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Updates

- DEI Hiring Guidance: We are working with Human Resources to develop guidance as to what is permissible in the hiring practice. This follows the recent rulings stating that we could not use DEI statements in hiring.
- SPBAC Retreat: There will be a half-day retreat on Wednesday, Oct. 4 to inform members about how UAGC and Arizona Online operate online programming. The goal is to have a common understanding of their work and how it fits in with the University's overall mission.
- AAU Public Opinion Poll: At a recent AAU Chief Academic Officers meeting, the AAU presented findings from a recent public opinion poll about higher education sentiment. Some of the highlights were:
 - Only 19% percent said they had confidence in higher education.
 - Most say college is too expensive.
 - Many think research institutions are for-profit.
- [Provost Investment Fund](#) applications for the spring 2023 cycle are due Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023. Proposals may be submitted online through [Arizona Cultivate](#).