

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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<http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/>

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Faculty Elections Updates
 - The Committee on Elections, UITs, Faculty Center Staff and Faculty Officers met to formalize a **protocol for Faculty Voting**. This protocol was been implemented with the March run-off election and is available here:
<https://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/faculty-elections-protocol>.
 - Other elections-related changes that have been implemented include **automatic release of tabulation data for all Senate elections** and the **structure for a report on elections that characterizes the voting body for each of the elections in the past few years** and will form the basis for annual reports released hereafter. Please see:
<https://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/participate/elections/elections-historical-data-reports>.
 - Ongoing debate about paper ballots have not been satisfactorily resolved and will be discussed at Senate.
- Census of the General Faculty Updates
 - <https://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/participate/elections/census-general-faculty>
 - We worked with colleagues at UAIR (thank you!) to make the full Census of the General Faculty is now available to anyone with a NetID (though one must be on campus or use VPN to access it, as it is housed in UAccess Analytics) including name, title, and vote code/college.
 - A description of how the census is generated using the criteria for membership in the General Faculty (Faculty Constitution, Article II) and data from UAccess Employee is now also available.
 - A Qualtrics tool has been built to help those who do not find themselves on the census, but believe the criteria apply to them, to petition the Committee on Faculty Membership for inclusion. This tool pulls data from UAccess and also prompts petitioners to provide the information necessary for the committee to make a determination. While the census report run in UAccess Analytics captures upwards of 99% of those who should be in the General Faculty, there are some rare instances where it misses individuals (primarily CT faculty with

additional administrative or other appointments). This new petition tool gives those people an easy way to resolve their cases.

- The Shared Governance Review Committee was convened for the 5th and final time this academic year on Monday, April 19th; members discussed revisions to the signed Shared Governance Memorandum of Understanding and a future “implementation plan” to guide participants in operationalization of SG principles. Work will continue on these documents by all group members. Please see the Annual Report for details.
- Worked with the Provost, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Career Track Faculty, and others to move forward proposed changes to clarify titling for career track faculty. Relevant policy changes will come to Senate prior to approval and implementation.
- Ongoing discussions with Office of Gen Ed, UWGEC, UGC, and Provost’s Office regarding (Senate) faculty input to Gen Ed Refresh, and related program approval process.
- A Special Senate meeting was convened on Monday, April 26, 2021 to discuss proposed changes to the constitution & bylaws, and how we want to conduct ourselves as a body. Please see the UA Office of the General Counsel memo regarding Arizona Open Meeting Law and University of Arizona Organizations, posted to the [Faculty Senate 4/26 agenda](#), and to the [Senate FAQs](#).

GOALS

SHORT-TERM:

- Review the [statement on Justice, Equity, and Inclusion](#) from the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) to promote discussions with UArizona senior leadership and the Board of Regents on this important topic.
- Work with administration on streamlining the program approval process while ensuring for adequate engagement from faculty shared governance entities, including Senate. Goal date: next discussion scheduled for May 10, 2021.
- Work with members of the Shared Governance Review Committee, Faculty Senate, President Robbins, Provost Folks, Secretary Dudas, SVPR Cantwell, & CFO Rulney to establish guiding principles and an implementation plan describing how we will collaborate on decisions and direction of the university.
- Revise the membership and mechanisms for populating the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils to include ex officio representation from Senate and to ensure Councils have representative faculty membership and adhere to the Shared Governance Memorandum of Understanding.
- Ensure appropriate continued faculty representation on UWGEC and UGC given planned changes to Gen Ed.
- Work with members of Senate to populate Senate standing Committees for AY21-22.

LONG-TERM:

- To ensure a continued successful, safe, and healthy return to campus life for all members of the UA community. *****MARK YOUR CALENDARS for AY2122 Senate meetings: The Faculty Senate will reconvene in person on Monday, September 13, 2021.*****
- To broaden participation in shared governance to ensure that the University lives up to its values and supports its mission as we move ahead.
- To work with you to do all that we, as a community, can do to save lives, support our most vulnerable community members, and increase faculty participation in all decision-making that affects our lives and the long-term health and well-being of all of us.

Thank you to all of our outgoing Senators for your service —Senators Acosta, Castro, Colina, Dong, Ghosh, Hassan, Hildebrand, Hiller, Kaufman, Min Simpkins, Oxnam, Provencher, Roussas, Ruggill, Singleton, Spece, Sulkowski , R. Witte.

Welcome to all the incoming Senators — we look forward to meeting you. There will be a new Senator orientation in August.

To Our Senate Colleagues: We remain grateful to you for your hard work, your input, your ideas and your continued engagement in shared governance. We continue to work to support the work of the University and to ensure the prominence of the Faculty voice.

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****Faculty Senate drop-in Office Hours will go on hiatus for the summer beginning the week of May 17 and return again this fall. ****