

To: Faculty Senate Steering Committee
From: Amy Dayton and Steven Yates
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Re: Annual report from Community and Legislative Affairs for AY 2018-19

Members: Jeremy Crawford, Gwenetta Curry, Amy Dayton (co-chair), Denise DeSalvo, Louann Friend, Jenna Stiffler, Steven Yates (co-chair)

Below are the accomplishments/activities of the Community/Legislative Affairs Committee in AY 2018-19.

- 1) Track state-level legislative developments for potential impact on UA; serve as a liaison between the faculty senate and our governmental affairs representative.
- 2) Meet with SGA officers to discuss potential collaboration to encourage voter registration on campus.
- 3) Collaborate with the Professional Staff Assembly, the Office, Clerical, and Technical Staff Association, and with the Steering Committee leadership to propose and obtain a TIAA-funded grant to conduct service projects on campus and in the community, for a faculty day of service. We chose two service partners, Alabama Reach, and Brewer Porch. The Senate conducted a drive for gift cards and supplies for Alabama Reach students and participated in building the structure for a salsa garden at Brewer Porch.
- 4) Propose a commission on race and memory to track the history of slavery on the UA campus. The proposal was passed in the Senate and endorsed by Academic Affairs, and has been sent to the Office of Diversity. Articles in *Tuscaloosa News* have reported on these efforts.
- 5) Hold a legislative reception to bring faculty senators and state legislators together for conversation. Senator Gerald Allen and Representatives Bill Poole and Kyle South attended as well as over 20 faculty senators. Special thanks to UA System Director of Governmental Affairs Charlie Taylor and Faculty Senate Administrative Assistant Linda Knowles for their assistance with the event.

