REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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

DATE: December 7, 2020

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

• Chair Summers called and Vice Chair Hingle presided over a special session of Senate on November 30th focused on findings of the Global Campus Senate Advisory Committee (GCSAC) regarding the acquisition of Ashford University. The Committee’s report and recommendations can be found here: https://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/events/608-special-session-faculty-senate-meeting

• Chair Summers worked with members of the Committee of Eleven to administer a campus survey on leadership and communication, the results of which are being summarized for a report that will be delivered to campus by the end of the calendar year.

• Chair Summers and GFFAC members met with the FSERT Students Working Group to discuss questions related to net tuition revenue, student discounting, and enrollment. GFFAC is providing an update to their July report at today’s meeting.

• Chair Summers will take a sabbatical in Spring 2021; as discussed in Senate Executive Committee, Chair Summers will continue to attend Senate, Shared Governance Review Committee, and ABOR meetings in Spring 2021. Per the Faculty Constitution, Vice Chair Hingle and Secretary Brewer will stand in for Chair Summers at other meetings requiring her regular attendance such as C11, SPBAC, Provosts’ Council, Senior Leadership Team, and meetings with student leaders.

• Secretary Brewer worked with UAIR and UITS to begin work on creating a separate listserv for emeritus faculty, requested by Senator Smith. Secretary Brewer also provided Senator Smith with a list of emeritus faculty and emails as well as the template letter/language used by the President’s office when granting individuals emeritus status.

• Secretary Brewer participated in the kick off meeting for the Senate ad hoc Committee on Career Track issues, providing them with the set of draft proposals developed by the Steering committee convened by Provost Folks earlier in the year.

GOALS:

SHORT-TERM

• 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.