

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS and GOALS:

Student Success District Grand Opening Last Month

- The new Student Success District is now open. This is an integration of the renovated Main Library, the Bear Down Building, the new Bartlett Student Services Building, and the Weaver Science and Engineering Library. This district houses our newly integrated student services including academic support, mental health and medical care, and recreation.
- While this project was planned prior to the pandemic, we have learned that integrated student support and academic resources are exceptionally important today for our evolving student experience. Students will benefit greatly from the accessibility and visibility of all our support resources at the new district.
- If you have not had the chance, I encourage you to go by the Student Success District and share this resource with your students.

President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program Welcomes First Cohort

- Following a national search and a rigorous review of a highly competitive applicant pool, I am extremely pleased to share that the inaugural class of Presidential Postdoctoral Fellows has been selected and will begin this fall.
- These fellows represent an outstanding pool of potential new faculty members from a wide range of disciplines. Each fellow has impressive academic credentials combined with a demonstrated track record of supporting diversity and inclusion. [Learn more](#) about the inaugural Presidential Fellows. I look forward to welcoming these scholars to our university community this fall.

NASPA Excellence Award recognition

- The University of Arizona was recognized with an [Excellence Award from NASPA](#), the largest association in student affairs, for its student-centered and data-driven redesign of the [academic eligibility policy](#), launched in 2019.
- The award, in the “assessment, persistence, data analytics, and related” category, recognizes [Student Success & Retention Innovation \(SSRI\)](#)'s efforts to [assess the impact](#) of the policy change on enhancing equity and outcomes in the student experience.
- Though led by SSRI, a broad coalition of collaborators across units, in the colleges, and especially the advisors working directly with students, made the change and the resulting benefits to Wildcats possible. Thank you all for your hard work that resulted in this outstanding recognition.

New Partnerships in Arizona Online

- Arizona Online and Amazon will launch an education partnership in June. This partnership will initially focus on 23,000+ Amazon front-line workers, located in Arizona, to help them earn online college degrees in association with Amazon's Career Choice program.
- Additionally, Arizona Online's Continuing Education unit, which provides noncredit training to learners seeking to upskill or reskill, was recently approved by the Air and Space Force to be a

Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) training provider. Now that the University has become a COOL provider, the Air and Space Force will cover all related training, licensing fees, exam charges and study preparation costs for enlisted service members.

Technology Updates for Faculty and Students

- I am pleased our university system supports innovations in technology that come with teaching in the 21st century. As one of many ongoing projects, UITS is working hard to update network equipment in 34 university buildings based on high usage for teaching, research, and administrative needs. The team is also refreshing technology in 60 centrally scheduled classrooms by July 2022.
- Additionally, UAccess Employee is adding a Faculty Workload module to allow departments to update Teaching, Research, and Service workload allocations on a percentage basis for an individual faculty member or for a group of faculty members within a department. Faculty will be able to view this information in Employee Self Service as of May 1, 2022.
- Honors students are piloting the use of CatCloud - new online portal allowing students to manage timely, personalized information related to their assignments, quizzes, grades, advisor appointments, and CatCash balances. CatCloud will be available to all undergraduate students in fall 2022.
- I am proud that units like UITS continues to exemplify our core values of Inclusion and Adaptation as we constantly seek to provide the best experience and support for our faculty, students, and staff.

Celebrating Departing Faculty Senate Leaders

- Last Thursday, we had the great pleasure to celebrate the leadership and accomplishments of outgoing Faculty Senate leaders Michael Brewer, Sabrina Helm, Melanie Hingle and Jessica Summers at Old Main. Thank you again for your excellent service and all that you have accomplished for the University of Arizona.