



Minutes for AY 2020-21 Senate Meeting #1

Senate Meeting Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 3:00pm-5:00 pm

Senate meeting #1 Zoom Meeting Link <https://asu.zoom.us/j/98538941665>

Senators Present: (Downtown) Barnes, Chamberlain, Connell, Downie, Fedock, Hager, Hill, Holzapfel, Hrcir, Lopez, Martin, McCoy, Nolan, Russomanno, Sharp, Sweeten, Todd, Weinstein-Tull, Welch, Will; (Polytechnic) Adams, Chanley, Harris, Garg, Kennedy, Manfredo, Moore, Shinabarger, Squire; (Tempe), Abbaszadegan, Adamson, Aggarwal, Bang, Bolmarcich, Bolton, Bryce, Burgstaller, Button, Carrese, Connor, Cortes, Datta, Davies, Day, DeVecchio, Fainekos, Fishel, Graham, Guerrero, Haines, Harper, Harrison, Hedberg, Janssen, Kammerlocher, Kinnier, Klucsarits, Kostelich, LiKamWa, Liu, Lopez, Lussier, Maring, Markos, Maupin, Meissinger, Mejia-Ramirez, Menendez, Mokwa, Moore, Neuer, Pan, Parmentier, Pittman, Printezis, Quan, Randall, Ruth, Sailor, Saucier, Scott, Seasholes, Szeli, Tracogna, Tsakalis, Usman, Vallerand, Vandermeer, Walton-Ramirez, Wells, Whitecotton, Windhorst, Wood; (West) Frost, Hita, King, Lee, Montero-Quesada, Toth, Vogus

Officers: (Downtown) Levinson, Rounds, Sebren, Uriri-Glover; (Polytechnic) Dolin, Kang, Kyselka; (Tempe) Bodman, Haglund, Rose, Stone; (West) Burleson, Pagán, Sweat

Ex Officio: (Tempe) Michael Crow, Mark Searle, Deborah Clarke, Elizabeth Wentz, John Dallmus, James O'Donnell

Guests: Michael Thompson, Brandon Dixon

Absences: (Downtown) Grando, Grosse, Mospan; (Polytechnic) none; (Tempe), Barnaby, Doty, Fini, Garcia, Hale, Kirsch, Lockhart, Lowry, Mehra, Nian, Scott; (West) King

1. Sound/Video Checks

2. Call to Order

- a. Welcome from Senate President, Simin Levinson
- b. Quorum needs met with 88 senators in attendance

3. Action on Minutes of April 27, 2020 Senate Meeting #8 Senate [Meeting Minutes](#)

Minutes were approved

4. UAC Chair's Report – Simin Levinson, Senate President and Chair of the University Academic Council

Chairs and members of the grievance committees, university senate standing committees and ad hoc committees were announced. Professor Shirley Rose was appointed to serve as the Tempe campus past president.

5. Report from the University President

The university is operating at a high level of performance, impact, and productivity. ASU has reached a record enrollment this semester, a 7.6 percent increase from last fall between on-campus, sync, and online activities. A 1 percent drop in on-campus enrollment has occurred due to international students. The university has set records in research activities with more than \$670 million in research expenditures. Fundraising goals were exceeded with more than \$290 million raised. The university has exceeded the \$2.2 billion level for Campaign 2020. Retention is about the same this fall semester as last fall. Spring 2020 saw the highest completion rate of any spring semester. Summer school enrollment was the highest ever at just under 60,000 students. ASU online enrollment has increased by more than 20 percent. The teaching and learning and discovery platform called ASU prep digital, an ASU online level high school, should see between a five- and seven-fold increase by the end of this fall semester.

The university is doing well financially as can be expected; it is unlikely that furloughs or salary reductions will be considered. The University has experienced financial losses, but it should be able to advance with its current workforce. Provost Searle added that a clause in this year's contracts was very concerning for some faculty, but the good news is that the enrollment is extremely robust, no issues are anticipated. The University expects continued strong demand despite financial losses from the drop in international students and the extraordinary expenses due to ASU Sync and COVID-19.

As far as COVID-19, the University is operating in a teaching and learning modality that is heavily online and heavily sync. Very few instructors are using the in-classroom teaching and learning modality; as such, no densification problem exists on the university campuses. Approximately 2,200 accommodations for teaching remotely have been granted. Masking, social distancing and sanitation practices have been implemented successfully. The University has excellent testing facilities and technology. The residence halls present the most complex challenges for managing cases, but thousands of unoccupied spaces are available in the residence halls and local hotels to isolate cases. The University will be changing residence hall configurations to help mitigate spread. The health app is being used and very few people are showing symptoms. Approximately 30,000 students have been tested. Faculty are being asked to pay attention to the COVID-19 data and to ask questions about the data.

As far as social justice initiatives, hundreds of ideas have been received on addressing racism at the University. Twenty-five action items were selected for immediate action, including the beginning of a design for a multicultural facility, intensification of mechanisms to hire black faculty and faculty of color, and a historical analysis of the institution and its patterns of discrimination. In addition, all faculty members on search committees will be required to complete training. A new pathway will be created where postdocs work for two years and then move right into tenure track. The university should serve as an exemplar of what social justice and diversity means.

In response to questions, President Crow mentioned that there is no official requirement that police departments inform him when students are arrested. He also responded to a question about the recent

hiring freeze, that the administration is still approving hiring plans. They recognize some departments are experiencing significant growth and need to hire more faculty to meet demand. The University is also advocating for policy changes and policy designs to help schools overcome systemic problems and help more K-12 students graduate and be college ready. The University has initiatives in place such as the Mary Lou Fulton Teacher's College which is working on a new model for organizing schools, the ASU digital prep platform is offering teacher training, and the college pathways program is helping students get into ASU and succeed. The University is dealing with a serious problem with more COVID-19 cases among students living off-campus. Some students have been suspended and the University will continue to provide guidance and make the community of care training available to those living off campus. Mandatory testing should also help address this issue. Very small numbers of students are attending classes on campus, many are attending through ASU Sync. Faculty who are experiencing challenges with on campus/remote teaching and instructional support should contact Fred Corey through their Dean about whether changes are necessary about how a class is delivered. There is no change in policy pertaining to research with China, everyone must play by the rules.

6. Report from the Provost of the University

The administration is acting on finding ways to help faculty learn from each other on how best to optimize the technology in the classroom. Although Covid management has been a priority, other goals and initiatives need to be advanced.

7. Other Reports

- a. Michael Thompson, Chief of ASU Campus Police

The University police department is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. The police department strives to be on the cutting edge of policing and being fair and equitable to all. Most of all, they consider themselves a part of the community. They endeavor to be slow to enforce laws on students and instead focus on education. Their primary goal is ensuring a safe environment for everyone on campus. The ASU Police Department upholds the Constitution and the First Amendment; as such, people have the right to be heard and voice opinions. The department ensured a safe environment for the protests that were recently held. No one was injured, no property was damaged. Interoperability exists between the University and local municipal police departments, but they primarily function independently of one another. The police department is working with faculty to research key areas in policing.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

- a. **First Reads (First Reads are for informational purposes only on upcoming motions for the next meeting. Senators may seek clarification on first reads, but full discussion is reserved for second reads.)**
 - i. **CAPC Motions**

[Motion 2021-02](#) | Request from the Ira A. Schools of Engineering – School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment - for the establishment of graduate degree

[Motion 2021-03](#) | Request from the – Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering – School of Computing, Informatics, and Decision Systems Engineering - for the establishment of graduate degree

[Motion 2021-04](#) | Request from the – New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences – School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies – for the name change of an undergraduate certificate

ii. Other Motions

- b. **Second Reads** (Unless indicated, these items have had first reads and are action items to be discussed and voted on)
- i. **New Course proposal consent agenda distributed via email on 08/17/2020** (consent agenda – courses voted on in bulk, unless a request is made to remove a course from the consent agenda for discussion) [Motion 2021-01](#)

Final Votes Recorded
Yes = 89 No = 0 Abstain = 4
Senate Motion 2021-01 was approved

ii. CAPC Consent Agenda

none to approve

iii. Other Motions and Resolutions

none to approve

10. Senate Committee Reports

- a. **Reports from Senate Committees:**
- i. Committee on Committees: Motion to approve Senate Standing Committees slate – Appendix B

Final Votes Recorded
Yes = 87 No = 1 Abstain = 3
Committee motion was approved

11. Open Forum

Senators asked questions or made statements about the following: university units were commended for their work, including the University Police Department, the University Libraries, and the University Technology Office. Some faculty have concerns about participation in the random Covid testing initiative, and whether this violates any privacy rights. No specific proposals about faculty hiring policies have been discussed with the administration, but more information will be requested.

President Levinson asked Senators to take their role seriously in representing their units. Constituents should know what is happening in the senate. Senators should help keep their units informed and let them know that they can pass along any questions.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Appendix A
UAC Chair/University Senate President's Chair Appointments for AY 2020-21

Committee Chairs	Appointee
Academic Professional Grievance Committee (APGC)	Anali Perry
Governance Grievance Committee (GGC)	Carla van de Sande
Committee on Academic Freedom & Tenure (CAFT)	Jill Messing
Senate Committee on Committees (CC)	Nicole Blaize Nolan
Curriculum & Academic Programs Committee (CAPC)	Denise Bodman
Personnel Committee (PC)	Mary Jane Parmentier
Research and Creative Activities Committee (RCA)	David Sailor
Student-Faculty Policy Committee (SFPC)	Scott Day
University Services and Facility Committee (USFC)	Khaerannisa (Nisa) Cortes
Library Liaison Committee (LLC)	Sarah Bolmarcich
Other Appointments	
University Senate Secretary	Chris Kyselka
Senate Parliamentarian	Denise Bodman
Senate Rep. to Univ. Ombudspersons Committee	Nancy Cooke
Univ. Senate President's Delegate	
Liaison to Undergraduate Student Government	Brandon Dixon
Liaison to Graduate Student and Professional Association	John Christian Oyas

Appendix B
Committee on Committee: Committee slate
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<i>FN</i>	<i>LN</i>	<i>Campus</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>School/College</i>
Committee on Committees				
Janice	Connell	Tempe	Health Solutions	College of Health Solutions
Pamela	Harris	Polytechnic	Teachers Prep	MLF Teachers College
Elham	Fini	Tempe	School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment	Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
Alyssa	Chamberlain	Tempe	Criminology and Criminal Justice	Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions
Liza	Hita	West	Humanities, Arts & Cultural Studies	New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
Rong	Pan	Tempe	Computing, Informatics & Decisions Systems Engineering	Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
Alissa	Ruth	Tempe	Human Evolution and Social Change	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences - Social Sciences
Personnel Committee				
Mark	Manfredo	Polytechnic	Morrison School of Agribusiness	W. P. Carey School of Business
Brad	Vogus	West	Hayden Library at Tempe	University Libraries
Stephen	Toth	West	School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies	New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
Christofer	Bang	Tempe	School of Life Sciences	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences - Natural Sciences
Susanna	Fishel	Tempe	Mathematical & Statistical Sciences	New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
Simon	Holzappel	Downtown	Health Solutions	College of Health Solutions
Eric	Welch	Downtown	School of Public Affairs	Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions
Vanessa	Hill	Downtown	Nursing	College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Eric	Kostelich	Tempe	Mathematical & Statistical Sciences	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Thurmon	Lockhart	Tempe	Biological & Health Systems Engineering	Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
Antonios	Printezis	Tempe	Supply Chain Management	W. P. Carey School of Business

Student-Faculty Policy Committee

Hala	King*	West	Mathematics	New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Science
Gilberto	Lopez	Tempe	School of Transborder Studies	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Valerie	Adams*	Polytechnic	Interdisciplinary Humanities & Communication	College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
Joseph	Russomanno*	Downtown	Journalism and Mass Comm	Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Mark	Hager	Downtown	School of Community Resources and Development	Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions
Elizabeth	Lowry*	Tempe	English	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Donald	Frost	West	Accountancy	W. P. Carey School of Business
Maureen	McCoy	Downtown	Health Solutions	College of Health Solutions
Ashely	Randall	Tempe	Counseling	College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
Catherine	Saucier	Tempe	Music	Herberger Institute of Design and the Arts

University Services and Facilities Committee

Sangmi	Lee*	West	School of Behavioral Sciences	New College
Vikas	Garg	Polytechnic	Science and Mathematics	College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
Duane	DeVecchio	Tempe	School of Earth and Space Exploration	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Susan	Squire*	Polytechnic	School GIT Programs	Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
Jeffrey	Kingsbury	Downtown	Science, Mathematics and Social Science	College of Integrative Sciences and Arts

Chad	Kennedy	Polytechnic	Polytechnic School	Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
Stephanie	Downie	Downtown	Language and Culture	College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
Robert	Grosse	Downtown	Global Management	Thunderbird School of Global Management
Olivier	Vallerand	Tempe	The Design School	Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
Micki	Hrncir	Downtown	Health Solutions	College of Health Solutions
Ellen	Meissinger	Tempe	School of Art	Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts

* one-year appointment due to senate term