

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Academic Personnel Policy Committee

DATE: February 28, 2020

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Guest: Taren Langford, Office of Compliance and Andrea Romero, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs. The Committee provided feedback on proposed revisions to the Conflicts of Interest and Conflict of Commitment policies currently under consideration (<https://policy.arizona.edu/research/proposed-conflict-interest-commitment-policy>). Language in the Institutional Conflict of Interest Policy has been changed to reflect recommendations by APPC (in January) regarding disclosure of gifts which have the potential to influence academic policy, including but not limited to curriculum development, faculty hires, and scholarly activities. These changes are being reviewed by SVP Betsy Cantwell. APPC members then continued the January 2020 conversations as to whether the current set of policies contains adequate guidance to mitigate potential donor interference.
- Guest: Jessica Summers, Chair of the Faculty. Jessica presented revisions to the current process to create/obtain approval for new academic programs (proposed by Assoc Vice Provost Academic Admin Greg Heileman); the Committee discussed pros/cons of the streamlined model and will provide a recommendation before the next APPC meeting

GOALS:

- Continue to explore policy remedies to mitigate potential donor interference. Discuss with Senate Exec/Senate when a firm proposal is in place.
- Provide APPC recommendation on proposed revisions to new academic program approval process