

Provost Prelock Faculty Senate Report

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Search Updates

UAIR Executive Director Search

Finalists' interviews for the UAIR Executive Director position are underway. The committee is chaired by **Dr. Kirsten Limesand**.

- Candidate A – 10/30
- Candidate B – 11/3
- Candidate C – 11/4
- Candidate D – 11/13

Dean, Wyant College of Optical Sciences

Finalists' interviews are taking place this week. The committee is chaired by **Dr. Iman Hakim**.

- Candidate A – 11/6–11/7
- Candidate B – 11/13–11/14
- Candidate C – 11/17–11/18
- Candidate D – 12/1–12/2

Dean, James E. Rogers College of Law

The search is currently underway. Listening sessions with college stakeholders have concluded, the position has been posted, and applications are being accepted. The committee is chaired by **Dr. Lori Poloni Staudinger**.

Dean, R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy

The search process has begun. The committee will meet in November to receive its charge and begin its work. The committee is chaired by **Dr. Julie Funk**.

Dean, College of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences

The search process has also begun. The committee is co-chaired by **Dr. Jenny Lee** and **Dr. Jenna Rickus** and will meet in November to receive its charge and draft the position description.

Faculty Recognition Events

Several outstanding faculty and scholars were honored at **Luminaries** on **October 16** at the Stevie Eller Dance Theater. Learn more about the awardees here: [Outstanding Faculty | Presidential Events & University Ceremonies](#)

Four faculty were recognized at the **Gerald J. Swanson Prize for Teaching Excellence** Recognition Dinner on **October 21**.

Awardees:

Katie Hemphill

Associate Professor, History, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

Lani (Tori) Hidalgo

Associate Professor of Practice, Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science | College of Medicine — Tucson

Ellen Bledsoe

Assistant Professor of Practice, Natural Resources and the Environment, College of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences

Daniel Charbonneau

Assistant Professor of Practice, School of Information, College of Information Science

- A **Promoted Faculty Event** was held on **October 14** to celebrate newly promoted faculty members.

Overview of the 2024–2025 Promotion and Tenure Cycle

Total Dossiers Submitted: 217

Approval Rate: 95.12%

Tenure Track (131 total)

63 Promoted to Full

50 Promoted to Associate with Tenure

6 Tenure Only

2 Tenure-Eligible to Full *with* Tenure

1 Retention Review (University Level)

Continuing Status (18 total)

7 Promoted to Full

2 Promoted to Full *with* Continuing Status

4 Continuing Status Only

4 Promoted to Associate with Continuing Status

1 Retention Review (University Level)

Career Track (63 total)

25 Promoted to Full

38 Promoted to Associate

Provost Initiatives

- **Provost Fellows for Academic Success**

This program engages distinguished faculty and staff in advancing the University's Strategic Imperatives and Academic Success Goals.

Applications are due **November 19**.

Learn more here: [Provost Fellows for Academic Success Goals | University of Arizona Provost](#)

- **Community College Connection Initiative**

Progress continues, with recent meetings held with **Pima Community College** and **Cochise College**.

- **Academic Analytics**

Representatives visited campus last week to meet with Associate Deans for Research, Deans, and Vice Provosts. Discussions focused on college-specific projects, training plans, and support for identifying and nominating faculty for honorific awards.

- **NCFDD "Rethinking Your Research Funding" Workshop**

The Office of the Provost and the Office of Research and Partnerships jointly funded faculty participation in this workshop.

46 faculty members participated (out of 60 available slots – 77% filled)

Participant breakdown:

- 70% Tenure-track
- 15% Other (postdocs, researchers, staff, emeritus)
- 9% Continuing Status
- 6% Career-track

Most participants were at the Assistant and Associate ranks.

Faculty represented colleges across campus, with a strong showing from CALES/Cooperative Extension.

Feedback was highly positive, highlighting the workshop's practical strategies and supportive community.