Minutes: February 17, 2020
3:00-4:30 p.m. Old Main Boardroom


Absent: R. Hammer and M. Hingle

Guest: Jeremy Frumkin, IT Liaison

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

Approval of the Minutes of January 13, 2020
The minutes of January 13, 2020 were approved.

UPDATES

President – Jon Dudas
Dudas handed out ABOR and Legislative materials requested by Senators at the last Faculty Senate meeting. Dudas, in lieu of reporting, led a discussion with committee members regarding the budget materials.

Provost – Liesl Folks
Folks distributed Financing the Mission Budget Update. Folks will report out at the next Faculty Senate meeting on March 2, 2020. A pay equity report will be scheduled for the April 6, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting. Clarifications were made that the budget reallocation is not a state budget cut. Monies are being reallocated from colleges to other sources, and no mandate from the Legislature precipitated the decision. The pay equity analysis is incorporating tenure/tenure-eligible faculty to start, and the next step will be to bring in career-track and continuing status faculty with the data format. Payroll titles will have to be rearchitected for career-track faculty.

Chair of the Faculty – Jessica Summers
Summers reported that after a review of shared governance mechanisms at the college level, many of the colleges do not have bylaws or shared governance mechanisms in place. Shared governance mechanisms at the college level include a faculty elected Dean’s Advisory Council/Committee. Deans will benefit from a faculty perspective when making decisions for the college, and Summers plans to meet with the Deans to make
sure shared governance mechanisms are in place. Curricular Affairs met with stakeholders in an effort to initiate streamlining the proposal process.

**Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer**
A group of Senators was appointed as a Task Force at the February 3, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting and is reviewing/revising the Shared Governance Memorandum of Understanding with the intention of having the document ready for approval for the March 2, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting. Brewer would like the document to be reviewed by the Office of General Counsel prior to approval. Hudson outlined the process that the Task Force is undertaking.

**Secretary of the Faculty – Amy Fountain**
Fountain reported that Faculty Senate can expect to see a report from the *ad hoc* Career Track Faculty Task Force.

**Jeremy Frumkin – IT Liaison**
Frumkin reported that the High-Performance Computing cluster will be arriving at month’s end and expected to go live at the end of April 2020. The University will more than double its capacity to support data-intensive research with over 1M hours per year available to all faculty researchers at no cost. UITS is piloting institutional support for HIPPA research. University Health Sciences strategic plan contains a section that focuses on Public Health Information (PHI) and HIPAA-related research support and funding the institutions’ ability to pursue funding opportunities that require proper stewardship of research data with HIPAA and PHI regulations.

**Graduate Council – Ron Hammer**
Hammer was absent.

**Chair of the Undergraduate Council – Neel Ghosh**
Ghosh introduced the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, BAS in Applied Computing, BAS in Human Services, BAS in Intelligence and Information Operations, and BS in Precision Nutrition and Wellness. The proposals will move forward for Faculty Senate approval at its March 2, 2020 meeting.

**SPBAC – Sabrina Helm and Barry Brummund**
In partial response to the reallocation of funds drama, Helm reported that SPBAC has re-envisioned itself. Brummund ran a workshop during the last meeting, with members identifying the most important topics SPBAC wishes to address and at what level. A summarization of the findings and recommendations will be directed to the President, with suggestions on how shared governance can be more effective.

**APAC – Jennifer Lawrence**
Lawrence reported that APAC is hosting President Robbins at its forum on Thursday, February 20, 2020 with a question and answer session. Topics are APAC’s role in shared governance and staff involvement on search committees. APAC is looking for cheaper communication venues, since Mailchimp doubled its costs with added University Staff.
**ASUA – Sydney Hess**
Hess reported that ASUA is working on an attendance policy. Issues have arisen regarding individual faculty's attendance policies. One student had jury duty and was not given an excused absence; another student’s parent passed away and was asked for a death certificate to legitimize the absence. Hess is speaking with Dean of Students, Kendal Washington White. Proposed Constitutional changes came before Student Senate for a Vice President for Diversity, Wellness, and Inclusion. The new position will be appointed and be in the same rank as the President and Executive Vice President. Hess, after conversations with stakeholders on campus, introduced major constitutional changes that will create a bicameral legislature, thus incorporating a House of Representatives with twenty-eight student organization representatives.

**GPSC – Marie Teement**
Teement reported that GPSC has seen a decline in applications for research and professional opportunities grants. An Executive Board member reported that a student reported that his Principal Investigator (PI) urged him to procreate external travel monies although the PI has travel monies allocated in the grant. The burden is on the student when applying for travel grants.

**Committee of Eleven – Javier Duran**
The committee met with Chief Executive Officer, Lisa Rulney. Duran is more than happy to share Rulney’s budget presentation with the committee. The Committee of Eleven suggested to Rulney that the formation of a Faculty Advisory Committee could be beneficial to her unit. The Banner conversation is continuing, and the committee feels that Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, Dr. Michael Dake should be invited to a future Faculty Senate meeting.

**Research Policy Committee – Paul Gordon**
The committee met with RII representatives on the Core Facilitiies Policy proposal. The RII has promised to comment on the draft prior to the next meeting, which will predate the April 2020 Faculty Senate meeting. The committee has been clear with defining deadlines for commentary.

**Student Affairs Policy Committee – Diane Ohala**
The committee met with Dr. Jenny Hoit, Director of Postdoctoral Affairs, on February 12, 2020. Discussion circulated around the absence of grievance processes for Post Docs at the University. An organization for Post Docs was discussed, but upon further investigation, Dean of the Graduate College, Dr. Andrew Carnie, said the idea for a body of this type was not possible under the Graduate College because Post Docs fall under the jurisdiction of the RII.

**Academic Personnel Policy Committee – Melanie Hingle**
Hingle was absent.

**Review the agenda for the March 2, 2020 Faculty Senate Meeting**
Time allotments were given for each item.

**New business**
Summers emailed the committee members an agenda for a meeting on Civil Discourse on September 25, 2020, hosted by Arizona State University. Summers is encouraging attendance.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by Jane Cherry