FACULTY SENATE MEETING  4-20-21

The Faculty Senate new senator and alternate orientation was held prior to the full Faculty Senate meeting. The recorded session and the power point presentation will be posted on the Faculty Senate web page.


ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE:  Mary Stone/Tom Lopez; Amy Ellis/Michael Stellefson.

ABSENT: Kim Colburn, Brittany Gilmer, Alessandra Montalbano, John Petrovic, Robert Riter, Hank Lazer.

PRESS: Laura Braddick, Strategic Communications.

GUESTS:  Luvada Harrison, Matthew Davis, Dale Dickerson, Gregg Bell, Holly Swain, Elizabeth Woodruff, Mark Weaver, Keith Williams, Michelle Hale, Nathaniel Bray.

Roll call and quorum check by Faculty Senate Secretary Barb Dahlbach.

The Faculty Senate meeting minutes of March 23, 2021 were approved.

Robert Riter is confirmed as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian.

President’s Report  – (Chapman Greer) UA operations will return to normal on May 15, 2021. Special accommodations for extenuating circumstances may be made when necessary.

The offered probationary tenure-track faculty to extend their probationary period by one year excluding faculty with official appointment dates of April 15, 2020 or later has been extended for an optional one year with certain conditions. This is offered to probationary faculty that may have declined to register for an extension when originally offered.

The UA Board of Trustees met in Huntsville on April 8 and 9, 2021 where discussions included new construction on each of the three campuses.

Faculty Senate end-of-year committee reports are due by May 7, 2021.

Vice President’s Report – (Matthew Hudnall) Vice President Hudnall virtually attended the Board of Trustees Financial and Physical Property Committee meetings. The installation of the elephant statue, “Tuska”, on UA’s campus was discussed.
Secretary’s Report – *(Barb Dahlbach)* The Senate committees were approved as submitted by the Faculty Senate.

The following co-chairs were selected by the individual committees.

**Faculty Senate Standing Committee Co-chairs**

- **Academic Affairs** – Babs Davis & Rona Donahoe
- **Community & Legislative Affairs** – Joy Burnham & Steven Yates
- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** – Lyndell McDonald & Luke Niiler
- **Faculty Life** – Heather Elliott & Ruth Ann Hall
- **Faculty & Senate Governance** – Ibrahim Cemen & Jeri Zemke
- **Financial Affairs** – Byung-Cheol Kim & Mary Stone
- **Information Technology & Strategic Communications** – Patrick Kung & Nathan Loewen
- **Research & Service** – Douglas Bish & Shanlin Pan
- **Student Life** – Jennifer Dempsey & Amy Traylor
- **Transforming Campus Culture (taskforce)** – Leah Cheatham, Litsa Cheimariou, Barb Dahlbach, Brittany Gilmer, Sundar Krishnan, Christopher Lynn, Russel Peterson, Regina Range, Alyx Vesey.

The Senate Representatives to the UA Standing Committees were approved by as follows.

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES – FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Awards** – Alyx Vesey
- **Campus Master Plan** – Jeremy Crawford
- **Campus Security & Safety** – Brittany Gilmer
- **Committee on External Scholarships & Fellowships** – Joy Burnham
- **Committee on University Committees** – Nathan Loewen
- **Conflict of Interest** – Todd DeZoort
- **Core Curriculum Oversight** – Sundar Krishnan
- **Equal Opportunity** – Sheila Black
- **Faculty & Staff Benefits** – Rona Donahoe
- **Graduate Council** – Jaber Abu-Qahouq
- **Health & Safety** – Cecily Collins
- **Human Relations Council** – Moises Molina
Information Technology – Brian Britt
Institutional Animal Care & Use – Nicole Swoszowski
Institutional Biological Safety – Clara Rebecca Owings
Institutional Review Board – Medical – Michael Callihan
Institutional Review Board – Non-Medical – Sara McDaniel
Intercollegiate Athletics – Matthew Hudnall
Interim Program Coordination – Barbara Dahlbach
International Education – Sushma Kotru
Libraries – Alexis Davis-Hazell
Media Planning Board – John Latta
Parking & Transportation – Matthew Hudnall
Research Grants – Patrick Kung
Student & Campus Life – Jennifer Dempsey
Student Health – Michael Lawson
Teacher Education Council – Julie Bannerman
Technology & Learning – Russel Peterson
Undergraduate Council – Edith Szanto
University Recreation – Heather Elliott

The appointments for UA Standing Committees serve from August 16th to August 15th of the following year which is different from the Faculty Senate senator terms.

Adjourned at 4:44