President Hart Updates APAC on Never Settle Successes

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President Ann Weaver Hart underscored the role of appointed professionals in UA successes, and ensured their input would be considered in the search for her successor, during a presentation to the Appointed Professional Advisory Council [1] on Monday.

Hart's presentation to APAC members centered on the four pillars in the UA's strategic plan, Never Settle [2]: engaging, innovating, partnering and synergy. She provided examples of what the University community has been doing around the pillars, including OSIRIS-REx [3], the rise in diversity on campus [4] with the incoming class and the recent appointments [5] of Jesús Treviño, vice provost for inclusive excellence and senior diversity officer, and Rebecca Tsosie, special advisor to the provost for diversity and inclusion and Regents' Professor in the James E. Rogers College of Law. Hart also mentioned Student Affairs efforts in recruiting for online programs at the UA, and implementation of academic support [6] for veterans or active military with programs like the Warrior-Scholar Project, an academic boot camp.

Hart emphasized how crucial the work of appointed professionals has been to achieving the goals of Never Settle.

"I can't tell you how incredibly proud I am to be part of the team that has made this possible at the University of Arizona," Hart said. "And what amazing progress in just the last four years. So congratulations to all of you."

Hart noted that the examples represented only a fraction of the UA's accomplishments in recent years.

Every year, APAC invites the UA president to report on issues that might affect appointed professionals across the University. With Hart's time as president set to end by 2018, she assured the audience that appointed professionals' opinions will be heard and noted in the search for the next University president.

During the Q&A session that followed her hourlong PowerPoint presentation [7], Hart spoke about her areas of focus for her remaining time as president - successful leadership succession, job design and innovation, and financing and government policy in academia. She also expressed her excitement about joining the faculty.

APAC Chair Sara Knepper, academic advising coordinator in the College of Education [8], concluded the event by inviting all appointed professionals to get involved by attending meetings and submitting ideas or questions [9] to APAC.

Next month, Treviño will address APAC about his work at the UA.
To learn more about the Appointed Professionals Advisory Council, click here [1].

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