

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: The Faculty Officers <http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/>

DATE: September 7, 2020

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Chair Summers and Vice Chair Hingle solicited nominations for the Global Campus Senate Advisory Committee (GCSAC), an *ad hoc* Senate Committee tasked with understanding all aspects of the Ashford acquisition, educating the Senate/faculty on their findings, and advising senior leadership on behalf of Senate and faculty stakeholders across our campus. The final roster was confirmed by the Senate Executive Committee on August 31, 2020. Committee members include elected faculty from shared governance groups (SPBAC, C11, Senate) and members of the general faculty with domain expertise. GCSAC will meet and receive its charge on September 8, 2020 and will continue to meet regularly throughout the Fall 2020 semester.
- In response to Senator requests for more opportunities for discussion and debate between meetings, the Faculty Officers/Faculty Center Staff continue to offer the following options:
 - migrated the COVID19 Faculty Discourse Forum to a [Faculty Discourse Forum](#) wherein topics can be introduced, discussed, and debated by the general faculty; relevant to Senate, there is a “Lounge” feature within the site for Senators only to communicate with one another between monthly meetings. We envision this being a good place to introduce new policies / potential agenda items.
 - offered weekly “Senate Office Hours” every Tuesday, 4-4:50pm hosted by the Faculty Officers <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/94767916308>; no agenda, open discussion; hosted by Jessica Summers, Michael Brewer, and/or Melanie Hingle
- the Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposed a number of changes to the Faculty Bylaws that would clarify how and under what conditions Senate meets, among other issues. The package of proposed changes was provided to all Senators via Qualtrics for voting on housekeeping items and for input toward a potential vote in September on items that are not housekeeping.
- the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the MOU for Shared Governance asked Senators for feedback on the penultimate version of the MOU; this will be discussed at September 14, 2020 Senate meeting
- the Shared Governance Review Committee, an existing University committee that has not met in the past decade, will be reconstituted in September / October 2020 to address concerns about the health of shared governance at the University of Arizona. Two Senators will be elected from among nominees solicited from Senate. The special election will be held via Qualtrics Monday, September 14, 2020 following Senate. For more information, please see <http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/committee/39>

GOALS:

SHORT-TERM

- Complete the work of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the MOU for Shared Governance, toward developing a document that can be endorsed by Senate and signed by Administration in September / October 2020.
- Work with the Provost, the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Career Track Faculty, and others to move forward proposed changes to clean up faculty data and improve and clarify titling for career track faculty. Any policy changes will come to Senate prior to approval and implementation.

LONG-TERM

- To ensure a continued successful, safe, and healthy return to campus life for all members of the UA community.
- 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.

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.