

Faculty Senate

Summary of the Monday, March 2, 2015 Meeting

After the call to order, Faculty Senate held a short remembrance for Richard Ruiz. Speakers were Sofia Ramos from Mexican American Studies and Dean Ron Marx from the College of Education. We were all reminded of Dr. Ruiz's humor, his deep commitment to his students his University and his passion for social justice and human rights.

Minutes of the previous meeting, reports from the chair, ASUA, GPSC, APAC and the Provost and President are available as links on the agenda <http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/faculty-senate/senate-agenda/march-2015-senate-agenda>

Provost Comrie spoke about the *Never Settle* presentation at the February ABOR meetings, the budgeting process and the progress of the cluster hire initiative. Letters are out for those with the leading proposals. See his report linked from the agenda. Jon Dudas from the President's office presented the President's report as President Hart was in Phoenix talking with the legislative committees on the budget for higher education. It is the position of our University to support Governor Ducey's budget and the process of distribution based on students FTE.

During Open Session, Marlys Witte expressed concern over the generation of a list of those who violate the "3 day window" of the granting process and are thus at risk of not receiving more grants.

Three items from Undergraduate Council were discussed and approved. A new BA in American Indian Studies; change in policies concerning second bachelor's degrees for both concurrent and sequential degrees. See links on agenda <http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/faculty-senate/senate-agenda/march-2015-senate-agenda>

The Senate approved the proposal for the School of Information Reorganization/Merger with a brief discussion concerning the perceived lack of involvement of other units/colleges and the hope that more collaboration will be forth coming. The proposed revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws were approved. The revisions will be sent to the General Faculty and put on the ballot during the Spring 2015 General Faculty General Elections.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a structured discussion among Senators on *Never Settle* by SPBAC Co-Chairs, Mika Galilee-Belfer/Randy Richardson and Vice President for Strategic Planning and Analysis, Barbara Bryson. Senators were asked to consider what the UA could do to help them better understand *Never Settle*; in what ways can/could a UA Strategic Plan influence their professional lives in a positive way; and to consider in what ways that are personally meaningful could our strategic plan be used for decision making at the unit (department or college) level.

Finally, the Senate approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to address issues concerning non-tenure track faculty at the University of Arizona. Senators were asked to identify potential members for this committee and to submit names to Lynn Nadel, Chair of the Faculty.

Submitted by Barbara McKean, Secretary of the Faculty 12-4-2014