

**The University of Arizona®
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: October 20, 2025
3:00-5:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM**

Present: M Hymel (Chair), D Barefoot, S Cochran, T Downing, J Frumkin, F Garcia, G Heileman, M Hingle, L Hudson, K Little, S Miller-Cochran (Parliamentarian), B Neumann, T Ottusch, P Prelock, J van Haren, J Vetter, P Waddell, K Zeiders, and L Ziurys

Absent: M Abdennebi, S Buxner, A Grijalva, K Maggert

Guests: C Gronowski, M Madden, and L Sandoval

Call to Order

Chair Hymel called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2025

The minutes of September 22, 2025 were approved. Parliamentary procedure irregularities from the last Faculty Senate meeting were addressed. Parliamentarian Miller-Cochran clarified that when motions are made in Faculty Senate without a quorum, the vote on said motion is moot. Downing argued that there was no call for a quorum. The item in questions will be brought back to the upcoming meeting as Old Business for clarification on the motion. The vote on the Civics requirement was called into question and Presiding Officer Hymel and Parliamentarian Miller-Cochran clarified that the item was not a seconded motion coming forward from UWGEC. The decision rests with Hymel as Presiding Officer to rule on a revote or how to move forward. Hymel clarified that the vote in favor stands. The vote for formation of a Micro Campus Committee will move forward to the next meeting for a clarification on the charge and vote.

Review agenda for the November 3, 2025 Faculty Senate Meeting

Committee members reviewed the draft agenda for the November 3, 2025 Faculty Senate meeting. Items were added and deleted, and time allotments were given for each item. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Undergraduate Council – Joost van Haren

A full committee meeting will be held tomorrow. Proposals are moving forward to be presented at the December Faculty Senate meeting.

President's Report

The President may attend the November Faculty Senate meeting.

Secretary of the Faculty – Katie Zeiders

Zeiders reported that the Constitution and Bylaws changes will be discussed at the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting. The Committee on Faculty Membership is working on apportionment. The ORP Advisory Committee is dealing with issues associated with the government shutdown as it pertains to Post Docs and faculty. Approximately twenty bridge funding proposals that are still under review from July. Zeiders is serving on the UAGC Rehiring Committee. Prelock explained the situation UAGC faces. Faculty in leadership roles at UAGC were put in staff positions due to lack of articulation for Career-track faculty positions. Twenty-three individuals who are associate deans or deans in the programs will have to obtain a Career-track faculty appointment by submission of dossiers for review by the committee. The committee will determine positions for these UAGC faculty members. Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Andrea Romero, is working closely with Packard and Naughton, and questions from Senate Executive Committee can be prepared in advance for inclusion on the December Faculty Senate agenda.

SPBAC – Greg Heileman and Melanie Hingle

Heileman reported that SPBAC is hosting two sessions per semester for a longer duration. The committee will be focusing on student success, advising reforms, and the new budget model. A deeper dive will be undertaken at the next meeting.

Curricular Affairs – Greg Heileman

Heileman reported that new proposals will be sent to ABOR twice a year. Due to the financial situation, minimal programs are being developed.

UWGEC – Jeremy Vetter

Vetter reported that the Office of General Education has been working assiduously to bring student learning outcomes for the depth attribute in Civics to be referred to as a Civic Inquiry Attribute. Although the depth attribute is not specified in policy, the breadth category is in policy meaning all students must take Civic Institutions, or CI. There is possible confusion with CI meaning both Civic Institutions and Civic Inquiry, so other names are being considered. The committee is expecting to have the Civic Institution materials at the next meeting for approval for student learning outcomes and specifications for review. The Second Language Foundation's policy was detached from the math and writing parts of Foundations moved forward last spring, but is hung up in an ongoing impasse between administration and shared governance bodies.

UA Staff Council – Danielle Barefoot

Barefoot reported that the next Staff Council meeting will be held October 28, 2025. Dean of Students, Chrissy Lieberman will be speaking on First Amendment policies and University changes. Everyone is welcome to attend as a guest. UASC has an internally endowed fund for staff professional development and our inquiries to the Foundation have gone unanswered for six months. The working group turned it over to the Executive

Committee who now has a different contact. Foundation inquiries may be delayed for anyone inquiring. Garcia offered his assistance.

RPC – Lucy Ziurys

Ziurys reported that the committee met last week and were horrified by the implications of the Compact. A statement was sent to Faculty Senate and the Senior Vice President for Research.

Chair of the Faculty – Leila Hudson

Hudson reported that as a member of the Budget Modeling Committee, Special Advisor to the President, Richard Cate, has requested to have an information session for Faculty Senators, but it has been pushed back for a later date in November.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Mona Hymel

Hymel reported that today was the first meeting of the Shared Governance Review Committee. Processes of shared governance were discussed, as well as college bylaws for shared governance that violate the statute and/or supporting documentation.

APPC – Keith Maggert

No report.

ASUA – Adriana Grijalva

No report.

C11 – Ted Downing

No report.

GPSC – Mourad Abdennebi

Abdennebi was absent.

Graduate Council – Philip Waddell and Sanlyn Buxner

No report.

Information Technology – Jeremy Frumkin

No report.

Provost's Report – Patricia Prelock

No report.

SAPC – Kristin Little and Tim Ottusch

No report.

University Committee on Community Relations – TBA

No report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Transcribed by Jane Cherry