

Faculty Senate Meeting Summary May 5, 2014
Reminder: VOTE in special election. Election ends Friday May 9, 5:00 pm
http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/faculty_elections

Last Faculty Senate meeting for AY 2013-2014

1. Action Item: Senators voted to elect members to several key committees. Results were as follows:

University Committee on Ethics and Commitment: Andrew Lotto, Jean E McLain

Committee on Conciliation: Monica Casper, Michael Polakowski, Steven E Smith

University Hearing Board: Deanna Fitzgerald, Yvonne Mery, Natasha Reid, Christine Tardy

Shared Governance Review Committee: William Simmons

Grievance Clearinghouse Committee: Joel Cuello

Senate Executive Committee: William T Neumann

2. Open Session: Larry Evers and Alison Deming from the English Department spoke in favor of the proposed move of the English Department from the College of Humanities to the College of Social and Behavior Sciences. (see item #4 below).

3. Academic Calendars for 2017/18 and 2018/19 were approved.

4. Reports:

GPSC – Faculty are encouraged to urge graduate students to run for GPSC Senate for next year. College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALs), College of Fine Arts, College of Humanities, College of Medicine (non-MD), College of Nursing, College of Science, and UA South each have 1 vacant position. College of Social & Behavioral Sciences has 2 vacant positions. UA GPSC will host the regional meeting of the National Graduate Student organization in 2015.

APAC – Michael Brewer and Tom Miller received the Eugene G Sander Award for Shared Governance this year for their work on the NTT task force and the UHAP revisions.

Vice Chair Mitchell alerted members to the calendars for Senate meetings for AY 2014-15, the state retirement report and the Senate Committee annual reports sent under separate cover. The Annual Reports for most of the committees can be found by committee name on the Faculty Governance website. He also thanked the outgoing Senators for their hard work and dedication to shared governance.

Provost Comrie thanked Wanda Howell, Chair and Robert Mitchell, Vice-Chair for their contributions to shared governance over the past eight years; he is completing the final APR reviews for 20 departments this year and has been impressed by the self-study and strategic thinking on the part of faculty across the departments; Promotion and Tenure letters went out last week and he is incredibly proud of the very strong faculty candidates from the junior level on up.

President Hart adds her thanks to the Officers and Senators and members of the various committees, especially SPBAC. She stressed her belief that shared governance is indeed *shared* and real at the UA. She encourages all members of the faculty to attend the Saturday commencement for a very fun event. The keynote address will be delivered by UA alumna Anna Maria Chávez, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

President Hart discussed the challenges UA faces in light of the legislature providing only parity funding based on FTE enrollment with no mission differentiation. The UA and ABOR will continue to work to find ways to support mission differentiation and look at other states where universities have managed change to allow for

greater freedom. While the veterinary program was not funded by the legislature, there is tremendous support from the College and the many extension programs throughout the state and the UA will continue to look for ways to make such a program happen.

Faculty Chair Wanda Howell complimented the Provost for his implementation of the five-year review process for VPs and looks forward to the same process for Deans. She encouraged the Faculty Senate and the Provost to press for 360 reviews for department/unit heads and to ensure that faculty have input into such reviews on an on-going basis.

3. Faculty Senate approved the following items from Undergraduate and Graduate Councils:

- BA in Computer Science
- BA with a major in Law
- GIDP in Second Language Acquisition and Teaching and Education Technology Program, UA South
- Revisions to UG Single Course and Complete Withdrawal Policies – effective Fall 2014.

4. Information and Action Items approved by Faculty Senate:

- Revisions to UHAP
- Reorganization of American Indian Studies (AIS) from the Vice President for Research office to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. AIS GIDP remains in the Graduate College.
- Reorganization of the Department of English from the College of Humanities to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- Paid Parental Leave Policy <http://policy.arizona.edu/updates/77>