

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

DATE: March 14, 2022

SUBMITTED BY The Faculty Officers, Jessica Summers, Chair of the Faculty; Melanie Hingle, Vice Chair of the Faculty; Michael Brewer, Secretary of the Faculty
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Convened the Shared Governance Review Committee on January 14, 2022, and February 14, 2022, to continue work on the revised MOU (guiding principles + implementation plan); the completed draft is now available for Senate review.
- Secretary (as Chair of Committee on Faculty Membership) updated “vote codes” for new General Faculty members prior to the General and Runoff Elections and has continued working with Faculty Center staff, Workforce Systems, and UAiR to address any issues with General Faculty membership that emerge.
- Secretary (as Chair of Constitution & Bylaws Committee) met with APPC and concerned Senators to better understand and work through outstanding issues with proposed Bylaws changes needed to align the Bylaws with ABOR and University policies.
- Secretary (as Chair of Constitution & Bylaws) finalized the ballot for Constitution and Bylaws changes that have been approved by Senate and will be voted on by the General Faculty in the Runoff Election. Bylaws changes require 67% approval to pass. Constitution changes require 75%.

GOALS

SHORT-TERM:

- Work with administration to ensure continued (and strong) faculty governance of academic program approvals.
- 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.
- Support UWGEC in temporary expansion to manage increased workload due to Gen Ed refresh.

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.

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