

Provost Prelock Faculty Senate Report

October 6, 2025

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- **Appointment of Jenna Rickus as Senior Vice Provost**
 - Dr. Rickus started on Sept 29th. She will be facilitating collaboration and coordination among Academic Affairs, Campus Community Connections, Faculty Affairs, University Analytics and Institutional Research (UAIR), and the University Center for Assessment, Teaching, and Technology (UCATT). Senior Vice Provost Rickus will be overseeing several key initiatives including the UNIV 101 and 301 Taskforce, the Community College Connections and the Strategic Advising for Student Success initiative.
- **Intentionally Thriving Institution**
 - The University of Arizona is among the first institutions in America to earn the new Intentionally Thriving Institution designation of the Seal of Excelencia, Excelencia in Education.
[University of Arizona is again recognized for its service to Latino students | University of Arizona News](#)
- **Fall 2025 Student Census Data**
 - Official Fall Census data, which captures a point-in-time data view for the University of Arizona student body on the 21st day of the fall semester, is now available. UAIR has worked diligently to provide data breakdowns, institutional metrics, and key highlights from the Fall 2025 Census Report.
 - This year's Fall Census snapshot took place on September 15, 2025, and captured all transactional activity up until September 14, 2025.
 - Fall 2025 student census data was released on September 25, 2025 and is accessible through key UAccess Analytics dashboards and Arizona Profiles. By mid-October, all census data will be updated in

the Interactive Fact Book on the UAIR website, following the Fall 2025 Workforce Census Snapshot.

- **U of A Microcampuses in China**

- Aligning with federal expectations, the University of Arizona [immediately terminated](#) its China-based microcampus agreements. We have communicated directly with those affected and are working with enrolled students to help them continue their education.

- **Federal Government Shutdown Guidance**

- As of Oct. 1, the federal government has entered a partial shutdown due to a lapse in appropriations bills to fund government operations. The university is closely monitoring the situation and supporting our research community. We are working to minimize any impact on ongoing research activities and will provide updates as the situation evolves.
- Please forward shutdown-related communications from your federal sponsor to sponsor@arizona.edu for guidance. Consult the Office of Research and Partnerships [Federal Shutdown Resource](#) for the latest updates, including proactive recommendations and guidance for current awards, proposals, and reporting submissions.

- **The Garcia Family Foundation Scholarship for Study Abroad**

- This generous gift will provide scholarships of up to \$7,000 to support U of A students with financial need who plan to participate in for-credit U of A Study Abroad programs. Learn more about the program: [The Garcia Family Foundation Scholarship for Study Abroad | Arizona International](#)

- **Campus Wellness and Safety Forum, Oct 9th 11a.m.**

- Students, faculty, and staff are invited to register for a forum to hear updates on well-being and safety initiatives. Presenters will include Provost Prelock, Chief Safety Officer Steve Patterson, Dean of Students Chrissy Liberman, and ASUA President Adriana Grijalva. [Campus Wellness and Safety Forum | Office of Public Safety](#)

- **Campus Community Connections**

- Vice Provost and Special Advisor Jenna Hatcher and her team have been engaged in listening sessions with students and facilitating the consultative process for naming the spaces in the [Student Culture and Engagement Hub](#). A message to students from the co-directors Dominique Calza and Kenny Importante announcing the student-selected names and detailing the process will be shared later this week.
- **Student Affairs – Bear Down Week, Oct 6-10, 2025**
 - The midpoint of the fall semester is a time when Wildcats come together to connect, build community, and engage with one another on campus. [Bear Down Week](#) is all about supporting one another, preparing for midterms, and discovering what it truly means to "Bear Down." It is a week of free events to build connections and support student wellbeing.
- **Faculty Affairs – Be Kind, Bear Down Initiative, Oct 15, 2025**
 - This is a new campus-wide initiative, in partnership with Ben's Bells and supported by the Office of the Provost, Human Resources, ASUA, Faculty Senate, Staff Council, and other campus partners.
 - This campus-wide effort engages students, faculty and staff in creating environments that promote and recognize kindness. Research shows that kindness strengthens connection, boosts wellbeing, and enhances productivity.
Learn More: [Be Kind, Bear Down Initiative | UA Faculty Affairs](#)