REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS and GOALS:

- **Campus Announcements and webinars:**
  - Readied campus to launch in Stage 1 for Spring 2021 semester, due to alarming pandemic conditions. Memo sent to Faculty, Staff, and Instructors on students on 1/6/21 regarding [Spring 2021 Plan and Testing](https://provost.arizona.edu).
  - $1M program developed to provide increased supports for teaching for instructors whose caregiving responsibilities have been adversely impacted by the pandemic. Memo shared to Instructors, Deans, Heads/Chairs/Directors and CAAC on 1/6/21 regarding [Course support for caregiving instructors in Spring 2021](https://provost.arizona.edu).
  - Issued guidance to campus regarding the importance of providing regular and timely feedback on academic progress to students. Memo shared to Instructors, Deans, Heads/Chairs/Directors, CAAC on 1/7/21 regarding [Timely feedback and grading to support student success](https://provost.arizona.edu).
  - Clarifications to the class absence recommendations for the pandemic were developed by PAC. Memo shared to Faculty, Instructors, Graduate Assistants on 1/8/21 regarding [Modification to UArizona’s Class Absence Practices and Recommended Syllabus Language](https://provost.arizona.edu).
  - Campus webinar to provide updates on mandatory testing, Wildcat OneStop, Wildcat Well-check and Covid Watch App on 1/22/21. [https://provost.arizona.edu/content/campus-webinars](https://provost.arizona.edu).
  - Upcoming Campus webinar to provide update on how the COVID-19 vaccine works and how the vaccine can help to mitigate the pandemic effects (public health impacts) by Dr. Deepta Bhattacharya on 1/28/20. More information in the coming days.

- **Upcoming Live Chat session topics with faculty and instructors:**
  - February 11, 2021 – Navigating Career-Track. Panelist: Andrea Romero ([https://provost.arizona.edu/content/provost-forum](https://provost.arizona.edu/content/provost-forum))

- **Update on leadership searches:**
  - Final campus visits completed in December for College of Science Dean position.
  - Decision to be announced in the coming weeks.
• **Modifications to RCM**: Partnering with Business Affairs staff through January to build models for possible changes to RCM, based on the guiding principles developed thus far, for discussion with campus governance entities.

• **Reorganization to support Undergraduate Student Success**: re-structured the units within the Provost’s Office to increase focus on student success, retention and completion. Details shared to campus during week of 12/7/2020.