

Faculty Senate Meeting Summary March 3, 2014

Reminder: VOTE for faculty senators and officers! Primary election ends Friday March 7.

1. Open Session: Senator Ganapol acknowledged the passing of Dave Hetrick and the many varied and important contributions he made to the University. He also recommended the Senate consider having the UAPD become a permanent member of the Faculty Senate and provide a report as others do on a regular basis.
2. Reports: **ASUA** – Developing a strategic plan which is in alignment with the *Never Settle* plan; agreed to a partnership with the Graduate & Professional Student Council; primary elections begin March 4. **GPSC** – Allocation of \$280,000 in travel grants and \$100,000 in research grants for the coming year; working with the ASUA on the guaranteed tuition proposal to possibly include guaranteed master's tuition for students in Professional Programs; voicing concerns about transparency of program fee allocations. **APAC**, representing approx. 7500 UA employees, reported to the Senate about the creation of an internship program to support the 100% engagement initiatives and a round of competitive scholarships for professional development for APAC members resulting in \$7000 to 8 employees. **Provost Comrie** reported on the COH/SBS retreat on Saturday 2/22 and said information gleaned will go back to the Colleges; working on discussion with APAC on strategic planning; participated in the community make-over project at Kellond Elementary School; Academic Program Reviews are in full swing (2 -4 per week with about 20 total). **President Hart** is working to make insure ABOR President Klein and the overall community understands the significant accomplishments happening on the UA campus. She is leading a trip to Chile with President Klein to tour the giant telescope project. She urges everyone to help our state legislators understand that UA MUST be included in the state budget. The UA is committed to finding external funding sources to compliment and extend what the state is able to provide. April 11 is the kickoff for the UA capital campaign. The searches are going well and candidates are coming to campus. President Hart has asked Jim Hyatt to continue as the interim chief financial officer until a new person has been selected.
3. A motion to release the tabled proposed revisions to the Grievance Policy was approved. Secretary of the Faculty McKean then withdrew the revisions for further study.
4. Students from ASUA presented a Guaranteed Tuition Model they are proposing to the administration. The initiative began two weeks ago and has been endorsed by nearly 1000 students as well as the Residence Hall Association. President Hart reported they have already started to model next year's tuition based on the guaranteed tuition proposal. There is currently a bill moving through the state legislature providing for guaranteed tuition. Both ASUA and President Hart stated they preferred the initiative come from inside the institution rather than mandated by the state. Visit <http://www.guaranteedtuitionaz.com/> for more information.
5. Action Item: After a lengthy discussion, the Senate approved revisions to the Interim Policies for Conflict of Interest in Research and Conflict of Commitment. See <http://orcr.arizona.edu/coi/uapol>
6. Information on the development of the Defense and Security Research Institute was presented by Dr. Jennifer Barton, Interim Vice President for Research. The Institute will be primarily focused on assisting faculty in early identification and pursuit of large-scale funding opportunities. Agencies such as the Department of Defense fund a broad array of research, including neurosciences, materials, information sciences, sensors, environmental and medical research.
7. Action Item: The Senate approved the Action Items from the Non-Tenure Track Task Force Report asking that progress on these items be reported back to Faculty Senate within one year.