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Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: August 26, 2019
3:00-5:00 p.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Brewer (Chair), J. Dudas, L. Folks, A. Fountain, N. Ghosh, S. Helm, S. Hess, M. Hingle, L. Hudson, J. Lawrence, W. Neumann, M. Teemant, J. Summers

Absent: P. Gordon, R. Hammer, and D. Ohala

Guest: J. Frumkin

Call to Order

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of April 22, 2019

The Minutes of April 22, 2019 were approved. Committee members introduced themselves to the new Provost, Liesl Folks.

UPDATES

President's Report – Jon Dudas

Dudas reported on the campus climate in relation to Border Patrol issues. Border Patrol leaders are interested in starting a dialog and coordinating its communications to facilitate better collaborations and less misconceptions moving forward. Dudas suggested that Vice President for Equity and Inclusion – Title IX Administrator, Ron Wilson, provide a Title IX presentation at an upcoming Faculty Senate meeting. ABOR is requesting that the UA identify peer institutions in order to carry out a pay equity study for faculty salaries. ABOR is requesting that all three in-state Universities review 2025 goals.

Provost's Report – Liesl Folks

Folks reported that in her four weeks as Provost, orientations to campus are still a high priority. Folks would like to realign some of the campus operations to free up the time it takes to attend multiple meetings, obtain approvals, and generally facilitate a quicker turn-around time for many University operations with less repetition. Space allocation decisions are presently slowed, and Folks would like to assign a more efficient organizational structure to facilitate quicker response times for requests. RCM allocations will be aligned with the Strategic Plan to better attain Strategic Plan Pillar goals. Folks has partnered with Ron Wilson to better assess equity and harassment issues.

Chair of the Faculty – Jessica Summers

Summers discussed the upcoming Faculty Senate presentation on the Early Childhood Center Project.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer

Brewer reported that he and Secretary Fountain have been working on the faculty census and voting privilege information for General Faculty members. An online petition will be developed for faculty members to request the Committee on Faculty Membership to consider faculty's employment/title/tenure home criteria related to voting privileges for members of the General Faculty.

Secretary of the Faculty – Amy Fountain

Fountain reported that she and Senator Bill Neumann are co-chairing the *ad hoc* committee on Career Track faculty. Its first meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2019. Fountain explained the proposed change in the Faculty Constitution from a three-quarters majority vote to two-thirds majority vote, the equal threshold as the bylaws. The change to the Constitution will be voted on in the Spring election if approved by the Faculty Senate.

Jeremy Frumkin – IT Liaison

Frumkin reported that the UA's security posture is being elevated and is moving forward with identifying risk in areas pertaining to research data. Support for HIPAA environments are being strengthened, which in turn will reduce security risks. Unfunded research is covered under ITAR compliance, although the researcher is personally responsible for safety operations. The UA is in the process of purchasing a high-performance computing system for approximately \$5M.

SPBAC – Sabrina Helm

The first SPBAC meeting was held on August 21, 2019. Helm has a one-on-one meeting with President Robbins to discuss topics he would like the committee to address.

Graduate Council – Ronald Hammer

No report.

Undergraduate Council – Neel Ghosh

Ghosh reported that UA Global will be introducing a new course approval process for students who study abroad.

APAC – Jennifer Lawrence

Lawrence reported that APAC's first meeting will be held August 27, 2019. A campus-wide survey was distributed to get feedback about UCAP. APAC members are concerned because employment policies have not been readily available.

ASUA – Sydney Hess

Hess apprised the committee of the platforms she ran on last semester. ASUA Open House will be held at one of the cultural centers at a future date. An Equity and Inclusion Officer position will be developed to assess how students are recruited. Target populations are low-income, first-generation students. A voter registration drive is being implemented for the 2020 election. Tuition and fees setting process will begin in the near future.

GPSC – Marie Teemant

GPSC Orientation was held the previous week to help graduate students connect with their communities outside of their departments and colleges. A family-social for student parents will be held on September 14, 2019 at the Student Recreation Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A new listserv will be created to help track the student parent population. A policy change for Teacher Assistant General Education will be forthcoming. The financial aid assistance program for Graduate Students is being revamped to help smooth out the process for student loans.

Committee of Eleven – Javier Duran

Duran reported that the committee's first meeting will be held on Friday on August 30, 2019. The committee will look at pay equity issues and administrative reviews. The Border Patrol issues will be also be addressed.

Research Policy Committee – Paul Gordon

Gordon was absent.

APPC – Melanie Hingle

No report.

SAPC – Diane Ohala

Ohala was absent.

Review the agenda for the September 9, 2019 Faculty Senate Meeting

Time allotments were set for each agenda item.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Recorded by Andrew Schroeder and transcribed by Jane Cherry