
Absent: R. Hammer and X. Zeng

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

Approval of the minutes of August 27, 2018
The minutes of August 27, 2018 were approved.

UPDATES

President’s Report – Jon Dudas
The upcoming ABOR meeting will be held September 27-28, 2018. The Board of Regents have been holding individual meetings and President Robbins has been keeping them apprised of the progress on the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will be unveiled at the November 2018 ABOR meeting, which will be held on the UA campus. Freedom of expression has been a forefront topic, and discussion surrounds adopting the Chicago Principles.

Provost’s Report – Acting Provost Jeff Goldberg
Goldberg provided search and position posting updates. Room and Course Scheduling has been moved under the umbrella of the Vice President for Academic Initiatives and Student Success. A lower tuition rate is now offered for any person enlisted in active duty. The Freedom Center is scheduled for a review at the University level in the near future. The campus now has an open license with the Education Advisory Board (EAB). RCM analysis has been done in all colleges with the exception of Optical Sciences. The next RCM Steering Committee meeting will be held in mid-October. Comments will be summarized, and reports will be made to the Faculty Senate and SPBAC. SAPC Chair Ohala asked Goldberg if the early textbook adoption letter could be sent out to faculty by the October 12, 2018 deadline, and Goldberg confirmed that his office intended to support this effort.
Chair of the Faculty – Jessica Summers
Summers would like a presentation from the Office of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence at the upcoming October 1, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting. A pay equity study was done in October, and Summers asked Dudas if President Robbins would be ready to report the results at the November Faculty Senate meeting. Vaillancourt suggested having the consultant who devised the study come and report on how the study was conducted and the methodology behind it, rather than just reporting on results, so faculty understand the process better. Assistant Vice President for State Relations, Sabrina Vazquez, expressed interest for a Senate Standing Committee to help with revising policies and bills that pertain to faculty governance and faculty responsibilities. Brewer suggested that APPC might take this on, since policies fall under its purview. APPC Chair Pitkin expressed support for that proposal. Summers suggested that a faculty advisory group be formed to help advise President Robbins on issues pertaining to faculty, and committee members think that having a rotating group might be beneficial to gain different perspectives. Summers talked about the former Senate Task Force on Equity and Fairness, a group that several years ago requested that it become a General Faculty Standing Committee. At that time, the proposal to do so did not pass a vote of the Faculty. Summers would like to revisit the formation of this committee.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer
Brewer informed the committee that efforts will be made to archive the information on the Faculty Governance website for easier accessibility. The faculty census continues to be tweaked.

Secretary of the Faculty – Amy Fountain
A survey link has been sent to the thirty members of the College of Medicine Phoenix to help clarify General Faculty status. Portions of the Faculty Governance website are being converted into HTML, and Fountain will finish up the effort to convert the Constitution and Bylaws to HTML format for easier accessibility.

SPBAC – Allison Vaillancourt and Xubin Zeng
Co-chairs are flushing out the agenda for the year, and Summers will present on organizational values at the next meeting. Summers elaborated on her presentation. Vaillancourt asked the committee thoughts on the future vision and value of SPBAC. Vaillancourt said that she is interested in forming a futures group to look at official intelligence at the University and engage in regular conversations about possible new horizons for the University. Schwartz suggested coming up with a proposal for the committee’s work efforts and engage members’ suggestions.

APAC – Tanisha Price-Johnson
The organization is discussing the renewable energy initiative and a link was sent out after a presentation so that members could provide feedback.

ASUA – Natalynn Masters
The first meeting was held last week with student leaders from across campus. Participants were leaders from the Inter-fraternity Council, Wildcats Event Board, United
Sorority and Fraternity Council, and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. Student mental health will be addressed at the next meeting. Student leaders will hold once-a-month meetings. A voter registration drive will be held on the UA Mall. Student Regent applications are open until mid-October. Application interviews will be held at the beginning of November, and three recommendations will be sent to the Governor at the end of November. Student focus groups are being formed to aid in the Strategic Planning process. A monthly newsletter has been sent out for the first time to apprise students of events going on around campus. Masters is working on providing better services for student financial aid; students who lack the tax return information necessary to determine eligibility. ASUA is working with Dudas on securing funds for DACA and working with Goldberg on ODIEX. Committee members discussed cultural competency and what it looks like at the UA in relation to other institutions.

**GPSC – Marie Teemant**
An election is currently running to elect an Executive Vice President and several representative positions. GPSC has been talking to students across campus about student parents and the student parent experience on campus, with the intention of forming a focus group on this experience. A third-party platform has been rolled out to manage grant applications for GPCS.

**C11 – Steve Schwartz**
The committee is working with the Provost’s Office to update the protocol for reviews of administrators, specifically deans, implementing a more uniform process for performance reviews of faculty, propping up the GIDP program, and discussion with Athletics and partnering in a productive way to integrate into the University’s success. Brewer suggested including APPC in the discussion surrounding the review of administrators.

**RPC – Tom Meixner**
The first committee meeting will be held on September 24, 2018.

**APPC – Daisy Pitkin**
The committee met on September 7, 2018. The meeting was an introductory one, with conversation centering on UHAP Chapter seven language, and what the committee might consider reviewing in the upcoming year. Committee members are interested in finding out the shared governance principles at the department and college levels. APPC Committee members discussed campus child care funding and its state of depleted and inadequate resources.

**SAPC – Diane Ohala**
Ohala reported that the business plan and budget proposal to support Campus Pantry has been submitted and is under review by the Provost and budgeting is being looked at for staff support. Organizations and units on campus can help with food donation efforts. SAPC would like to encourage food drives to replenish the Food Pantry instead of, or in addition to, the Community Food Bank. Getting the word out about the Campus Pantry is also needed. Mental Health support for students through the Counseling and
Psych Service at the Campus Health Service. SAPC would like to know who is in charge of program fees and what is covered/not covered. The textbook adoption notice deadline is October 14, 2018. The memorandum to faculty needs to be sent out in a timely manner.

**Setting the Faculty Senate Agenda**
The agenda is still being formalized and will be reviewed by the Faculty Officers.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Cherry