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**Minutes: November 18, 2019**  
3:00-5:00 p.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Brewer (Chair), J. Dudas J. Duran, L. Folks, A. Fountain, N. Ghosh, P. Gordon, R. Hammer (via Zoom), S. Helm, S. Hess, M. Hingle, L. Hudson, J. Lawrence, W. Neumann D. Ohala, J. Summers, and M. Teemant,

Guest: Chief Financial Officer, Lisa Rulney

**Call to Order**

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes of October 21, 2019**

The minutes of October 21, 2019 were approved.

**UPDATES**

**Chair of the Faculty – Jessica Summers**

Summers reported that a chair for the University-wide General Education Committee (UWGEC) has been secured. Summers is working with Folks to ensure that Chairs of committees/councils who put in substantial time and work will receive appropriate compensation from the faculty member's department/college. Folks said that this will encourage the appointments to rotate among faculty, thereby alleviating any financial burden on any one department over a long period of time. Rotation of chairs brings new ideas to the committee. Summers will form an *ad hoc* committee to look into the approval process of proposals, programs, and policies.

**Chair of the Undergraduate Council – Neel Ghosh**

Ghosh talked about the Proposal to create a new Undergraduate Certificate Definition, Procedures, and Policies. Certificates are documented on students' transcripts. Language was inserted to distinguish the difference between certificates and minors; certificates address professional development in a certain area. Digital badging was discussed and is currently only available for graduate students. Undergraduate digital badging is available to a select few areas for undergraduates. Ghosh discussed the Proposal to Accept CESL English Proficiency Test (CEPT) for Undergraduate Admission, the Proposal to Create Policy on International Examinations, to replace the German Abitur Exam Policy, and Proposal Standardize Offering UA University Credit for UA Study Abroad Programs. All four items will be placed on the Consent Agenda for the December 2, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting.

### **President – Jon Dudas**

The Operational and Financial Review will be presented at the upcoming ABOR meeting at the UArizona campus on November 20-22, 2019. Dudas reported that \$8M was allocated to the medical schools. Division of that money between the two schools is in the process of being determined.

### **Provost – Liesl Folks**

Susan Miller-Cochran has agreed to chair the General Education committee, and that group will be charged with building a conceptual model for the new General Education program. The model will be completed by March 2020 in order to facilitate building the conceptual model to implementation model in accordance with ABOR and Higher Learning Commission approval. A review of UArizona's previous General Education program will be combined with best practices, and separate teams will review different missions set forth in the new General Education course of study.

### **Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer**

The Guidelines for Shared Governance Memorandum of Understanding revision will be a discussion and possible action item at the December 2, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting.

### **Secretary of the Faculty – Amy Fountain**

Fountain will prepare another *Coming Attractions for Faculty Senate* to be posted on the Faculty Governance website.

### **SPBAC – Sabrina Helm**

Student recruitment and advising was the topic at the last SPBAC meeting, and President Robbins suggested that faculty should reflect on a more formalized approach to mentoring individual students. Although UArizona is a Hispanic Serving Institution, it is not designated as a Native American Serving Institution (NASI). The student and faculty quotas are far below the state and national requirements for an NASI designation.

### **Graduate Council – Ron Hammer**

Hammer reported that the Graduate Faculty Policy will be revised further for Faculty Senate reconsideration. The Policy on Graduate Assistant Workload approved by Graduate Council will not need Faculty Senate approval.

### **Guest - Chief Financial Officer – Lisa Rulney**

Rulney introduced the Business Affairs team via PowerPoint. Annually, the Office of Budget and Planning engages in the multi-year all funds budgeting process for each college, projecting anticipated funds analysis for the next four years. Budget requests are taken into consideration in parallel with the institutional budget. A public capital campaign is projected to raise in excess of \$3B. FY20 will end with a modest, stable budget. UArizona has 135 days cash on hand, per Moody's recommendation. The budget will be realigned with strategic priorities. For FY20, UArizona received \$15.6M from the state, with \$8M designated for the College of Medicine. The gross tuition revenue will increase \$23.5M from the previous year. Committee members discussed the comparison chart of state funding appropriations. Many of UArizona's 2025 goals have already been met in

the Pillar One Strategic initiative. Main campus enrollment will stay flat with traditional students, but efforts to increase micro-campus enrollment, as well as online student enrollment are forthcoming.

#### **APAC – Jennifer Lawrence**

Lawrence reported that she will have more to report on the UCAP designations, since all appointed professionals will be opted-in automatically.

#### **ASUA – Sydney Hess**

#### **GPSC – Marie Teement**

A family study room will be available starting early December 2020. A competition for students is underway to paint a mural for the room. Submissions must be received by December 6, 2019 in the Provost's Office. The Friday after Thanksgiving, November 28, 2019, GPSC will host a family-oriented dinner for students who would like to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal with other like students/families.

#### **Committee of Eleven – Javier Duran**

No report.

#### **Research Policy Committee – Paul Gordon**

Gordon reported that the committee would like to bring a policy proposal forward to Faculty Senate.

#### **Student Affairs Policy Committee – Diane Ohala**

Ohala and Hingle met to discuss each committee's meetings with The Campus Pantry. The committee met with Jen Hoefle Olson from LGTBQ Affairs, and suggestions were made to provide preferred names in UAccess and the online Phonebook. Committee members would like to see campus resources supporting students added to the syllabus template. Committee members would like to look into club sports programs based on reports that some students may be feeling pressured to play while injured, and whether or not appropriate oversight exists is not clear.

#### **Academic Personnel Policy Committee – Melanie Hingle**

No report.

#### **Review the agenda for the December 2, 2019 Faculty Senate Meeting**

Items were rearranged and time allotments were given for each item. Graduate Council Chair, Ron Hammer, will talk with Chair of the Graduate College, Andrew Carnie, regarding the Graduate Faculty Policy moving forward at this time.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by Jane Cherry