

**The University of Arizona®**  
**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**  
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**Minutes: April 21, 2025**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**VIA ZOOM**

Present: M Hymel (Chair), D Barefoot, S Cochran, W Fink, J Frumkin, L Hudson, K Little, K Maggert, R Marx, T Ottusch, L Rezende, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), S Su, J van Haren, J Vetter, P Waddell, S Willis, and L Ziurys

Absent: J Bernick, A Grijalva, G Heileman, C Rankin, and K Zeiders

Guests: C Gronowski, M Madden, and L Sandoval

**Call to Order**

Chair Hymel called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2025**

The minutes of March 24, 2025 were approved.

**Review agenda for the May 5, 2025 Faculty Senate Meeting**

Committee members reviewed the draft agenda for the May 5, 2025 Faculty Senate meeting. Items were rolled over from the previous Faculty Senate meeting. New items were discussed and given time allotments. Items were pulled off Consent agenda and given more time for discussion. Thirty minutes was added to the meeting to make sure there was enough time for all business. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Provost's Report – Ron Marx**

Fink asked the status of C11's UHAP 5.2 revisions. Marx said he would be working on it this week. Marx reported that the Pharmacy issue has been worked out. Hudson asked about the lack of shared governance with mergers of colleges. Marx responded that it was more of an administrative move rather than an academic one. There should be administrative savings with the four colleges merged into two.

**APPC – Keith Maggert**

Maggert reported that Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Romero attended the last meeting and brought UHAP 3.3.03 revisions, which added an appeals process for Career Track faculty who are not granted promotion. The committee identified several issues with the policy including old text referring to the Code of Conduct that no longer exists. Another

issue in the appeals process was in violation of ABOR policy. Romero was uninterested to listen to APPC's feedback. Since APPC is only advisory, the committee's recourse is to wait until the policy is posted to raise concerns at that time. Romero said she will seek interim status for the policy, which means it will go into effect while going through the review process. At APPC's final meeting this year, updates to the Faculty Handbook Guide will be made.

#### **ASUA – Adriana Grijalva**

Grijalva was absent.

#### **Chair of the Faculty – Leila Hudson**

Hudson reported that the Faculty Officers met with the heads of the UMass Amherst Senate who have led the way for a Big Ten mutual defense fund and public land grant mutual defense fund. UA is interested in pursuing the idea of a public land grant mutual defense fund, so Hudson has crafted a Resolution to be deployed in various ways. It is doubtful it will come to Faculty Senate for May 2025, but it possibly may include a referendum of the faculty.

#### **C11 – Wolfgang Fink**

Fink reported that Marx confirmed earlier he will submit UHAP 5.2 revisions to President Garimella prior to the new Provost coming on board. C11 has been hearing issues concerning outside employment and conflict of commitment policies, or lack thereof, which have led to the firing of a faculty member from an outside position and who has spoken to Faculty Senate in Open Session. Reassignment of endowed chairs to other faculty members despite evidence of work contracts and donor agreements indicating no end date or reviews for endowed chairs has been an ongoing problem in the College of Engineering. Documents were ultimately shared by The Foundation that show an amendment from the donors spelling out initial visiting professorships are to be converted to endowed professorships with no end date specified. These topics will be presented at the May 2025 Faculty Senate meeting. Committee members discussed aspects of open records requests.

#### **Curricular Affairs – Greg Heileman**

Heileman was absent.

#### **GPSC – Jeremy Bernick**

Bernick was absent.

#### **Graduate Council – Philip Waddell and Sanlyn Buxner**

Waddell reported the Council will meet for the last time, and the disestablishments were already discussed. There is confusion around how the University talks about minimum Ph.D requirements and the committee will undertake drafting a change to make minimum requirements less confusing.

#### **Information Technology – Jeremy Frumkin**

Frumkin reported that student email will be moved from Google to Microsoft 0365. One driver is emails received by faculty and students between faculty and students is challenging between both platforms. Getting students on the same platform with faculty will alleviate problems. Interim Senior Vice President Cheu has put together an advisory committee to look into the migration.

**President's Report**

No report.

**RPC – Lucy Ziurys**

Ziurys reported that the committee met a few weeks ago and created a draft agenda for its meeting with Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Impact Díaz de la Rubia. LaPierre had meeting with people in RII who sit on RIB and reported good progress with listening and making productive changes. RPC would like to attend the tri-weekly RIB meetings once a week with Zeiders reporting to the committee on the other meetings.

**Secretary of the Faculty – Katie Zeiders**

Zeiders was absent.

**SPBAC – Greg Heileman and Cindy Rankin**

Heileman and Rankin were absent.

**SAPC – Kristin Little and Tim Ottusch**

Little reported that the committee listened to the two student representatives with concerns and will be communicated at Faculty Senate. The last meeting in May will host speakers from International Student Services to see how we can support those students.

**UA Staff Council – Danielle Barefoot**

Barefoot reported that the April meeting will be held next week with Human Resources to discuss Career Conversations. Elections will be opening soon. Barefoot will not be running for Vice Chair this year. Questions on centralization for Senior Vice President Rodrigues will be submitted prior to Faculty Senate.

**Undergraduate Council – Joost van Haren and Lisa Rezende**

Rezende said there will be one more proposal coming through.

**University Committee on Community Relations – Spencer Willis**

Willis was absent.

**UWGEC – Jeremy Vetter**

Vetter reported that Council is still deliberating about the Second Language Foundations area and something may move forward down the road. Marx will be attending the meeting on Wednesday along with Alex Underwood from the Registrar's Office. Progress is being made on civic learning with the advisory group meeting a couple of days ago.

**Vice Chair of the Faculty – Mona Hymel**

Hymel reported that SGRC will look into mergers and acquisitions.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Transcribed by Jane Cherry