Committee members reviewed the draft agenda for the January 27, 2025 Faculty Senate meeting. Committee members agreed to hold a place for a report from the President, although there is no commitment from him that he will attend regularly. The Officers will extend monthly invitations and inquire if he or his designee will provide a report. Committee members discussed overlap and duplication of courses and advance notice to review documents that was previously requested by Senators. Items were added and time allotments were given for each item. Many items discussed were deferred to the February 2025 Faculty Senate agenda. Provost Search Committee concerns have been noted and will be addressed at a later time.

**Provost's Report – Ron Marx**

Marx reported that Craig Henderson has left the University. The Chief of Staff position on the President's Office has been posted and finding a replacement is underway. Enrollment Management is being moved to the fourth and fifth floors of the Administration Building and the Vice Provost teams will be moved to the first floor of Old Main. The switch will not affect any academic or student programs. The writing program faculty will receive significant increases in salary and an announcement will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

**Chair of the Faculty – Leila Hudson**

No report.

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

No report.

**Information Technology – Jeremy Frumkin**

Frumkin reported CIO Barry Brummund will be retiring January 17, 2025. An interim has not been named and the search will be national, as well as reaching out for internal candidates to apply.

**SPBAC – Greg Heileman and Cindy Rankin**

Heileman reported that the committee is trying to schedule the President and new Vice President for Research, Innovation and Impact to brief the group. The committee is working on a document stating values in line with the creation of the new budget model. The committee received an update on undergraduate research.

**UWGEC – Jeremy Vetter**

No report.

**Curricular Affairs – Greg Heileman**

Heileman reported that program approvals are moving forward to ABOR for its February and June meetings.

**Graduate Council – Philip Waddell and Sanlyn Buxner**

Waddell reported the Council approved three requests for substantial changes in the Teaching and Learning MA, the Master of Science and Hydrology, and the Master of Legal Studies

**Undergraduate Council – Joost van Haren and Lisa Rezende**

Rezende reported that the only addition to the proposals listed on the Faculty Senate agenda is some modification to the minor in Human services at CAST and discussion of the aforementioned policies discussed by Heileman.

**UArizona Staff Council – Danielle Barefoot**

Barefoot reported that survey results were presented at the November meeting, which resulted in a meeting with Human Resources. HR was supportive of the report and offered to add context, initiatives and support to staff. Ultimately, the audience will be senior leadership since that body makes substantive changes and final approval. The Executive Officers have meetings scheduled with Office of Community Relations on 1.7.25, SVP/RII Diaz de la Rubia on January 8, 2025 and as well as a Faculty Senate presentation at the January 2025 meeting. The Council has been discussing a salary incentive program, but such incentive could force a reduction in staff.

### **C11 – Wolfgang Fink**

Fink reported that the committee is working with Provost Marx, Celina Ramirez, and Helena Rodrigues on the UHAP 5.2 installation.

### **RPC – Lucy Ziurys**

Ziurys reported that the committee is working on a draft addressing the removal of the 2% overhead return, which will be sent to the President and Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Impact. RPC reviewed the Faculty Senate approvals, and the fact that it was negotiated settlement between RPC and the Provost, it was removed by John Arnold. The committee would like to know where the overhead from grants goes to since there are laws governing the expenditure of such funds. A draft document is being formulated pertaining to centralization and its impact is thwarting the research mission. A meeting has been requested with the new SVP/RII Diaz de la Rubia.

### **DEI – Spencer Willis**

No report.

### **APPC – Keith Maggert**

Maggert reported that the committee reviewed the Graduate Faculty policy that determines whether graduate faculty can serve on Ph.D. or Master's committees and made quite a few suggestions. Dean Limesand has not responded yet, and the committee anticipates a stakeholder review. The committee rewrote UHAP 7.0.1 Code of Conduct to realign problematic aspects, as well as the Academic Freedom policy, all of which will be discussed at the January Faculty Senate meeting.

### **SAPC – Kristin Little and Tim Ottusch**

Ottusch reported that the committee has looked at how the budget crisis indirectly affects students, and the student leaders have been helpful identifying topics. Rising housing costs and the expense of living on/off campus. UCATT has a survey pertaining to D12, right space, mandatory meal plans and the pay-one price and will be addressed in January 2025.

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

Zeiders reported that as Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, Zeiders is working closely with Provost's Office Chief of Staff Robles Parra and added two members to the committee and Honorary Degree applications will be reviewed in December/January to go to Executive Session in February or March 2025. Changes to policies pertaining to Honorary Degrees are being considered. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee constructed a timeline of previous approvals and narrowed down issues around stewardship and organization. Multiple versions are on the website and no folder exists for Secretaries to house historical documents. Overuse of housekeeping changes have caused confusion, and communication between the President's office, Faculty Center, and Secretary have not followed any formal protocol. Former President Robbins did not approve a change to the Bylaws that the General Faculty voted and passed in 2020. In the current Bylaws, there's a footnote that Robbins added stating that our Bylaws contradict state law, and this footnote was added without any approval or procedural vote.

The footnote should be removed, not because of disagreement, but simply because it was added improperly. All the issues will be discussed with Faculty Senate and how the committee will be moving forward to correct inconsistencies.

**ASUA – Adriana Grijalva**

No report.

**GPSC – Jeremy Bernick**

No report.

**President’s Report – TBA**

No report.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Transcribed by Jane Cherry