**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 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:** Diane Stearns for Clara Adams, David Allen for Ding Du, Shadow Armfield, Steve Barger, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Bounds, Matthew Bowker, Natalie Cawood, Rita Cheng\*, Rosalicia Cordova (appeared electronically), Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Nora Dunbar, Dorothy Dunn, Stephen Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Bruce Fox, Sibylle Gruber, Shannon Guerrero, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Laura Huenneke\*, Astrid Klocke, Srinivas Kosaraju, Marty Lee, Rosemary Logan, Jerome Mahaffey, Rich McNeill, Ishmael Munene, Shirley Navarro, Louise Lockard for Pat Peterson, Jennifer Prior, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Jon Reyhner, Krista Rodin, Michael Rulon, Roy St. Laurent\*, Allen Saunders, Cathy Small, CJ Smith, Aregai Tecle, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins, Stephani Williams (appeared electronically), Gioia Woods, and Eric Yordy.

**Members Absent:** TS Amer, Pam Foti, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Thomas Kolb, Korie Kroneberger, Sandra Lahtinen, Jennifer McLerran, Stephen Nuno, Vicky Ross, Peter Runge, Melissa Santana, Frank Santorelli, Nando Schellen, Claire Schonaerts, Amanda Stan, Benning Tieke, David Williams, and Jillian Zuniga\*. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Sarah Bickel, Theresa Bierer, Alyssa Deaver, Laurie Dickson, Pauline Entin, Jerry Gile, Dan Kain, Shari Miller, and Rick Stamer.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid Klocke presented the [agenda](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CAGENDA%5CFS%20MEETING%5C2015%5CFS%5CMarch%2023%202015%20agenda%20v.3.docx) for approval. **The agenda was approved.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The [minutes](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMINS%5CFS%5C2015%5CAPPROVED%20FS%20February%2023%202015%20v.3.docx) of the February 23, 2015 FS meeting were presented for approval. **A** **motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.**

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

Astrid reported on the following:

* ABOR convened for a special meeting at NAU to discuss NAU’s Operational and Financial Review as well as current budgetary concerns. All of the sessions are available in both video and written formats on ABOR’s website.
* ABOR Chair, Mark Killian, was scheduled to address the Faculty Senate at the April 20th meeting. However he is double booked and the Senate has invited Regent Leonard to address the Senate in his stead.
* The May 4th meeting of the FS will be a shortened meeting allowing for the election of the FSEC; the various FS Councils and Committees; and to recognize those senators rotating off the Senate and Provost Huenneke. At the close of the meeting, the Senate will host a small happy hour.
* Astrid announced that Eric Yordy has been selected to chair the Provost Search Committee and asked him to report on the work done to date. Eric stated that he has met with President Cheng as well as with Astrid to determine the makeup of the search committee the members include faculty from eight different colleges; an associate dean; two administrative representative as well as a representative from extended campuses.
* President Cheng will host a campus forum on April 30th.
1. **Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**
* Rights and Responsibilities Council - Susan Harris, Chair of the Rights and Responsibilities Council presented the proposed [recommendations](file:///F%3A%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%20April%2020%202015%5CSummary%20of%20Recommended%20COFS%20Document%20Changes%20March%202015.docx) to the CoFS (Conditions of Faculty Service) document for the second time. She noted that the issue regarding faculty evaluation changes will be addressed in the next academic year. She entertained questions. The final version of the proposed changes will be presented at 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. Senate elections for the FSEC, FS Councils and Committees will take place in May. There are still seats that need to be filled. Senators should contact Bruce if they are interested. Nominating forms are available on the BbLearn shell. Completed forms are due by April 14th.
* By-Laws Committee - Eric Yordy, Chair of the FS By-Laws Committee stated that the committee is wrapping up there meetings and the hope to have a draft of their recommendations to the FSEC in April. Some issues will not be ready this year and will go forward in the fall for further review and vetting.
* Council on Learning – Shadow Armfield, Chair of the CoL, delivered a [report](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%20March%2023%202015%5CShadow%27s%20report.docx) outlining the work on the creation of a “tool box” for units to use or reference in building their evaluation process. This would include items such as: portfolios, peer reviews, forms for peer review measures of student learning outcomes, and other non-opinion survey tools. He envisions this information would be available on the Senate website.
* FS Planning and Budget Council – Kate Ellis, Chair of the PBC, discussed the role of the Council and proposed the Council look into forming a Faculty Senate strategic plan. This discussion will be taken up during the summer senate sessions.
* Academic Standards Committee – Rick Stamer, Chair of the ASC, presented a written [report](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%20March%2023%202015%5CASC%202014-15%20Annual%20Report%20for%20FS.docx) to the FSEC and it was placed on the FS BbLearn shell for review prior to today’s meeting. Rick conducted a brief question and answer session on this report.
1. **Non Tenure Track Ad Hoc Committee Eric Yordy**

Parliamentarian and FS Bylaws Committee Chair, Eric Yordy **made a motion to approve the following names as members of the newly formed Non Tenure Track Ad Hoc Committee of the Faculty Senate: Michael Rulon; Nora Timmerman; Nora Dunbar; Ro Haddon; Laura Blank; Charlie Balch; Betty Parisek; and Paul Jagodzinski.** **The motion passed.**

1. **Exemplary Performers Program Review Chris Downum**

No report. Video presentation to the FSEC available on the FS BbLearn shell.

1. **Report from the President President Cheng**

President Cheng presented an overview of the state budget cuts and their impact on NAU. They were higher than expected which for NAU equates to a 16% cut of its operating budget. She is looking at this dilemma from all angles including discussions on enrollment growth; tuition and tuition pledge rates; one-time savings (i.e refinance debt, renegotiating contracts, and reduction of expenditures). She will keep the Senate apprised of these discussions moving forward. She then entertained questions.

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

Provost Huenneke reported that the magnitude of the budget cuts came as a surprise. The way in which they were allocated swept away progress that had been made toward parity funding. No recognition of performance was reflected in how the budget reductions were handed out. The Regents are more positively engaged in the work we do than she has ever seen.

She noted the bulk of the recent meeting at NAU was spent on the operational review Astrid mentioned earlier. However during the meeting they approved two new graduate programs: PhD in Astronomy, and an online Masters in Geography, Planning and Recreation.

She is working with other vice president s to rethink the streamlining of student and business processes from the recruitment of students to advising and graduation. These processes should make life easier and more efficient for students and the university.

1. **Draft UniversityPolicy Regarding Syllabi and Draft Syllabus Template Eric Yordy/Laurie Dickson**

Eric Yordy, Senate representative to the Advisory Council on Curriculum and Learning (ACCA), presented the [draft](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%20March%2023%202015%5CDRAFT_Policy_Syllabi%20and%20template_Feb23.docx) policy on syllabi and the proposed master syllabus template. The video of Gerald Wood’s presentation to the FSEC can be seen on the FS BbLearn shell. Eric and Associate Vice Provost Laurie Dickson entertained a question and answer session on these materials.

1. **NAU’s Involvement in the ACE Alternative Credit Project Laurie Dickson**

Associate Vice Provost Laurie Dickson, presented the ACE Alternative Credit [Project](file:///F%3A%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%20March%2023%202015%5CACE%20Alternative%20Credit%20Project%20summary%20and%20timeline_Feb_27_2015.docx) and discussed NAU’s involvement with it. The materials and video of her presentation to the FSEC can be found on the FS BbLearn shell. She entertained questions and answers on the materials.

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

Astrid announced the need for 3 more Marshalls to serve at the Saturday Spring Commencement ceremonies. Michael Rulon volunteered. Others who are interested can contact Astrid at: Astrid.Klocke@nau.edu.

Ismael Munene announced that the NAU Chapter of AAUP is sponsoring a conference on Saturday, April 11th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. entitled “Contingent Faculty: The New Majority in Higher Education”. The conference speakers are Dr. Joe Berry Dr. Gary Rhoades, and Dr. Edythe Weeks. Registration is available on line at: <http://nau.edu/COE/Teaching-and-Learning/AAUP/Registration/> or you can send your details to NAUAAUP@gmail.com. Lunch will be served so please register in advance.

1. **Adjourn Astrid Klocke**

There being no further business, **a call for adjourn was made and with no objections the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.**