

## REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS and GOALS:

- **HLC Campus Visit for Reaccreditation**
  - Senior Vice Provost Prof. Gail Burd and her team led the campus through the seamlessly organized HLC site visit by the accreditation committee, during 26-29 April 2021, involving dozens key stakeholders in meetings to review all aspects of our operations. Thanks to the great many faculty, staff and students from across campus who contributed their time and wisdom in articulating their understanding of the institution during this mostly virtual process, which is critical for our continued success. It will be a few weeks before we see the draft report and likely a few months for the Board of Trustees to sent the final letter.
- **Campus Updates:**
  - Memo on [Career-Track Title Harmonization](#) sent to faculty, department heads and deans April 15.
  - Memo on [D2L Global Announcement Regarding Vaccines](#) sent to all faculty, instructors, and department heads on April 19.
  - Memo on [Guidance on Return to In-Person Work](#) sent to all employees on April 21.
  - Memo on [Covid-19 Faculty and Instructor Survey – Spring 2021](#) sent to faculty and instructors on April 22.
  - [Academic Update](#) Memo sent to faculty, staff and DCC's on April 23.
- **Live Chat session topics with faculty and instructors:**
  - April 6, 2021 – Mental Health and Wellness Resources for Faculty, Staff and Students.
  - May 18, 2021 - Last LCWL Session until the Fall – “Looking Ahead – What’s Coming in AY21/22.”
  - **Link to register or watch recorded sessions:** <https://provost.arizona.edu/content/provost-forum>.
- **Other updates:**
  - **Career Track Faculty Harmonization:** Developing processes for transition to new titles with the goal to complete process for Fall 2021, to allow pay equity review to proceed.
  - **Course Support for Caregiving Instructors:** As of April 30, 2021, we have awarded \$338,537 to instructors in 14 colleges for [supports](#) for grading, online content development, online teaching, and technology costs.
  - **Provost’s Innovation Fund:** Surveys intended to inform improvements to the PIF application and review process were sent to past applicants, reviewers, faculty, and staff.
  - **Strategic Priorities Faculty Initiative (SPFI):** Awarded \$992,325 over period of 3 years in SPFI funding for diverse faculty hires starting in the fall (in addition to ongoing support for hires in recent years).
  - **Academic Instruction Guidance for Summer 2021 and Fall 2021:** Working with [PAC](#) to put together guidelines and updates, including for attendance policy, summer programs / camps, experiential learning, and field trips.