NAU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes Monday, May 2, 2005

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Call to order:

Senate President Larry Mohrweis called the meeting of the NAU Faculty Senate to order at 3:08 p.m. in the Student Union/Kaibab room.

Members Present: Thom Alcoze, Sylvester Allred, Minnie Andrews (phone), Roger Bacon, Virginia Blankenship, Kathy Bohan, Joe Boles, Jeff Carrico, Charles Connell, Dan Cothran, Bill Culbertson, Jim Davis (phone), Susan Deeds, Sally Doshier, Marcus Ford, Angela Golden, Tara Green, Kelley Hays-Gilpin, Liz Grobsmith, Emily Hill, Gloria Horning, Max Jerrell, Gae Johnson, Chris Lanterman, Rich Lei, Lomayumtew Ishii, Barry Lutz, Dave McKell, Rich McNeill, Janet McShane, Eric Meeks, Larry Mohrweis, Cecilia Ojeda, Michael Ort, Lon Owen, Jim Pinto, Mary Reid, Jon Reyhner, Blase Scarnati, Nando Schellen, Karen Sealander, David Sherry, Sandra Stone, Tom Waters (phone) and Marsha Yowell.

Members Excused: Mary Dereshiwsky, Chris Lanterman

Members Absent: T.S. Amer, Joel DiBartolo, Marge Conger, William Gibson, Denise Helm, Willie Odem, Nancy Paxton, Laura Umphrey

Others Present: Louise Lockard, Susanna Maxwell, Patty Moore, Karen Pugliesi

Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes: Senate President Larry Mohrweis asked for an approval of the agenda. A motion made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Passed. Senate President Larry Mohrweis asked for an approval of the minutes from the April 25, 2005 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients: President Larry Mohrweis recognized the two recipients of the Faculty Senate Scholarship. Stephanie Edie and Amanda Trujillo are both nursing majors and were awarded \$500.00 each for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Opening Comments - Senate President 2004-2005: Senate President Larry Mohrweis recognized new senator Lomayumtew Ishii representing the Department of History in the College of Arts and Letters. Larry said he went to the ABOR meeting on April 28 & 29. Larry said he attended the call to the audience and made some comments. Larry said over the year he has made comments to ABOR on five separate occasions and felt it is important for NAU faculty leadership to make their presence known. The next ABOR meeting is Thursday, June 16 here at NAU and the call to the audience will be at 1:00pm. Larry said there are issues to talk about and anyone is welcome to make comments to ABOR.

<u>COFS- Phase I – Editorial changes, corrections, updates</u>: President Larry Mohrweis asked for a motion to get phase 1 onto floor with the suggested changes listed on handout #1 Vice Provost Susanna Maxwell distributed:

- 1. COFS Suggestions
- 2. COFS Process Summary
- 3. COFS Language Clarification

A motion was made to table the COFS document. President Mohrweis said first the document must be on the floor before that motion can be made. A motion was made to bring phase 1 of the COFS document to the floor for discussion. Motion seconded. Senators Janet McShane and Gloria Horning who served on the COFS rewrite committee described the work they did on the COFS document. Janet said they found minor discrepancies and as a committee made changes to reflect what is actually happening now. Gloria said the document was condensed making it a "brighter and tighter' document. Substantive changes will be made during phase 2.

Discussion continued and a question was asked what the impact would be to table the COFS document until the fall. Provost Grobsmith replied that it would slow down the entire process. If phase 1 is completed, we could move on to phase 2 where the substantial changes will be made.

Several faculty voiced there were certain areas of the documents they weren't comfortable with and felt they did not have a sufficient amount of time to read the COFS document. A motion was made to table the COFS document. Motion seconded. President Mohrweis said we can vote on the document and leave out any of the suggested changes we are not comfortable with.

Discussion continued. A suggestion was made that faculty acquire outside legal counsel to look over the document before any decisions to vote on it are made. A hand vote was taken whether or not to table the COFS document until September 19, 2005. Yes – 8 votes. No – 17 votes. Motion failed. The motion returns to the floor for discussion. Discussion continued. A motion was made remove item 5 "Add a definition for "diversity ambassador" (screening committee, pg. 157)" from summary - handout #2. Motion seconded. A motion was made to amend the motion to not include any of the items listed on handout #2. Motion seconded. Discussion continued. A hand vote was taken whether or not to accept the amended motion. Yes -10. No -14. Motion failed. The motion to accept the document with the deletion of item 5 on the summary returned to the floor for discussion. Discussion continued. A motion to delete the second sentence of item 10 "Adds opportunity to seek mediation services through the Coconino County Superior Court's Alternative Dispute resolution program, and/or "a neutral party to conduct the mediation (p 4)". Motion seconded. A hand vote was taken whether or not to accept the amended motion. Yes -5. No -19. Motion failed. The motion to accept the document with the deletion of item 5 on the summary returned to the floor for discussion. A hand vote was taken on the original motion whether or not to accept the COFS document with the deletion of item 5 of the summary. Y - 20. N - 15. Motion passed.

<u>Update on Accreditation Process (NCA)</u>: Senator Mary Reid presented a <u>handout</u> and asked for participation on the NCA Self Study Taskforce and input from senators. The Self-Study Team and Steering Committee are launching the self-study process in preparation for Northern Arizona University's comprehensive review by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in Fall 2007. Serving on a task force is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the institution and colleagues from throughout the university while contributing to an important institutional project. Task force members will conduct a focused study of multiple facets of the university in relation to a single criterion of accreditation, and

engage other members of the campus community in the self-study process. The task forces will be formed within the next month. Work on the self-study will begin in earnest in August and will continue through fall 2006. Task force members should expect to devote approximately 10-15 hours per month to the self-study endeavor. Mary asked senators to complete page two of the handout, Faculty Senate priorities for input and/or updates on NCA. Priorities should be ranked from 1-5 based on importance. Those interested in serving on a task force should send a message to NCASelf-Study@nau.edu.

<u>Senate By-laws</u>: A <u>handout</u> was passed out at the April 25th Faculty Senate meeting listing proposed by-law changes.

Senate Parliamentarian Roger Bacon asked that the Senate vote on them as a group with item #2 being excluded. A motion was made to accept items 1, 3, 4 and 5. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Senate Faculty Members: President Larry Mohrweis acknowledged Senator Mary Reid with a plaque for her outstanding contribution to the Faculty Salary Plan workgroup. Past President Charles Connell awarded certificates of appreciation to the following members who have served the Senate: Mary Reid, Sandra Stone, David Sherry, Eric Meeks, David McKell, Max Jerrell, Gloria Horning, Joel DiBartolo, Susan Deeds, Marge Conger, Jeff Carrico and Joe Boles.

<u>Transfer of Leadership – Senate President 2005-2006</u>: President Larry Mohrweis thanked everyone and transferred leadership of NAU Faculty Senate to Marcus Ford. President Marcus Ford had two comments:

- President Marcus Ford awarded Past President Larry Mohrweis with a plaque and thanked him for serving as President.
- Future agenda items will include faculty and staff salaries, the COFS rewrite, proper use of student evaluations and NAU athletics.

<u>Comments from Candidates & Senate Elections</u>: Senate Treasurer Barry Lutz who is stepping down as treasurer and senator expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Senate. He said there is a final treasurer's report available on the back table. President Marcus Ford asked for comments from the candidates who are running for office.

- Marsha Yowell candidate for Vice President said she has served for the Senate for several years. She has served as Secretary and has been on the Executive Committee. Marsha said serving the Senate is very rewarding to her and she believes in faculty governance. She would like to do the job and feels she could do the job well.
- Rich Lei candidate for Secretary has filled in as Secretary this semester and has participated on the Executive Committee. Rich said he feels the Senate has an important role and would like to work for the Senate in this capacity.
- Marty Sommerness candidate for Treasurer, not present.
- Roger Bacon- candidate for Parliamentarian.
- ➤ Chuck Connell candidate for Senator At-Large. Chuck said there still is a lot of work to do as a Senate. He would like to see the Senate take their responsibility more seriously. He hopes we could turn up our efforts a notch and see more participation.

Janet McShane- Candidate for Senator At-Large. This is Janet's second year on the Senate and she thinks it's important for the Executive Committee have representation from all the colleges on campus.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of nominees. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments – Provost: Provost Liz Grobsmith made several announcements:

- Provost Grobsmith personally thanked Larry Mohrweis for being a terrific Faculty Senate President.
- > Provost Grobsmith thanked the entire faculty who has been heavily involved with the system redesign.
- ➤ The Higher Learning Commission is here on campus. They are looking at accrediting NAU's distance programs. It is a separate accreditation. They will be finished tomorrow and we will receive their recommendation.
- At the April 28-29 ABOR meeting the board did not approve any of the undergraduate course fees that were submitted. All the fees from the three universities were turned down. Provost Grobsmith distributed an article from the Arizona Daily Sun that summarized what happened and a handout of the executive summary from the ABOR agenda listing fee information.
- Another ABOR agenda item was that the universities have to present accountability measures. The Undergraduate Consolidated Accountability Report [UCAR] and the universities share the same system measures and those were all reviewed. The piece that NAU had to present was the regent's accountability measures and we choose what measures we want. All our measures reflected positively on us. A fact that Provost Grobsmith presented was the number classes taught by tenure track and tenure faculty teaching at the lower division level has declined from 48% to 46% which is unfortunate. The reason for this is budget cuts, loss of faculty lines and replacement with nontenure track faculty.
- Provost Grobsmith went to Yuma to say good-bye to Nick Lund and had a wonderful time. Dr. Lund is retiring as Executive Director of NAU Yuma and they will appoint an interim director soon. A search will begin in the fall for a new director for the Yuma campus.
- Approval was received for planning in a new major in environmental studies.

Provost Grobsmith provided an update of the community college bill. She said that Governor Napolitano will not approve anything allowing community colleges offering 4-year degrees but will approve a study group that will study the issue of selected community colleges possibly offering 4-year degrees in the future. The governor will not support a bill this year, she will veto it.

Provost Grobsmith clarified a rumor about faculty lines being available. Technically, all lines are brought to the Provost's office. They are not taking any lines back this year and have returned every faculty line that has become vacant. This has been communicated to the deans.

She also said she is concerned about the progress of the summer school committee. She appointed the committee two years ago because of her frustration on how summer funds were allocated. She is still waiting on reports from Mason Gerety and Fred Hurst and hopes to receive them soon. She wants to start out the beginning of next year by looking at the funding structure and reconsidering it.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m. The next meeting will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2005 in the Pattea room.