**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**April 18, 2016**

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1. **Call to order/ Acceptance of Agenda: Bruce Fox**

Faculty Senate President Bruce Fox called the meeting to order in the Kaibab Room of the University Union.

**Members Present:** TS Amer, David Auty, Natasha Dmitrieva for Steve Barger, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Blocher, Laura Bounds, Matthew Bowker, Natalie Cawood, Joanne Keene for Rita Cheng\*, James Coleman\*, Ann Collier, Rosalicia Cordova (appeared electronically), Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Nora Dunbar, Dorothy Dunn, Dan Eadens, Stephanie Edgerton, Kate Ellis, Thomas Finger (appeared electronically), Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, John Gibbs, Sibylle Gruber, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Richard Hofstetter, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Korie Kroneberger, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Edgar Lee, Rosemary Logan, Rich McNeill, Phil Mlsna, Ishmael Munene, Shirley Navarro, Pat Peterson (appeared electronically), Jon Reyhner, Krista Rodin (appeared electronically), Danielle Ross (appeared electronically), Michael Rulon, Frank Santorelli, Roy St. Laurent, Blase Scarnati, David Scott, Karen Sealander, Ed Smaglik, Amanda Stan, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins (appeared electronically), Jennifer Duis for Brooke Whitworth, Stephani Williams (appeared electronically), Lori Wilson (appeared electronically), Gioia Woods, and Eric Yordy.

**Members Absent:** Clara Adams, Alexandra Buchta\*, Ding Du, Stephen Dunn, Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Astrid Klocke, Srinivas Kosaraju, Sandra Lahtinen, Jerome Mahaffey, Jennifer McLerran, Stephen Nuno, Vicky Ross, Peter Runge, Melissa Santana, and. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Theresa Bierer, Bjorn Flugstad, Jerry Gile, David Godley (appeared electronically), Dan Kain, Shari Miller, Michelle Parker, and Diane Stearns.

FS President, Bruce Fox presented the [agenda](file:///\\naushares.ucc.nau.edu\FacSen\AGENDA\FS%20MEETING\2016\March%2021%20Regular%20Meeting%20Agenda%20V3.doc) for approval. **The agenda was approved.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Bruce Fox**

Bruce presented the minutes of the March 21st FS meeting. **A motion was made and the minutes were approved.**

1. **Senate President’s Report Bruce Fox**

Executive Vice President and Chief of staff Joanne Keene reported for President Cheng on the following:

* The state legislature has not passed a budget but it is rumored that there may be a budget announced this week. We do not anticipate cuts like last year but we are hopeful that there may be a small increase in the base funding.
* ABOR approved NAU’s proposed tuition increase and an increase in the IT fee.
* Fall enrollment is up this year.
* Betsy Mennell has been promoted to Vice President Development and Alumni Engagement.
* Interviews for the positon of NAU’s General Counsel should take place the last week of April.
* CIE candidates have been on campus and a decision is e that search is ongoing.

1. **President Reports Provost Coleman**

Provost Coleman reported on the following:

* Enrollment and retention have improved.
* His office is reviewing NNT multi year contracts for the coming year.
* Interim Dean Deb Thomas of the College of Health and Human Services has agreed to stay in this position through the end of next year. The search for the Dean is underway.

1. **Senate Bylaws Committee Report Eric Yordy**

* Eric Yordy, Chair of the FS Bylaws Committee, presented three proposed [amendments](file:///\\naushares.ucc.nau.edu\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2016\March%2021%20FS\MAR%202016%20Proposed%20Senate%20Bylaws%20Amended%20from%20Committee%20Approved.docx) to the proposed bylaws presented last month. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the first amendment to changes to the section on Senate Charged Committee charges . The motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the second amendment. The motion passed with one abstention. A motion was made and seconded to approve the third amendment. The motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaws. The motion passed with one abstention.** The Bylaws will be sent to President Cheng for administrative approval.

1. **Senate Elections Committee Kate Ellis**

Kate Ellis, Chair of the Elections Committee, noted the college elections are underway and should be final by April first. She then outlined the election process for seats on the FSEC; the liaisons to senate charged committees and other vacancies per the new bylaws and constitution. The voting will take place at the May Senate meeting.

1. **Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus Initiative Update Dan Eadens**

Bruce Fox spoke in Dan Eadens’ absence. The Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus [Policy](file:///\\naushares.ucc.nau.edu\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2016\March%207%202016\Drafted%20Tobacco%20Free%20Policy.docx) will be implemented this summer.

1. **COFS Update Pam Foti**

Pam Foti, Chair of the FS Rights and Responsibilities Council, noted that the FS R&R will work with Vice Provost Dan Kain on the annual COFS review. Any questions or concerns should be directed to her at: [Pam.Foti@nau.edu](mailto:Pam.Foti@nau.edu).

1. **Scholarship Announcement Natalie Cawood**

Natalie Cawood, Chair of the Senate’s Budget Committee announced the Senate will award a one thousand dollar scholarship this year. All information can be found on the Faculty Senate website.

1. **IT Update Ricky Roberts**

Ricky Roberts, Interim CIT Officer, gave a brief update on what has been done and what is left to do regarding the changes within ITS.

1. **Adjourn Bruce Fox**

The Faculty Awards Ceremony will take place April 14th at the High Country Conference Center. The Assessment Fair will take place March 30th at the High Country Conference Center. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38p.m.