

## REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS and GOALS:

#### Faculty Affairs Updates

- 2021-2022 Faculty Awards: <https://facultyaffairs.arizona.edu/about-honors-awards>.
- We are establishing a Mentoring Institute to serve faculty needs which will launch this year.
- Completing the title harmonization process for career-track faculty and audit in October 2021, in preparation for launch of pay equity review process.
- [UAVitae Faculty Fellows](#) will begin gathering stakeholder information to provide recommendations to improve UAVitae and will have a report to campus by February 2022.
- The Promotion and Tenure Criteria committee is reviewing recent trends in promotion and tenure and will provide summary and recommendations by end of semester.
- The [Interim Annual Review policy](#) is currently available on the Faculty Affairs website. The 30-day viewing / feedback period will end on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Once finalized, Faculty Affairs will provide guidance to colleges and departments about updating by-laws. Units will be given one year to update by-laws and come into alignment with new updated UHAP policy.
- See [Faculty Affairs website](#) for our year-in-review report.

#### Native American Initiatives Updates

- Native American student census enrollment for fall 2021 is the largest ever with 1,659 students:
  - Undergraduates: 1,244
  - Graduates (master's and doctorate): 301
  - Professional: 114 (incl. Law: 56 / Medicine: 31 / Vet Med: 11 / Pharmacy: 16)
- A newly launched [Indigenous Resilience Center](#) will work directly with Native American nations to address environmental challenges in ways that respect Native and Indigenous sovereignty and knowledge. Read more about the new Center [here](#).

#### Online, Distance, and Continuing Education (ODCE)

##### AZ Online

- We have seen significant online student enrollment growth over last two years.
  - Fall 2021 = 7,630+ students
  - Fall 2020 = 6,618 students
  - Fall 2019 = 4,653 students
- We now offer over 160 online degree programs.
- [JAAC](#) meetings have begun, to coordinate efforts with University of Arizona Global Campus.

##### Distance Education

- Fall 2021 = 950+ students enrolled (largest to date)
- Piloting a new education delivery approach called Online Plus that will offer synchronous extracurricular touchpoints at physical locations throughout the state in 2022.

##### Continuing Education

- Enrollment and Industry
  - a. Fall 2021 = 700+ learners
  - b. Noncredit programs on offer = 60
  - c. Developed corporate-specific programs for Hexagon Mining, Boeing Aerospace, and Bluestone Resources
  - d. Received industry program approvals from:
    - i. Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act
    - ii. Arizona Vocational Rehabilitation
    - iii. Army Credentialing Assistance
- Recognized for Program Excellence
  - a. Spanish-English Translation Certificate program (in partnership with the College of Humanities - National Center for Interpretation) is the recipient of the 2021 UPCEA West Region Outstanding Non-Credit Program (UPCEA = University Professional & Continuing Education Association)

**Campus Updates and Messages:**

- Call for Proposals for Provost's Investment Fund (PIF) sent to faculty and staff on September 8, 2021.
- COVID-19 Positive Case Notification Protocol for Students sent to faculty, instructors, and teaching assistants on August 30, 2021.
- FERPA Training Requirement and Update sent to faculty and instructors on August 16, 2021.
- 2021-2022 Academic Year Updates sent to faculty, instructors, and graduate teaching assistants.
- Updates to Class Absence Practice and Recommended Syllabus Language sent to faculty, instructors, graduate teaching assistants, deans, and department heads on July 19, 2021.
- 2021 Faculty Awardees sent to all employees on June 10, 2021.
- Guidelines for Summer 2021 In-Person Programs and Camps sent to deans, department heads and unit leaders.
- UAGC and University of Arizona Affiliation Updates sent to faculty and staff on June 4, 2021.
- Diversity Strategic Planning sent to faculty, staff, and DCCs on June 3, 2021.
- Summer Attendance and COVID-19 Testing Memo sent to students enrolled in 2021 summer session courses sent on May 11, 2021.

**Past and Upcoming Webinars hosted by the Office of the Provost:**

- October 19, 2021 – Live Chat with Liesl
- September 16, 2021 - Provost's Investment Fund Proposal Workshop
- September 2, 2021 – COVID-19 Positive Case Protocols and SAFER Contract Tracing
- August 19, 2021 – COVID-19 Vaccines and Variants: What We Know So Far
- August 16, 2021 – Pandemic Academic Coordination Info Session for Faculty and Instructors

**Link to register or watch recorded sessions:** <https://provost.arizona.edu/content/provost-forum>.