NAU Faculty Summer Senate
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 18, 2005

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Call to order:
Senate Vice President Marsha Yowell called the meeting of the NAU Faculty Summer Senate to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Pattea room.

Members Present: Nancy Barron, Tara Green, Emily Hill, Loma Ishii, Chris Lanterman, Rich Lei, Larry Mohrweis, Martin Sommerness, Marsha Yowell

Members Absent: Roger Bacon, Jeff Carrico, Chuck Connell, Marcus Ford, Angela Golden, Gae Johnson

Others Present: Sharon Young, CSAC

Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes: Senate Vice President Marsha Yowell asked for an approval of the agenda with amendments to the agenda. Senate Parliamentarian Roger Bacon was unable to attend therefore he will not be present for agenda items 3, 5 and 7. A motion made and seconded to approve the amended agenda. Motion Passed. Senate Vice President Marsha Yowell asked for an approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2005 summer meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

Opening Comments – Follow up COFS Rewrite committee: Senate Vice President Marsha said there will be an update on the COFS rewrite when Vice Provost Susanna Maxwell returns from leave August 1st. Past President Larry Mohrweis suggested that we make the COFS topic a standing item on the Senate meeting agenda.

Update on Enrollment (Summer & Fall): Senate Secretary Rich Lei distributed a handout that he received from Fred Hurst comparing enrollments for 2004 and 2005 summer and fall semesters. Rich said these numbers are a snapshot in time. Rich directed everyone’s attention to summer. He said enrollment for summer is down and there seems to be a continuing decline. Changes to the application process and application fees may be effecting enrollment. Mountain campus enrollment fall at this point in time is down 12%. There is a more finalized set of numbers coming out tomorrow that may show some change. Discussion continued about issues that may be affecting enrollment numbers. The Senate needs to get a copy of the summer report that Mason Gerety and Fred Hurst worked on.

Salary Update – Questions: Parliamentarian Roger Bacon had several questions regarding faculty salaries but was unable to attend today’s meeting. Sharon Young, representing the Classified Staff Advisory Council [CSAC] commented on faculty salaries. She works in the Planning and Institutional Research Department and with the CUPA data. She said CUPA is based on and compared to national and peer institutions. Sharon said the salary analysis that was in Faculty Salary Plan is also based on peer institution data – (AAUP). Sharon said Pat Haeuser and Karen Appleby put together the CUPA data and they are actively still looking at it on a daily basis. Sharon said the Karen and Pat would be happy to meet with the Senate at a later date and answer the questions that were listed on this agenda item.
Parking Concerns: Treasurer Martin Sommerness expressed his concerns about the reduced number of parking spaces on campus. There doesn't seem to be a valid solution. This is a problem for instructors that teach courses in the middle of the day and arrive after all the parking spaces have been taken. A comment was made that there are parking areas on campus that are used to park service vehicles and that these areas could be utilized for employee parking. Why are fees increasing for parking when places to park are decreasing? Marsha is going to suggest to Marcus that Vice President of Administration and Finance, Rich Bowen be on the October agenda to discuss the campus parking issue and answer questions. Larry Mohrweis reminded everyone that the open mike at ABOR meetings is a good way to voice concerns about parking. Marsha also said if faculty can identify potential areas for parking to please let her know. Marsha said if we know of an area that can be utilized, then we have something to work with.

New Business: The President’s “state of the university’ address was brought up and there seems to some confusion about the facilitation. Marcus needs to talk with the President Haeger about scheduling this in the fall.

Future Agenda Items: Larry said in addition to Rich Bowen on the October agenda, that we should ask Christy Farley, our legislative representative to speak at a future meeting. Martin suggested David Bousquet talk to the Senate about enrollment after the 21-day count.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2005 in the Kaibab room in the Student Union.