

**The University of Arizona®
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: January 13, 2025
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, C Rankin, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), J van Haren, J Vetter, P Waddell, S Willis, K Zeiders, and L Ziurys

Absent: A Grijalva, J Bernick, L Rezende, T Ottusch and S Su

Guests: M Madden

Call to Order

Chair Hymel called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of December 16, 2024

The minutes of December 16, 2024, were approved with one correction.

Review agenda for the February 3, 2025 Faculty Senate Meeting

Committee members reviewed the draft agenda for the February 3, 2025 Faculty Senate meeting. Members discussed President Garimella's attendance to Faculty Senate. While most members agreed that it would be beneficial for him to attend, some members expressed concern about adding President Garimella's name to the agenda without him accepting the invitation. Because the January and February Faculty Senate meetings are one week apart, Old Business for the February 3, 2025 agenda will be determined at the end of the January 27, 2025 Faculty Senate meeting. Members added and deleted items and assigned time allotments for each. Topics were suggested for future meetings. The committee approved the February 3, 2025 Faculty Senate agenda.

Provost's Report – Ron Marx

Search committees for the Optical Sciences and Fine Arts Deans are confirmed and appointments conform to the existing MOU. Student Affairs leadership, Lieberman and Kraus, have sent out personal message to students in zip codes affected by the wildfires in Southern California. Andrea Romero and I will be sending out a note to faculty this week to ask for forbearance in the first week of classes if there are students who may be delayed returning to campus. Enrollment Management offices formerly on the first floor

of Old Main are moving to floors four and five in the Administration Building. The various Vice Provost offices in Administration will be moving to first floor Old Main as soon as clean up is completed. Marx reported that the average tenure of a Provost at research universities is three years, An average term for President is five years. Hudson asked if both colleges were using search firms and asked who pays for the firms. Marx responded that Fine Arts is using a search firm but Optical Sciences is not. The college pays for the search firm out of its own budget. The College of Education Dean search will commence in the fall. Little asked if there was a separate emergency fund set up for students impacted by the fires. Barefoot responded that there is a general student emergency fund. Marx said he would ask Kraus about such a fund and that it may come from Foundation monies.

Chair of the Faculty – Leila Hudson

Hudson reported that the Provost Search Committee Co-chairs asked for assistance with our listservs to send out invitations to shared governance groups to attend scheduled listening sessions.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Mona Hymel

No report.

Secretary of the Faculty – Katie Zeiders

Zeiders reported that she's working with the Provost's Office to discuss Multi-year appointments, as well as answering inquiries about faculty workload issues. Honorary Degrees will be moving forward to a future Faculty Senate meeting.

Information Technology – Jeremy Frumkin

Frumkin reported that Interim CIO Cheu outlined his priorities in the President's announcement, but most prevalently High-Performance Computing and Research Computing. UITS financials in HR administrative systems are being updated for improvement. Centralization efforts and being looked at to see where opportunities for improvement lie, with an underlying focus on research needs.

SPBAC – Greg Heileman and Cindy Rankin

Heileman reported that President Garimella is invited to the January 22, 2025 meeting to give insights into the Strategic Plan and how SPBAC can assist. SVP for RII Tomàs Díaz de la Rubia will be speaking as well.

UWGEC – Jeremy Vetter

The first meeting of the semester will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2025. There is one carry-over course from the fall that needs to be approved.

Curricular Affairs – Greg Heileman

Heileman reported that five program approvals are moving forward to ABOR for its upcoming February meeting. A couple of open discussion items are on the agenda relating to attributes and implementation of civic learning.

Graduate Council – Philip Waddell and Sanlyn Buxner

Waddell reported the Council met last Friday and established the Department of Dermatology and helped to it become a new organizational unit. A Ph.D. in Music will be forthcoming.

Undergraduate Council – Joost van Haren and Lisa Rezende

Van Haren said the Council's proposals are on both Faculty Senate agendas for approval.

UArizona Staff Council – Danielle Barefoot

Barefoot reported that survey results from the Workplace Climate Survey from Staff Council were distributed to campus earlier. There is a link on the UASC's website for additional context to the report. Responses include a 21% response rate from UA Global Campus and included some qualitative data from the survey in terms of open-ended responses that people indicated could be shared. Key thematic areas are compensation and pay equity, leadership, transparency, communication and accountability, workload and staffing concerns, flexible work arrangements, recognition and valuing staff contributions, and the state of diversity, equity and inclusion programs and initiatives. A Faculty Senate presentation will be forthcoming. UASC had a productive meeting with SVP for RII Tomàs Díaz de la Rubia last week and he seemed ready to hit the ground running not only with concerns, but had solutions as well.

C11 – Wolfgang Fink

Fink reported that the committee will pick up from last year to work on proposed revisions of UHAP 5.2. and hope to finish while Marx is still Interim Provost.

RPC – Lucy Ziurys

Ziurys reported that the committee is finishing up its report on the removal of the 2% overhead return and one thing uncovered were various rules from agencies surrounding the expenditure of overhead and restrictions on how it's spent. It is unclear how UA spends our overhead and the committee would like a detailed explanation from CFO Arnold. To date, the committee cannot get this information. The committee feels Faculty Senate should take this head on. Grievances have been submitted to the committee and we are sorting through them and getting feedback. We will be meeting with Díaz de la Rubia to discuss RPC issues. His office was extremely prompt with scheduling. Barefoot asked for the document with feedback to be shared.

DEI – Spencer Willis

Willis reported that the next meeting is in process of being scheduled. The committee is openly discussing the Campus Climate Survey shared by Barefoot.

APPC – Keith Maggert

No report.

SAPC – Kristin Little and Tim Ottusch

Little reported that the committee will have its first meeting next Wednesday and guest speakers from the campus store and main library are scheduled to give updates on the

pay one price. The campus housing guest was rescheduled to February to update on students' concerns for affordable housing on and off campus.

ASUA – Adriana Grijalva

No report.

GPSC – Jeremy Bernick

No report.

President's Report – TBA

No report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Transcribed by Jane Cherry