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Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: October 21, 2019
3:00-5:00 p.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Brewer (Chair), J. Duran, L. Folks, A. Fountain, N. Ghosh, P. Gordon,
R. Hammer (via Zoom), S. Helm, M. Hingle, L. Hudson, J. Lawrence,
D. Ohala, J. Summers, M. Teemant, N. Vega (for S. Hess)

Absent: J. Dudas and W. Neumann

Call to Order

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of September 23, 2019

The minutes of September 23, 2019 were approved.

UPDATES

Report from the President – Jon Dudas

Dudas was absent.

SAPC – Diane Ohala

Campus Pantry Coordinator, Bridget Nobbe, was the guest at the October 9, 2019 meeting. The Campus Pantry's main obstacles have been obtaining sustainable funding and limited student staff. Committee members discussed way to assist in disseminating information about the Campus Pantry to students, and possible support by Senior Leadership, Dean of Students, and Provost Offices. SAPC offered to be a stable conduit to help aid the organization with securing more donations of food, fundraising efforts, and obtaining leftover food from UA Catering events.

APPC – Melanie Hingle

The committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 to discuss the UA Donor Interference document handed out by the Open Session speaker at the October 7, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting. Also on the agenda is a discussion topic brought forth by Co-chairs Amy Fountain and William Neumann of the Career Track Faculty Task Force about whether the APPC would be an appropriate enduring committee to take primary responsibility for Career Track faculty issues going forward.

Report from the Provost – Provost Liesl Folks

Folks reported that SBS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Success, Amy Kimme Hea, and Department Head of Public and Applied Humanities, Judd Ruggill, will

chair Pillar One of the Strategic Plan. Director for the Asthma and Airway Disease Research Center, Fernando Martinez, will chair the College of Science Dean search. Search committee members will be forthcoming, as will The College of Applied Science and Technology Dean search committee chair/committee members. Vice President for Enrollment Management, Kasey Urquidez, will be working with the college deans on enrollment planning processes. The Provost Investment Fund received eighty-six submissions. Folks is reviewing the pattern of submissions to determine whether or not it represents an equitable distribution. If not, she is interested in improving the process in future rounds. Folks explained that the responsibility of the Strategic Plan pillar owners is to communicate with the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Jane Hunter, and that the missions within the pillar are being delivered. The flowchart for New Program Proposals was introduced for discussion. Folks reported that the ultimate goal will be to have a thirty-day turnaround from approval by the Dean of the college to its submission to ABOR.

Chair of the Faculty – Jessica Summers

Summers is in the process of finding a chair for the University-wide General Education Committee. Summers still has concerns with lack of faculty oversight of Success Courses, and an audit needs to be done to find out what courses are currently offered in this category, and how the category is managed.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer

The 'Our Professional Commitments' statement in Chapter 7 of UHAP has been posted to the UA website. Brewer reminded committee members to provide edits and suggestions for the new Guidelines for Shared Governance Memorandum of Understanding. A redirection of the Faculty Senate meetings will focus more on table discussions rather than lengthy PowerPoint presentations to facilitate more engagement. A conversation about the UA's micro-campuses will be forthcoming. A conversation about the Designated Campus Colleague (DCC's) appointments, particularly in the College of Medicine, is slated for a future Faculty Senate meeting in order to engage Senators in discussion of the definition and its relation to membership in the General Faculty.

Secretary of the Faculty – Amy Fountain

As a means for better campus-wide communication, Fountain would like to utilize the Faculty Center website to post a monthly informal summary from Senate Executive Committee meetings. Fountain proposed trying this as a means of keeping Senators informed about what to prepare for with the upcoming meetings, as well as apprising the campus community of the Faculty Senate's business. Fountain recommended testing this approach following this meeting, with an email notification to Senators, as well as a note to all-Faculty. Committee members agreed that this approach with faculty listserv communications might promote a greater engagement.

SPBAC – Sabrina Helm and Barry Brummund

Helm reported that Dean of the Graduate College, Andrew Carnie, discussed Graduate Assistant/Associates' workload and compensation and student program availability. Student-parent issues, benefits, and creating a more family-friendly campus were topics of discussion. Vice President for Enrollment Management, Kasey Urquidez, presented on

student recruitment and enrollment. Student retention will be presented at an upcoming meeting. Helm stressed that narrowing down a series of finite recurring topics for SPBAC will be most effective for its mission.

Committee of Eleven – Javier Duran

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Andrea Romero visited with the committee to discuss administrative reviews. Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Impact, Elizabeth Cantwell visited to discuss her vision to include students, past culture, and goals to bridge gaps between research and the arts. Cantwell discussed the effort to increase undergraduate research opportunities.

Graduate Council – Ron Hammer

Hammer presented the Graduate Faculty Policy. Hammer reported that the policy alters the method by which faculty across the University become involved in graduate education. The policy implements an appointment to graduate faculty status. Brewer made suggestions for language changes pertaining to inconsistent faculty titles. Committee members feel that the policy warrants further feedback from Faculty Senate and will be presented as an information item for discussion.

Undergraduate Council – Neel Ghosh

Ghosh presented the Undergraduate Minor in Global Education. The proposal will move forward for Faculty Senate approval at its November 4, 2019 meeting. Committee members discussed membership on Undergraduate and Graduate Councils, and the process for appointing/electing members. Faculty Center staff will send out information regarding past protocols for populating the Councils.

APAC – Jennifer Lawrence

APAC has responded with a memorandum pertaining to the new UCAP policies that will be put in place for University Staff. There is an overwhelming concern that faculty supervisors are not well-versed in performance management skills, and many staff feel uncomfortable moving into an unprotected position of employment. APAC would like Human Resources to implement a mandatory performance management training program for all supervisors.

ASUA – Noah Vega (for Sydney Hess)

Vega reported that the Campus Pantry would like to come to Faculty Senate for a presentation, and was urged to contact its Director, Michaela Davenport for further details. ASUA is developing a petition to cancel classes on Election Day to allow students more time to vote. Vega reported that many students lack proof of residency in Arizona in order to qualify to vote, and ASUA is asking Residence Life to provide out-of-state students a zero-balance utility bill showing the student's residence in Arizona.

GPSC – Marie Teemant

Teemant spoke to SPBAC about student-parent issues. A family study room is being installed in the Library opening the week after Thanksgiving. Programs will be developed for children to allow parents the ability to study and have care for their children. The policy

on Graduate Student Instruction in General Education passed through the University-wide General Education Committee, and Teemant will be meeting with the subcommittee tomorrow. GPSC, in collaboration with International Student Services, is planning an October Halloween Social and Thanksgiving Day social, which will be open to graduates. GPSC is working with the Graduate College on the Graduate Faculty Policy to more fully define committee involvement for graduate students' benefits.

RPC – Paul Gordon

The committee will be holding its first meeting on October 24, 2019.

Setting the November 4, 2019 Senate agenda

Items were rearranged and times were adjusted for each item.

Other business

There was no other business

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Cherry