Faculty Senate Orientation

April 20, 2021
WELCOME!

You are:
1 of 86 Senators
or
1 of 86 Alternates
And
1 of 54 new Senators or Alternates
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• Senate Website: http://facultysenate.ua.edu
Currently contains the 2020-2021 information but will be updated shortly
• Senate Constitution: http://facultysenate.ua.edu/faculty-senate-constitution
• Senate Bylaws: http://facultysenate.ua.edu/faculty-senate-bylaws
Expectations & Responsibilities

Senators:

• Attend Senate meetings
• (if you cannot attend), Ask an official Alternate from your College to attend in your place
• Review agenda and be prepared to discuss
• Attend & fully participate in your committee
  – Note: Alternates are not required for committees
Senators:

• Avoid conflicts with Senate and Committee meetings when at all possible: all meetings are primarily on Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00 pm
  – Some committees are more active than others, therefore the time commitments vary
  – Normal time commitment per month is 3-5 hours; some more / some are less
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Alternates:

• Attend Senate meetings upon request of a Senator in your College

• Keep abreast of Senate activities in the event you are asked to attend a meeting
General Information

- Agendas & relevant information are sent the week prior to a Senate meeting (usually Fridays)
- Meetings are from 3:30-5:00, but can run until 5:15
- Meetings will be in person (beginning in August; location TBA)
- The Senate calendar is officially April – March, though there are some “lame duck” activities until the new committees are approved
General Information-cont.

• Senate Representation to UA Standing Committees is August 16-August 15, regardless of Senate term

• Senate and Committee correspondence are via Listserv
Co-chairs for Committees

• Note: there are multiple opportunities open for Senate Committee co-chairs

• Be aware of the time commitment:
  – Senate meeting (3rd Tuesday of each month)
  – Committee meeting (1st OR 4th Tuesday of each month)
  – Steering Committees (2nd Tuesday of each month)
  – Meetings with the Provost (every other Thursday)
  – TOTAL: 7-9 hours / month
Senate 2021-2022 Agenda

We will be determining co-chairs for Senate Steering Committees today (4.20.21):

• The 1st Steering Committee meeting will be May 11th
  – We will discuss the 2021-2022 Agenda

• The 1st SC meeting with the Provost will be May 13th
  – We will meet throughout the summer, with a break in July
Thank you for your willingness to serve your college and the University in this important role as a Senator or Alternate!