REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: The Faculty Officers http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Chair Summers has referred Sabrina Vasquez to work with APPC on continuing and future legislative documents involving faculty interests. Looked into options to transcribe minutes: Unless someone comes forward with a specific need for the accommodation, DRC quoted a service that costs $2 per minute to meet their standards for proactive transcriptions. Request for Dragon Professional v15 has been made.

- First issue of the Faculty Newsletter will be coming out early next week.

- Brewer has worked with UITS to create listservs that reach all members of the General Faculty in each Academic College (and are automatically updated, using UAccess data). Brewer has added the elected senators from each college (as well as the Libraries and Common College) as “owners” and “moderators” of these listservs, so that they can use them to communicate with the members of the General Faculty in their colleges, if they wish. The listservs are currently set up as “newsletters,” where discussion is permitted, but the new owners may modify the settings, as appropriate.

- Brewer has also established a listserv through which the Faculty Center can distribute news features from the Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Education, and EAB news. Faculty (or others) may subscribe to the listserv, if they wish. Instructions and an invitation to subscribe will be sent out to all faculty.

- In collaboration with the Arizona Faculty Council, Chair Summers and Vice-Chair Brewer contributed language for a report at the upcoming ABOR meeting addressing the faculty role in increasing educational attainment in Arizona, and participated in planning for upcoming ABOR meetings.

- The search for a program coordinator for the Faculty Center (the position formerly held by Yadira Caballero) is underway.

- A group including faculty leadership and others has drafted language for a policy on ‘disruptive behavior in the workplace.’ This is intended to replace the more narrowly framed Workplace Violence policy and may complement ongoing work on UHAP Chapter 7. This policy is expected to be vetted through the policy establishment process soon.

- Brewer worked with COM-P to identify employees who are not yet included in the Census of the General Faculty but who may be eligible based on the Constitution’s definitions and guiding principles adopted by the Faculty Senate. Fountain provided these employees with a means to supply their information to the Committee on Faculty Membership for review. Parallel work with COM-T is ongoing.

GOALS:

- Mobilize faculty who do not participate in shared governance for input on issues of shared governance.

- Broker critical relationships between the faculty and administration in an effort to open channels for transparency in how we work collaboratively at the University.
• Continue to assist in the development, approval and implementation of changes to UHAP Chapter 7.
• Facilitate greater involvement of, and integration with, the work of the Academic Personnel Policy Committee (APPC), Student Affairs Policy Committee (SAPC) and Research Policy Committee (RPC) in Senate meetings. Rather than re-iterating APPC, SAPC and RPC goals here, we ask Senators to refer to the reports provided from those committees.
• Work with the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to facilitate updates of these documents to reflect current practice and technology, accommodate religious holidays, manage academic calendar changes.
• Work with the Committee on Elections and the Committee on Faculty Membership to implement appropriate improvements to elections processes and adjudicate issues of faculty membership, respectively.