University Senate Meeting # 7
Spring 2014

UAC Chair’s Report

Thomas Schildgen
President of the University Senate
1. Task Force on Institutional Ethics and Integrity at ASU

The 12 members met for a four hour retreat on February 17, where a draft report was generated and edited over the last month. The final meeting of the task force was held on March 20th and included Dan Dillon the Vice President for ASU marketing Enterprise.

The Final Report has been submitted to the President and Provost.

2. ABOR Meetings in Tucson on April 3 and 4

The campus presidents will attend on April 3rd, the meetings on April 4th will be closed executive sessions.

Approved by the UAC:

Whereas

• the faculty control the curriculum
• the quality and reputation of the university depends on the faculty
• shared governance is crucial to the running of the university
• the committee system is the best model for decision-making in the university
• faculty committees oversee the curriculum and standards

Be it resolved that faculty service on committees and the Senate be recognized, highly valued, and robustly encouraged.
4. Non-Tenure Track Faculty Meeting
Last meeting Wednesday, March 26, 2014 – Downtown campus

Senate to write 4 brief Position Papers on the following topics in ranked order:

a. Defining the Role and Value of Non Tenured Track Faculty
   Lead Authors: Robert St. Louis and Thomas Schildgen

b. Professional Development of Non Tenured Track Faculty
   Lead Authors: Melanie Pitts and Rajni Nair

c. Classification of Lecturers and Clinical Professors by Academic Discipline and Tradition
   Lead Authors – Dean Chiarelli and Thomas Schildgen

d. Non Tenured Track Faculty Options for Emeritus Status, and the Take It or Leave It Culture at ASU
   Lead Authors: Barbara Fargotstein and Thomas Schildgen
5. Ad-Hoc Committee on Resources and Protocol for Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Abuse has one more meeting to Review the Website developed to provide information and support services.

This Ad-Hoc Committee will deliver its final web pages at the April 28 Senate meeting.
6. The Task Force for Constitution and By-Law Changes held their last meeting on February 28 and submitted their final edits to me. The first read of these changes to the By-Laws will be at the March 31st Senate meeting, with the final vote at the April 28th meeting.

The Academic Assembly must vote on the Senate approved Constitution changes, and only the Senate must vote on the By-Law changes.

Three Articles for the Constitution

Four Articles for the By-Laws
7. The Data Archive Task Force (DATF) was convened in the late fall of 2013 as a subcommittee of the Research and Creative Activities Committee (RCA) with the task of considering university policies toward the archiving of research data, including both data accessibility and infrastructure, particularly with regard to upcoming changes in federal policy toward data accessibility for funded research.

The DATF submitted their report to the Senate Office on Friday, Feb 28th and this will be posted on the senate website for further review. The first read of the DATF Report will be at the March 31st Senate meeting and the discussion and vote will be at the April 28th Senate meeting. Michael Rosenberg will present the results of the DATF and recommendation for the Data Archive Working Group (DAWG).
7. The RCA Committee is working with a group of professors to examine the Laboratory Safety Policies.

The chair of the RCA, Joe Comfort met with 6 people last Wednesday, March 26 to discuss concerns with the proposed laboratory safety document submitted by Michael Caplan and Seth Rose.

At this meeting two motions were discusses that the Senate might be able to adopt:

1. A new ACD policy on the responsibilities for safety, basically taking the initial part of the Caplan and Rose proposal and making it an ACD policy. (This action is analogous to the recent Senate adoption of an ACD policy on data retention.) Such statements already exist in the EHS manual, but having something in ACD would emphasize their importance and the special responsibilities that faculty have.
7. The RCA Committee is working with a group of professors to examine the Laboratory Safety Policies.

2. A resolution that requests the UAC to work with the Provost Office, and others, to establish a new Provost-chartered university Laboratory Safety Committee. This committee would replace a current ad hoc committee, and possibly one or more EH&S committees. It would be advisory to the Provost and EH&S. The motion would, in broad ways, convey the thoughts the Senate has about the composition and role of the committee.

This same group of professors will continue discussion and revisions so that the motion on an ACD policy can be presented at the April meeting.
8. Outstanding Faculty

ASU professor wins 'Digging Into Data' challenge…

ASU professor C. Michael Barton has been named a “Digging Into Data” challenge winner. He is among a cohort of research teams representing Canada, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States that were named by 10 international research agencies, including the National Science Foundation in the United States.

The Digging into Data program encourages research teams to develop new insights, tools and skills in innovative social science and humanities research.

Arntzen presents at national biodefense meeting…

Among the key presenters was ASU Regents' Professor Charles Arntzen, who discussed the history and promise of “plant pharming” in a presentation at the 2014 American Society for Microbiology’s Biodefense and Emerging Diseases Meeting, held in Washington, D.C.
The March 2014 Senator Spotlight is on Dr. Audrey Beardsley

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College

“We as a faculty have more authority over university-level matters than I understood before, and we are indeed well represented when it comes to decisions and directions I formerly assumed to be administrative.”
9. 2014 University Senate Demographic Data

Senate Job Classifications
All Campuses-SP2014

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Senate Job Classifications by Campus
April 2014

Voting Members

Campus/Group

Downtown  Polytechnic  Tempe  West  UAC

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**Senate Members by Gender**
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    - Male: 7
    - Female: 10

- Senate Members by Gender
  - Polytechnic Campus-SP2014
    - Male: 6
    - Female: 6

- Senate Members by Gender
  - Tempe Campus-SP2014
    - Male: 52
    - Female: 22

- Senate Members by Gender
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