



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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**Dean Update (3):
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Cyndi Award

I am pleased to inform you that Cyndi Thomson has been selected to receive the “University Distinguished Outreach Faculty Award”. Please join me in congratulating Cyndi for this outstanding achievement.

Undergraduate Biology Research Program (UBRP)

The college participates in supporting the UBRP (UG) Program annually. Please spread the message and inform the students and the faculty about this funding opportunity for our students' research at UA and globally.

Dean's council update

- The Dean council discussed the proposal submitted by the Confucius institute /Zhao Chen to establish a research center for “Chinese Health and Wellness” supported by an annual non-restricted research gift of \$50,000-\$100,000/year for at least 5 years.
- The meeting's minutes are posted on the intranet.
- As a reminder: The dean's council meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month and the chairs of the faculty, APs, staff and student assemblies are welcome to submit an agenda item to Lorraine 10 days before the meeting to be 1) either discussed by the dean's council or 2) the chair can attend in person to present the issue to the council and be part of the discussion.

P&T Mini Retreat

- Faculty discussed several issues related to P&T and reviewed the Current College and UA P&T guidelines
- Beth will follow-up with the faculty assembly
- Minutes from the retreat will be sent to the attendee for review before posting

Departments' strategic plans

Reminder: Department chairs are expected to submit a preliminary draft of their department's strategic plan for discussion in our April meeting. I encourage all of you to be actively engaged in shaping the future direction of your department