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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**  
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**Minutes: April 22, 2019**  
3:00-5:00 p.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Brewer (Chair), J. Dudas, A. Fountain, J. Goldberg, N. Ghosh,  
M. Hingle, T. Konduri, N. Masters, W. Neumann, D. Ohala, D. Pietz,  
T. Konduri (on behalf of M. Teemant), A. Vaillancourt, J. Summers

Absent: R. Hammer, T. Meixner, T. Price-Johnson, S. Schwartz, and X. Zeng

Guests: J. Frumkin

**Call to Order**

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2019**

The Minutes of March 18, 2019 were approved with one correction.

**UPDATES**

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

Brewer discussed the revisions to UHAP Policy Chapter Seven on Professional Conduct. Updates to the policy haven't been done since 1971. The first pass-through in Faculty Senate garnered good feedback to include Cooperative Extension and updating the teaching/learning aspects. Vaillancourt said that the item has not been presented to the Senior Leadership Team yet. The item will be presented as an Information Item at the upcoming Senate meeting on May 6, 2019, and Brewer will ask for a vote in support of the revised document. UHAP Chapter Seven on Instructional Materials will be presented as a separate item. Discussion centered around where to house the revisions online, so faculty have an easier time locating them. The Office of Instruction and Assessment or Faculty Affairs will be contacted about linking the documents to the appropriate website. Brewer went over the Faculty Qualifications for Instruction by the Higher Learning Commission that Senior Vice Provost, Gail Burd, wants to present at the May 6, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting.

**Chair of the Faculty – Jessica Summers**

Summers reported that she met with a faculty group interested in developing a proposal for the implementation of a Senate Standing Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. A few years back there was a proposal brought forward to Faculty Senate (February 2015) to form a committee on Race, Diversity, and Inclusion. The Senate approved the formation of the committee and the proposal went to the General Faculty for a vote, where it did not

pass with the required 75% of votes cast as specified in the Constitution. Summers would like to propose the idea of the Standing Committee at the May 6, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting as an information item. The new Senate Standing Committee would be able to operate independently from Administration. One suggestion was to charge the committee with an agenda that is not the purview of any other committee.

#### **Interim Provost – Jeff Goldberg**

Goldberg congratulated Hingle on winning a seat on SPBAC. The new Dean for the College of Engineering, David Hahn, is on board to start July 1, 2019. The Dean for the College of Nursing, and Senior Vice President for Research, Discovery, and Innovation search teams are gathering candidates to bring in for interviews. Conversations are ongoing about the path for the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (CLAS), the Global Studies program, and the General Education Studies program, and where they will be directed. Relative to the Strategic Plan, Goldberg said that faculty governance will be employed in the decision-making processes. Committee members discussed whether or not faculty input was influential in decisions that were already made, or if input would only be sought moving forward. Dudas said that initiatives that are already in process will be signed off by the Chief Financial Officer. Summers said that it would be helpful if the funding and approval processes were broadly articulated to the campus community. The Promotion and Tenure decisions will be forthcoming in the following week.

#### **President's Report – Jon Dudas**

Dudas reported on the Senior Vice President for Research, Discovery and Innovation search pertaining to confidentiality, anonymity of candidates, and campus-wide discussion options. Many desirable candidates withdraw from the interview process out of fear of retaliation at their current institutions. Because of this, many administrative positions only have one or two candidates who go through the entire hiring process.

#### **Committee of Eleven – Steve Schwartz**

Schwartz was absent.

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

No report.

#### **Jeremy Frumkin – IT Liaison**

Frumkin reported on Trellis Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) program. The program is mainly focused on academic advising and early progress reports. The mandatory IT security training is ongoing, and 2/3 of faculty and staff, or 66.2% have completed the training. The Office of General Counsel has asked UITS to significantly improve the eDiscovery and litigation hold process.

#### **SPBAC – Allison Vaillancourt**

Vaillancourt and Zeng will not be continuing as SPBAC Co-chairs. The group thanks them for their work.

### **Graduate Council – Ron Hammer**

The *PhD Biosystems Analytics and Technology*, and new academic units, *Departments of Urology and Neurosurgery* will be moving forward to the May 6, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting.

### **Undergraduate Council – Neel Ghosh**

Ghosh presented and explained the *Academic Eligibility Policy Proposal*, *UA Internship Policy*, *Proposal to Eliminate the Registration Deadline Policy*, *BS and Minor in Biosystems Analytics and Technology*, *Undergraduate Minor in Hip-Hop Cultures*, *BAS in Organizational Leadership and Commerce*, and *Undergraduate Minor in Arts Administration*. All proposals will move forward as seconded motions to the Faculty Senate meeting on May 6, 2019.

### **APAC – Tanisha Price-Johnson**

Price-Johnson was absent.

### **ASUA – Natalynn Masters**

The DACA fundraising dinner will be held on April 23, 2019 in the Sonora Room. All monies raised will go to the President's Scholarship Fund for DACA students.

### **GPSC – Teja Konduri on behalf of Marie Teemant**

Konduri said that the last council meeting was held earlier and will be swearing in new council members and leadership. The travel grants program has an acceptance rate of 40% and has provided grants to 450 students.

### **APPC – Melanie Hingle**

The committee gave feedback to Assistant Vice Provost for the Office of Instruction and Assessment, Lisa Elfring, on proposed revisions to the Teacher Course Evaluations. The General Education Policy language change proposed by GPSC was reviewed. The last meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 1, 2019 with Senior Vice Provost, Gail Burd, and GPSC President Marie Teemant.

### **SAPC – Diane Ohala**

The committee is reviewing the best practices information that accompanies the Instructional Materials Policy and where these recommendations should be placed in the UA web environment. The updated best practice recommendations will be presented as an Information Item at the May 6, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting.

### **Review the agenda for the May 6, 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 4:55 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Cherry