REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The faculty officers and faculty center staff provided support for the ABOR meeting in November, including a faculty breakfast organized by Chair Summers. The breakfast involved about 25 UA faculty members in conversation with the regents on topics relating to the faculty’s role in student success and retention. The faculty officers and faculty center staff met with the faculty officers from ASU and NAU to discuss shared issues and values.
- The second issue of the Faculty Newsletter will be published in February. Contributions for future newsletters are always welcome!
- Brewer, Fountain, and rest of the Committee on Faculty Membership completed the adjudication of faculty members who were not picked up by the Census, and are ensuring now that all those who met the criteria for membership are included in the Census. Individuals who were picked up by the Census but not assigned a college vote code at time of hire/re-hire (which is now the responsibility of the Faculty Center/Faculty Officers) were also assigned vote codes.
- Vice Chair Brewer finished co-chairing the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs search with Allison Vaillancourt in December. Andrea Romera was hired into the position by the Provost and started at the beginning of the year.
- Chair Summers has ensured faculty representation on the search committees for the new Provost, Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President for Research.
- Chair Summers, Secretary Fountain, and Program Coordinator Cherry just returned from the PAC-12 Academic Leadership Conference hosted at USC. Topics discussed included risk management/campus safety protocols, comprehensive teacher evaluation strategies, and building/retaining a diverse and inclusive faculty.

GOALS:

- Seek Senate support to name an ad-hoc Senate Task force to review various non-credit offerings around campus to ensure that all offerings have some form of faculty oversight.
- Plan and facilitate the next town hall on gender and equity.
- Ensure that faculty who wish to have input on the upcoming external searches have an easy way to provide that input to us, for sharing with the relevant search committees.
- Facilitate Senate consideration of a proposal to move the Petitions Committee into the shared governance structure as a University-wide Committee with Shared Governance Participation.
- Connect the output of the table discussion on Senators’ goals and priorities from October’s meeting to a set of ranked priorities for action by Senate over the rest of the academic year. Integrate the outcomes of the Strategic Planning process in this work and continue to work collaboratively to meet our objectives.
- 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.
- Bring a set of proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws committee for review and forwarding to Senate. These will include a bylaws modification that would allow Senate meetings that would fall on a major religious holiday to be rescheduled. A plan for converting Constitution and Bylaws updates to html, including a process for managing change in these documents, will be provided.
- Appoint and convene the new Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Career Track Issues, chaired by Bill Neumann.
- Develop a Qualtrics tool (drawing on our current voting system and UAccess Analytics) that will allow individuals not picked up by the Census to petition the Committee on Faculty Membership for inclusion. The tool will automatically draw pertinent data on petitioners from UAccess elicit any other necessary information through a survey.