

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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ABOR Committee Meetings

- The Strategic Planning Committee will address demographic shifts in Arizona with a presentation from the state demographer; ABOR Health consultants Judy Bernas and Jacqueline Chadwick will also present.
- The University Governance & Operations (UGO) will address the ASU GenED Crosswalk, provide a FAFSA Update, a financial update from UA, and clarify the consolidation of graduate student tuition and fees.

University Cabinet Meeting

- The reconstituted University of Arizona Cabinet met last week on Wednesday, March 27.
- The Faculty Senate was represented by its elected leaders: Chair Hudson, Vice Chair Hymel and Secretary Dysart. Leadership from Staff Council, Deans Council, Department Heads HeadsNETWORK, University Advisory Council, Associated Students of the University of Arizona, Graduate and Professional Student Council, and Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee also participated along with the President and members of the senior leadership team
- The Cabinet advances a goal of including many representative voices at the table at the same time—students, staff, faculty, deans, department heads—to raise and solve issues facing the university as an entire body. It allows colleagues to participate in problem solving as members of the broader university community
- The Cabinet will meet quarterly and will be called upon to gather additionally as needed.

University Advisory Council Meeting

- The University Advisory Council had its first meeting on Monday March 18.
- The President's Office had received several dozen nominations from all over campus, and the President appointed 18 people as Inaugural Members: 3 students, 6 staff, 6 faculty, 2 Deans and 1 Department Head. Topics relating to Human Resources and employment were raised and discussed, and Amanda Kraus and Bill Neumann were identified as co-chairs.
- One item that was not on the agenda but was a powerful reminder of why worthwhile to meet as a group was GPSC President Jeremy Bernick raising points about graduate assistants to the group. There were many different perceptions and perspectives about how graduate assistants may be affected as colleges work to reduce expenditures. Because we had representatives from GPSC, Deans, Department Heads and HR, the group was able to more quickly and accurately define and better understand new issues.