

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
**Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee**

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**DRAFT Minutes**

Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
8:15-9:50 a.m. Old Main Boardroom

- Present: R. Richardson (Co-Chair), A. Vaillancourt (Co-Chair), J. Baxter, M.L. Brown, M. Burke, B. Carter, A. Comrie, B. Conway, P. Dourlein, J. Duran, K. Espy, J. Florian, T. Gibson, G. Goldman, S. Helm, S. Keim, M. Lubisich, M. Marzinsky, M. Miller, L. Nadel, S. Panferov, C. Rocha, L. Rulney, M. Tatum, J. Treviño, K. Washington White, K. Whisman, X. Zeng
- Absent: V. Del Casino, J. Fares, JP. Rocznik, M. Taylor
- Guests: President Robbins, T. Miller, C. Sigurdson

**Call to Order**

Co-Chair R. Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

**Approval of the Minutes of September 6, 2017**

The minutes of September 6, 2017 were approved with three abstentions.

**Updates**

Both the Co-Chairs welcomed President Robbins to the SPBAC meeting.

President Robbins updated the Committee on several items:

- Honors College – JCCR has provided favorable review of the proposed development for the Honors College Complex Project.
- UA Strategic Plan – President Robbins is exploring options that involve engaging a consulting firm to help facilitate the creation of a new strategic plan. The strategic planning process will be participatory and transparent.
- Diversity Task Force – The President and Members discussed next steps to respond to the final report developed by the Diversity Task Force. Options included releasing the entire final report or an executive summary of the final report. The President stated that it is important to share what the UA has been done and not done, and to commit to working together on addressing the concerns and recommendations in the final report.

Provost Comrie updated the Committee about the dean search in the College of Education:

- The Provost is working with the search committee to identify a new dean for the College of Education. They have received several qualified candidates for this position.

G. Goldman provided the Committee on two updates:

- Lisa Rulney – Goldman congratulated Lisa Rulney on being selected as our next Associate Vice President for Financial Services.
- Building 90 – The request for \$18 million bond issuance for the renovations of the School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Science Building Project (Building 90) was favorably reviewed by the JCCR. With the delays in approval, the original plan of reoccupying Building 90 in Fall 2018 may not be possible, but remains a goal.

K. Espy provided the Committee update with an update on a new gift:

- Biosphere 2 received a generous gift of \$30 million to advance the research work at the facility. The funding will be used to address several questions in food, water and energy security.

Meg Lota Brown provided the Committee on several updates:

- UA was recently awarded a \$1.16 million over the course of 5 years by the U.S. Department of Education to support the Ronald McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program for underrepresented minority students in attaining PhDs.
- UA graduate enrollment are up 2% over last fall, current enrollment is over 8,000 graduate students. Enrollment are higher in every category: domestic, international, and underrepresented minority students.
- Postdoctoral Affairs Inaugural Orientation – The Postdoctoral Affairs Orientation was held on September 20, 2017. This is the first postdoctoral orientation offered at the UA. The orientation welcomes postdoctoral scholars to the UA and provides resources on campus and information about the Postdoctoral Affairs office, which was established in January 2017.

### **Discussion: Priorities and Action Planning for 2017-2018**

To welcome new members and to help President Robbins get to know SPBAC and its members better, members introduced themselves and identified their top choice amongst the list of questions developed at the last SPBAC meeting for SPBAC to consider this academic year, and the reason for their choice. Later, in small groups, Members discussed their top five key questions. Report outs focused on the top questions and reasoning. Members were asked to leave the co-chairs with their top five questions, which will be used to prepare for future meetings.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

### **Future Meetings**

October 4, 2017

8:15 am – 9:50 am

Old Main Boardroom

*Our UA Rankings Strategy – What Metrics Matter?*

October 18, 2017	8:15 am – 9:50 am	Old Main Boardroom
November 1, 2017	8:15 am – 9:50 am	Old Main Boardroom
November 15, 2017	8:15 am – 9:50 am	Old Main Boardroom
December 6, 2017	8:15 am – 9:50 am	Old Main Boardroom
December 20, 2017	8:15 am – 9:50 am	Old Main Boardroom