**+Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**February 23, 2015**

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1. **Call to order/ Acceptance of Agenda: Astrid Klocke**

Faculty Senate President Astrid Klocke called the meeting of the NAU Faculty Senate (FS) to order in the Kaibab room of the University Union at 3:00pm.

**Members Present:** Clara Adams, TS Amer, Shadow Armfield (appeared electronically), Steve Barger, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Bounds (appeared electronically), Matthew Bowker, Natalie Cawood, Rosalicia Cordova (appeared electronically), Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Dorothy Dunn (appeared electronically), Stephen Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, Sibylle Gruber, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Laura Huenneke\*, Astrid Klocke, Srinivas Kosaraju, Korie Kroneberger, Marty Lee, Rosemary Logan, Jerome Mahaffey, Rich McNeill, Shirley Navarro, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Jon Reyhner, Krista Rodin, Vicky Ross (appeared electronically), Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Melissa Santana, Frank Santorelli (appeared electronically), Roy St. Laurent\*, Allen Saunders, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), Cathy Small, Amanda Stan, Aregai Tecle, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins (appeared electronically), David Williams, Gioia Woods, and Eric Yordy.

**Members Absent:** David Albritton for Ding Du, Rita Cheng\*, Shannon Guerrero, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Thomas Kolb, Sandra Lahtinen, Jennifer McLerran, Ishmael Munene, Stephen Nuno, Pat Peterson Jennifer Prior, Nando Schellen, CJ Smith, Stephani Williams, and Jillian Zuniga\*. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Theresa Bierer, Don Carter, Pauline Entin, Jerry Gile, Stephanie Hurst, Dan Kain, and Shari Miller.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid Klocke presented the [agenda](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%20February%2023%202015%5CFebruary%2023%202015%20agenda%202nd%20draft.docx) for approval. She noted that Provost Cheng’s report may move up on the agenda to accommodate her schedule and the Bylaws Committee will give a report under item 4. **The agenda was approved with the aforementioned changes.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The minutes of the January 26, 2014 FS meeting were presented for approval. Astrid noted that corrections were submitted to the office and will be made. **A** **motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the corrections. The motion passed.**

1. **Conversation with the Chair of ABOR Mark Killian**

Tabled to April 20th.

1. **Faculty Senate President’s Report Astrid Klocke**

Astrid reported on the following:

* The Regents expressed strong opposition to proposed state budget cuts at their February meeting held in Tucson. ABOR will meet at in Flagstaff on March 11 to focus on NAU. The President and Provost are working on what they plan to highlight at that meeting. During the call to the audience it is anticipated that a large group plans to address the regents in support of in-state tuition for DREAMers. For information on this please contact Robert.Neustadt@nau.edu.
* Chair, Mark Killian, will address the FS in April as he is unable to attend today’s meeting.
* NAU plans to hold a President’s Installation day on April 23rd.
1. **Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**
* By-Laws Committee - Eric Yordy, Chair of the FS By-Laws Committee read a motion of the FSEC which proposed that the Senate form an ad hoc committee to address non tenure track faculty concerns and issues. **A motion was made and seconded to create an ad hoc non tenure track committee that will represent issues of non tenure track faculty.** Discussion followed wherein Michael Rulon was appointed Chair of the committee. **The motion passed.**

Eric also reported that the bylaws committee continues to meet to discuss the various topics under review. Two topics which have caused a great deal of consideration are a review of the definitions of “faculty” and a review of how to structure the Senate to work most effectively. All faculty are encouraged to send comments on these or other issues before the committee to Eric.Yordy@nau.edu. The committee is working on a rough draft of the proposed changes to both the FS Constitution and Bylaws by March 23rd for discussion and on April 20th for a vote.

* Rights and Responsibilities Council - Susan Harris, Chair of the Rights and Responsibilities Council presented an update noting the topics discussed during the annual review of the CoFS (Conditions of Faculty Service) document. The final version of the proposed changes will be presented at the March 23rd Senate meeting for discussion and will be placed on the April 20th FS agenda for a vote.
* Nominations and Elections Committee - Bruce Fox, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, gave a brief update on the elections underway within the voting units. Two units have completed their elections and most report that they will have their elections completed by March 1st. Senate elections for the FSEC, FS Councils and Committees will take place in May. However nominating forms for the FSEC positions are available and need to be completed by April 14th. **A motion was made and seconded to elect Nora Timmerman to a seat on the Bylaws Committee for the current term.**
* Liberal Studies Committee - Bruce Fox, Chair of the LSC, reported that the committee is reviewing the original criteria of the capstone courses, talking about different ways the process can go back to first principle, intersection of major and liberal studies education.
1. **Report from the President President Cheng**

No report.

1. **Report from the Provost Provost Huenneke**

Provost Huenneke reported that ABOR’s March 11th meeting will be held at NAU and will be devoted solely to NAU. Two additions to our academic strategic plan will be proposed: a new doctoral program in astronomy and an online masters in parks and recreation management to serve professionals who are working in the field. More information regarding the agenda etc. can be found on the ABOR website <http://www.azregents.edu/>.

She also reported on the COACHE advisory group’s recommendations: A working group on interdisciplinary issues is being formed. If you are interested in joining this group you can contact Dan Kain at: Dan.Kain@nau.edu.

She stated that she and Dan are still working on gathering information regarding this year’s exemplary employee program. Chris Downum will present the analysis of all three years of this program, measuring the how the awards were awarded in respect to ethnicity and gender to the FSEC in March.

1. **Faculty Grants Program Stephanie Hurst**

Stephanie Hurst, a member of the Faculty Grants Program, presented a brief overview of the presentation she made to the FSEC on February 9th. She then entertained questions. The presentation can be seen in its entirety on the FS BbLearn shell.

1. **SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) Shari Miller**

Shari Miller, Compliance Manager for State Authorization at NAU, gave a brief explanation of the SARA program and NAU’s involvement. She then answered questions on the materials in her video presentation found on the FS BbLearn shell. The video presentation is available to all NAU faculty in the Senate BbLearn shell.

1. **Announcements/Old Business/New Business Items Astrid Klocke**

None.

1. **Adjourn Astrid Klocke**

There being no further business, **a call for adjourn was made and with no objections the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.**