
Absent: T. Meixner and X. Zeng

Guest: J. Frumkin

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

Approval of the minutes of January 14, 2019
The minutes of January 14, 2019 were approved.

UPDATES

President’s Report – Jon Dudas
President Robbins is currently in Washington, DC working with NASA, and is anticipating the upcoming ABOR meeting which will focus on UA Health Sciences and Veterinary Medicine. The Governor’s Budget has approved the allocation of $35 million collectively in a one-time allotment. Twenty-one million ($21 million) has been earmarked to educate more teachers in Arizona which, in the Legislature’s view, would demonstrate a greater return on investment than previous proposals. Arizona Legislature has also expressed interest in attraction and retention of more medical students to study and practice in the state. On a strategic basis, Jane Hunter has been hired to be the face of Strategic Planning and will be working on prioritizing, implementing and executing funding of Tier B initiatives.

Committee of Eleven – Steve Schwartz
The Committee has updated the portion of UHAP that relates to the provision of an annual review of deans based on a process to be described. This document will be presented at the March 11, 2019 Senate meeting and the Dean’s Council meeting to be held on March 12.

Chair of the Faculty – Jessica Summers
Summers will be introducing revisions to 'Our Professional Commitments' for integration into Chapter 7 of UHAP. The new Professional Commitments page and the language about Disruptive Behavior will be brought before APPC on February 27, 2019 for review and feedback. Andrea Romero will be invited to be brought into the process as part of the work group. The next Town Hall will focus on Gender & Equity issues and will be held on May 3, 2019 in the Haury Lecture Hall and is open to everyone.

**Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer**
Honorary Degree request forthcoming from the President’s Office for this year’s commencement Speaker.

**Secretary of the Faculty – Amy Fountain**
Elections just ended. Constitutions and Bylaws changes are coming up for a vote on March 11. People will now have an opportunity to preview changes in progress on the website in advance of Senate meetings. The changes include a substantive proposal about the number of at-large positions. There is concern that we want to grow but not in a way that outstrips our resources. There is a proposal to decrease the number of at-large seats proportional to the number coming in to keep the number of senators constant.

**Interim Provost – Jeff Goldberg**
Jane Hunter is getting up to speed on Provost Council and SPBAC. The Engineering dean search has had three visitors; data will be available from the Committee for President Robbins’ review, and then a decision will be made. Veterinary Medicine will go before the Board of Regents subcommittee. Veterinary Medicine is slated to be about a $13 million investment to get up and running until it can be self-sustaining in terms of enrollment. The new dean will be coming on board in mid-March which is also when the accreditation report goes to the accrediting body; the on-site visit will take place in mid-April. The third quarterly meeting is upcoming, everyone is welcome to attend. Topics will include strategic planning and results from Organizational Health Index (OHI) survey to be implemented over next 2 years. The Legislature has been discussing whether to count computer science classes in high school for basic math or science courses which would be appropriate for a career-track. The Board of Regents is working through this. Courses should be used only for science, not math, and be at the level of AP Computer Science. Tuition setting is due to ABOR on March 1st. As soon as new student government is brought on board, university finance orientation will be held. Meetings regarding faculty salaries were held with consultants who are constructing regression models to predict faculty salary as a function of college, years of service, college, rank, research expenditures, credit hours taught, etc. Taking a serious look as to whether there is bias when gender and/or ethnicity is inserted in that model. Feedback will be brought to the President for a resolution.

**Jeremy Frumkin – IT Liaison**
Continuing on with CRM. Will be having conversations going forward with Andrea Romero regarding RFP, and also involving Karen Williams. A solution will be rolled-out in mid-March.
SPBAC – Allison Vaillancourt
No new updates.

Undergraduate Council – Neel Ghosh
Proposals are forthcoming for a new Bachelor of Applied Science in Cyber Security at UA South, and a Minor in American Sign Language.

Graduate Council – Ron Hammer
Changes to the Continuous Enrollment Policy is an attempt to align the Continuous Enrollment statement in the catalog with the current policy. There is a new Master’s of Entrepreneurship forming at Eller College which fulfill a need for entrepreneurship, venture capital and commercialization that is not currently available.

APAC – TANISHA PRICE-JOHNSON
No new updates.

ASUA – Natalynn Masters
The ASUA is in election season. There are plans underway to partner with the Immigrant Resource Center to co-host a DACA fundraiser dinner at the end of the spring semester. Tuition & fee negotiations are underway, with two more meetings to be held before proposal is submitted to ABOR. Meaningful campus outreach (Campus Closet, Campus Pantry) continues to grow with new partnerships.

GPSC – Dustin Tran (for Marie Teemant)
Student Showcase was recently concluded; drew 90 graduate and 30 undergraduate students. President Robbins handed out two $1,000 Presidential awards which were greatly appreciated. General Counsel of GPSC has voted to submit a resolution to increase teaching opportunities for graduate students to allow them to teach general education courses in regular semesters, not only summer and winter sessions. The proposal would remove the policy that would restrict graduate students from teaching general courses in the fall and spring semesters.

APPC – Melanie Hingle
Last month, a meeting was held with Sabrina Vasquez of the Office of Government/Community Relations. A request was received by the Compliance Office to review a new Electronic Privacy Policy. Celina Ramirez and Lanita Collette will be present as guests.

SAPC – Diane Ohala
A meeting was held with Andrea Romero to bring up to speed about the Course Material Adoption policy. The FAQ link on Course Material Adoption was not located on the website in that section, but it is now linked to the policy.

Review the agenda for the March 11, 2019 Faculty Senate Meeting
Items were added, and time allotments were made for each item.

Adjournment
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Cherry / Madeleine Crespo