

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA
September 20, 2022
110 Bidgood

Roll Call and Quorum Check - (Barb Dahlbach)

Approval/Correction of the Minutes for August 16, 2022 – (Barb Dahlbach)

President's Report – (Chapman Greer)

- Senate Priorities for 2022-2023 (see attached)
- Deaf Awareness Event: <https://clc.ua.edu/deaf-awareness-week-forum-program/>

Vice President's Report – (Matthew Hudnall) – No Report

Secretary's Report – (Barb Dahlbach)

- BoT meeting (see attached for BoT agenda)

Senate Committee Reports:

- **Faculty Life – (Heather Elliott & Alex Tokovinine)**
 - Encourage UA to join a Scholar Rescue Network or establish fund for scholars in need of emergency help
 - Review faculty access to UA's rec facilities, including access for children of faculty
 - Introduce possibility of faculty life survey on Tuscaloosa amenities (or lack thereof), to provide UA with a better idea of where to focus efforts in recruitment and retention
- **Academic Affairs – (Rona Donahoe & Babs Davis)**
 - AAC report
 - GE Reform
 - 2022-2023 Faculty Handbook Changes
- **Research & Service – (Shanlin Pan & Clay VorHees)**
 - **Stakeholder meeting of IRB with faculty representatives and faculty senators on Sept 29, 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Need FS's help to put together a list of faculty representatives**
 - OSP employed 4 additional Specialists recently and is actively recruiting for a Senior Specialist(5+ years of direct research admin. experience), but it has been difficult to recruit someone with that level of applicable experience
 - ORED Small Grants Program: below is a summary of FY19-FY22 data. Equipment grants (Level 3) were last awarded in 2018. In that year there were 2 equipment proposals and both were awarded. The Level 3 award amount totaled \$121,191, with an additional \$122,067 for cost sharing. There are other possible ways to ask for small equipment (e.g., cost-sharing of College/Department/ORED, and small grants from institutes)

ORED Small Grant Program Award Rate FY2019 thru FY2022

Fiscal Year	Total # Awards	Total Amount Awarded	# Eligible submissions	% Awarded
2019	65	\$376,696	80	81.25%
2020	35	\$204,720	57	61.40%
2021	16	\$158,556	68	23.53%
2022	19	\$164,909	54	35.19%

- **Student Life** – (Amanda Espy-Brown & Kim Parker)

- Update on REACH
- Requests for faculty participation on sub-committees for the Homecoming Queen:
During the spring of 2022, a student-led Task Force reviewed the Homecoming Queen elections process and provided recommended changes that have been adopted for the upcoming Fall election. This new process seeks to provide a 1st-level vetting of Homecoming Queen candidates that includes essay responses and an interview score, before the eventual top 5 candidates move on to a general student election. This vetting process will be facilitated through sub-committees of the Homecoming Steering and Advisory Committee, which will be made up of faculty/staff, students, and alumni.

We are currently seeking faculty members for the following roles and time commitments on the Steering & Advisory Committee:

- [Essay Review](#)- Each Queen Candidate will submit 4 (500-word or less) essays based on the 4 pillars of Homecoming Queen. We are seeking a minimum of 5 faculty to review and score each essay with the prescribed rubric (see web link). Easy would be accessible as applications come in and would be de-identified and added to a box folder. Each essay scoring would be submitted via an accessible weblink. Scoring will primarily happen between **Tuesday, September 20th and Sunday, September 25th** Faculty need to be available to score each applicant in the designated time period. The final deadline to have them completed would be 11:59PM on that Sunday night. We anticipate between 5-15 total applicants.
- [Interview Panel](#)- Each Queen applicant will also participate in a 15-20 minute individual interview with the Interview Panel. We are seeking at least 2 faculty to serve on this panel. Scheduled interview times will be based on the availability of the group. But the following dates have been identified: **Wednesday, September 21st through Sunday, September 25th**

Our hope will be to release interview scheduling times as soon as possible. But, in order to do that we will need to solidify participation. Those who are willing to participate would need to be able to identify blocks of availability on the desired dates.

- **IT & Strategic Communications** – (Patrick Kung & Xiaoyan Hong)

- The OIT 2022-2025 Strategic Plan has been published and can be found at: <https://oit.ua.edu/about/strategic-plan/2022-2025-strategic-plan/>. Faculty are free to send us comments/concerns

- **Faculty & Senate Governance** – (Jeri Zemke & Ruth Ann Hall)

- Affirmation vote confirms Dr. Meenakshi Arora to the Mediation Committee, effective immediately

- **Community & Legislative Affairs** – (Joy Burnham & Steven Yates)

- C&LA committee members attended the Division of Community Affairs' The Art of Town and Gown Relationships reception held on August 31, 2022, to welcome a leadership delegation from the University of Georgia and the City of Athens, GA
- Senate President Greer and C&LA committee members attended UA's Neighborhood Partnership Committee (NPC) meeting on August 31, 2022
- You Make UA Great – Employee Appreciation and Resource Information Fair on Monday, October 3, 4-7pm, UA Quad
- United Way – UA continues to lead SEC schools in United Way campaign support. Let's continue that leadership this year!

- **Taskforce for Transforming Campus Culture** – (*Barb Dahlbach*) – No Report
- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** – (*Thomas Herwig & Alessandra Montalbano*) – No Report
- **Financial Affairs** – (*Todd DeZoort and Tom Baker*) – No Report

Reports from Other Committees

- Compliance Committee (*Babs Davis*)
- Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee (*Rona Donahoe*)

Old Business

New Business

- Seth Bordner: **Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive: Oct 3-Oct 6 On Campus**
 - **QR Code attached with Agenda and Materials**

Reminders

- **Next SC meeting October 18th 2022 – Venue: 110 Bidgood**

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