



President's Updates

December 1, 2025, Faculty Senate

- The **November meeting of the Arizona Board of Regents** included our presentation, [*Reporting on Our Promise*](#), highlighting the hard work and success of many throughout the university to implement the vision of our strategic imperatives. Thank you to the senators and faculty officers who joined us.
- On November 25, [we announced](#) the **University of Arizona will maintain the same tuition rate for undergraduate resident students for the third year in a row**, with modest increases for other student groups. This plan prioritizes affordability in line with our focus on student success and the land-grant mission.
- The **FY 2027 All Funds budget planning process** begins soon. This process will provide the opportunity for discussion of operational strategies, forecasted risks, and new resource requests and needs.
- The **Campus Master Plan** process is being restarted with our consultant, Ayers Saint Gross, with a target completion date of spring 2026. The Master Plan will include a critical analysis of facilities, real estate, mobility, open space, and overall campus experience. The inclusive process will engage a wide variety of stakeholders. For more information, visit the [project website](#).
- The **Office of Research and Partnerships** has initiated two pilot programs with Banner Health to expedite time-to-activation of clinical trials. The office also has awarded **six new Bridge Funding grants** – a full list of recipients is [available on the ORP website](#).
- **ORP has launched the Convergence Awards: Excellence in Research and Creative Activity**, a new university-wide program recognizing faculty for outstanding scholarly achievement, innovation and societal impact; nominations will be accepted through Feb. 4, 2026, with the inaugural ceremony in mid-April.
- I have continued **meetings and tours with colleges and centers**, including the College of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences; College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture; Eller College of Management; College of Nursing; and James E. Rogers College of Law.
- **Senator Ruben Gallego** and members of his staff [visited campus](#) to discuss our strategic initiatives and key priorities for the university. They also toured the Skin Cancer Institute at the University of Arizona Cancer Center.
- **Arizona Athletics submitted its Academic Progress Rate (APR) data to the NCAA** on October 20, with official publication expected in May 2026. Currently, thirty-five student-athletes are on track to earn their degrees following the successful completion of fall courses.
- In competitive success, **Women's Triathlon** captured its second straight national championship, led by individual champion Kelly Wetteland and Coach of the Year honoree Wes Johnson. **Arizona Football** earned bowl eligibility with its sixth win on November 8, reaching a record of 9-3 after a win in the Territorial Cup on November 28, and **Men's Basketball** is ranked 2nd in the nation.