

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

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**Minutes**

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

8:15-9:50 a.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: A. Vaillancourt (Co-Chair), X. Zeng (Co-Chair), M.L. Brown, M. Burke, B. Carter, J. Duran, T. Gee, T. Gibson, J. Goldberg, G. Goldman, S. Helm, S. Keim, M. Lubisich, M. Marzinsky, M. Miller, L. Nadel, S. Panferov Reese, K. Rogan, M. Tatum, K. Washington White, K. Whisman

Absent: B. Conway, V. Del Casino, P. Dourlein, K. Espy, J. Fares, J. Florian, JP Rocznik, L. Rulney, M. Taylor, J. Treviño,

Guests: President Robbins, Tony Proudfoot, Chris Sigurdson, Jessica Summers

**Call to Order**

Co-Chair X. Zeng called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

**Approval of the Minutes of March 21, 2018**

The minutes of March 21, 2018 were approved with two changes and one abstention.

**Senior Leadership Updates**

President Robbins provided several updates to the committee:

- SVP for Health Sciences – The selected candidate for the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences will be announced soon.
- Vice President for Marketing – The search committee has two more interviews before recommending a slate of candidates to President Robbins.
- Provost search – The formation of a search committee is underway.
- ABOR – ABOR meeting will take place on campus from April 4 – 6, 2018.
- Commencement – The Spring 2018 UA Commencement is approaching and the President encourages UA faculty to participate.

- Tech Launch – With David Allen’s pending departure, President Robbins is considering how to increase the impact of Tech Launch Arizona and incorporate this office into broader UA initiatives.
- Inaugural UA Leadership Meeting – The President will meet with department heads, deans, and other leaders on Monday, April 9 to discuss initiatives being led by the President and the Provost and to address questions raised by the participants.
- Strategic Planning – Phase two is near completion. Possible themes have emerged from the sessions and discussions. These are ideas that we can accomplish in the next decade or so.

Senior Vice President Gregg Goldman provided the committee with three updates:

- RCM – The RCM Steering Committee and Sub-Committees are moving along in the process. Plans are to work through the summer.
- Commencement – Plans are underway to manage traffic on campus and faculty and staff may be asked to work at home on the day of commencement.
- Office of Auditor General’s Information Security Audit – The State Office of the Auditor General conducts audits of state agencies once each ten years. This office selected student fees, student success and information security as audit topics. The first two audits are complete and the information security audit is ongoing. In response to preliminary concerns about the need for a dedicated Chief Information Officer, Barry Brummund was appointed to serve in this role. He will report to Karen Williams. Plans are underway to determine how to improve information security throughout the university.

Co-Chair Vaillancourt requested the committee to provide feedback on the *White Paper on Optimal Organization* by Friday, April 6, 2018. The paper will be distributed to the Co-Chairs of the Strategic Planning process.

**Discussion: Student experience recommendations**

Co-Chair Xubin summarized the student experience conversations that took place on March 21, 2018. While most of the concerns should be addressed as part of the University Strategic Planning process, three actionable recommendations are made for possible implementation at the beginning of fall semester 2018:

- Enhance capacity within Counseling and Psychological Services. Possible suggestions were made to increase space and expand service hours in the evening after 5 P.M.

- Provide orientation class or online material to teach D2L, UAccess, and other online resources.
- Provide peer-mentoring opportunities. Provide more resource for incoming students. Allows incoming students to become aware of the resources that are available to them and become effective.

Comments made by the committee include:

- Reflect student voice in the strategic planning. We need to include student input. How is this going to be integrated in the process?
- GPSC Representative Taylor Gee indicated there is a resource being developed by GPSC and is underway. GPSC would like to distribute it by fall 2018.
- The focus should be on student success. How can we help our students become successful through retention, graduating, and getting a job after graduating?
- One idea is to have a similar session for students as we do for deans. We need to hear from diverse voices.
- How can we facilitate peer mentoring opportunities?

### **Discussion: Cluster hires**

There were several cluster hires of faculty members in the past few years. A short discussion was held on the pros/cons of and strategy for cluster hires. Key comments include: if cluster hires will be considered again, they should emphasize not only research but also teaching and diversity/inclusion.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

### **Future Meetings**

April 18, 2018	8:15 am – 9:50 am	Old Main Boardroom
May 2, 2018	8:15 am – 9:50 am	Old Main Boardroom (FINAL MEETING OF THE SEMESTER)