



Faculty Senate

October 6, 2025



Office of the Provost Updates

- Jenna Rickus, Senior Vice Provost started on Sept. 29
- Released official Fall 2025 census highlighting our new enrollment strategy that restores traditional first-year class sizes and substantially increases the percentage of Arizona students.
- Received a \$20 million gift commitment from the Garcia Family Foundation to expand access to study abroad.
- Earned Intentionally Thriving Institution designation of the Seal of Excelencia, Excelencia in Education.

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◆ Oct. 6-10, 2025

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CELEBRATING THE BEAR DOWN SPIRIT HAS INSPIRED WILDCATS SINCE 1926.



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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
HIGHLAND HANGOUT	TUESDAY, 10/7	5-7 P.M.	HIGHLAND BOWL
BE-LEAF AND BLOOM	WEDNESDAY, 10/8	11 A.M.-1:30 P.M.	U OF A MALL
SELF-CARE BAGS	WEDNESDAY, 10/8	10 A.M.-4 P.M.	BASC, SOS DESK
RHA'S SILENT RAVE	THURSDAY, 10/9	6-8 P.M.	U OF A MALL
BEAR DOWN FALL FESTIVAL	FRIDAY, 10/10	9 A.M.-2 P.M.	U OF A MALL
SECOND CHANCE CLUB FAIR	FRIDAY, 10/10	9 A.M.-2 P.M.	U OF A MALL
MOVIE ON THE MALL	FRIDAY, 10/10	8-10 P.M.	U OF A MALL
FAMILY WEEKEND TAILGATE	SATURDAY, 10/11	ALL DAY	U OF A MALL

◆ VISIT [STUDENTAFFAIRS.ARIZONA.EDU/BEAR-DOWN-WEEK](https://studentaffairs.arizona.edu/bear-down-week) FOR MORE DETAILS



Student Affairs

Advancing Student Success: Campus Conversations

- Completed 20 and met with over 420 individuals.
- Key themes:
 - Create a seamless access point to the many campus-wide student support services utilizing best practices that exist on campus.
 - Establish consistent student-centered advising.
 - Support the training, professional development and compensation of professional advisors to facilitate retention and career development
 - Create opportunities for mentorship, research and experiential learning.
 - Establish better transfer pathways with community colleges.
 - Develop financial literacy opportunities for students.
 - Ensuring accessible health and mental health support.
 - Communicate about the changes taking place and the desired outcomes.

Academic Success Goals (ASGs)

Advancing the Strategic Imperatives

- The input gathered from the conversations has been instrumental in both the development of the academic success goals and the initial actions we are taking to achieve student success.
- The latest iteration of the ASGs was shared with SPBAC, Senate Executive Committee, Deans, and Provost Integrated Leadership Team for input.
- Next steps: Department Heads/Directors/Chairs Group.
- The Academic Success Goals serve as a guiding framework for all faculty, staff, and students involved in advancing the university's academic mission.

■ Strategic Academic Advising Task Force

- Co-chaired by Sharon Aiken-Wisniewski, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Advising, and James Hunt, Interim Associate Dean for the College of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences.

■ Academic Advising Salary Review Task Force

- Co-chaired by Sharon Aiken-Wisniewski, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Advising and Leah Rodriguez, HR Compensation Manager.

■ Leveraging Student Success District





Faculty Recognition Events

- Faculty Promotion Recognition Event on Oct. 14
- Luminaries Outstanding Faculty Awards on Oct. 16
- Gerald J. Swanson Prize for Teaching Excellence on Oct. 27