**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**April 20, 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, David Allen for Ding Du, TS Amer, 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, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, Sibylle Gruber, Shannon Guerrero, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Laura Huenneke\*, Astrid Klocke, Thomas Kolb, Korie Kroneberger, Marty Lee, Rosemary Logan, Jerome Mahaffey, Rich McNeill, Ishmael Munene, Shirley Navarro, Stephen Nuno, Pat Peterson, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Jon Reyhner, Krista Rodin, Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Roy St. Laurent\*, Frank Santorelli, Allen Saunders, Claire Schonaerts, Cathy Small, CJ Smith, Benning Tieke, Katherine Watkins (appeared electronically), Stephani Williams (appeared electronically), Gioia Woods, and Eric Yordy.

**Members Absent:** Shadow Armfield, Stephen Dunn, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Srinivas Kosaraju, Sandra Lahtinen, Jennifer McLerran, Jennifer Prior, Vicky Ross, Melissa Santana, Nando Schellen, Amanda Stan, Aregai Tecle, Nora Timmerman, David Williams, and Jillian Zuniga\*. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Theresa Bierer, Kathleen Carpenter for Shari Miller, Don Carter, Laurie Dickson, Pauline Entin, Jerry Gile, Dan Kain, and Gerald Wood.

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 with adjustments to the order of items due to the cancellation of item 3.**

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 March 23, 2015 FS meeting were presented for approval. **A** **motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with a correction to the attendance section last month. The motion passed with one abstention.**

1. **Conversation with Regent Leonard Regent Leonard**

Removed.

1. **Report from the President (taken out of order) President Cheng**

President Cheng noted that Regent Leonard sends her apologies for not being able to attend today’s FS meeting. She also wanted to comment on how impressed she has been during her time at NAU with the various academic, athletic and other accomplishments of students and faculty. She praised everyone for keeping the spirit of NAU alive.

She then discussed various budget issues. NAU has presented its proposed tuition/pledge increases to ABOR. ABOR will vote on all three institutions proposals on May 4th. Today the first of many tuition hearings will take place. She looks forward to hearing the students’ thoughts. She discussed the importance of enrollment growth and the need to find the right students for NAU taking into consideration our culture and environment. She discussed the enormity of this year’s cuts and NAU’s plans moving forward which include: working on retention and graduation rates; sustainable/planned growth; slower hiring for faculty and staff; re-evaluation of employee benefits by fall; refinancing of debt; and renegotiations of contracts. She then entertained questions.

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

Provost Huenneke noted that today at 5:00 the first of a series of tuition hearings will take place. Discussion regarding both tuition and the budget are still in progress. She reported that hiring is in progress for fall taking into consideration the evaluation of fall enrollment and actual registration numbers. She continues to address efforts to reduce faculty time spent in meetings and on administrative tasks as well as a redistribution of faculty work: streamline, centralize, and recapture faculty time while at the same time trying to see that students’ needs are met. She then entertained questions.

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

Astrid reported on the following:

* ABOR met at ASU on April 9th during which time the Arizona Faculties Council (AFC) met. The AFC prepared material for the AFC Chair to present to ABOR. They discussed three concerns shared by the faculty senates of all three institutions. They are: All support in-state tuition for DACA-approved students (“DREAMers”); faculty leadership urges ABOR to develop “quality metrics” and involve faculty in the process; and faculty are concerned about new ABOR “assured admissions” guidelines that include the option to replace “competency in fine arts” with “competency in career and technical education (CTE)” – this will de incentivize school districts to continue to fund fine arts programs.
* The May 4th meeting of the FS will be a shortened meeting allowing for the election of the FSEC and its various Councils and Committees; and to recognize those senators rotating off the Senate and Provost Huenneke. At 5p.m. the Senate will host a social hour to honor Provost Huenneke at 1899. Newly elected Senators will be invited to attend the May 4th meeting.
1. **Update on Provost Search Eric Yordy**

Eric Yordy, Chair of the Provost Search Committee, noted the search is progressing at a rapid rate. The committee has begun their review of applicants. They plan to meet this week to consider if the pool is adequate to continue with the process or delay it until fall. If they proceed they hope to have Skype interviews next week and on-campus visits during finals week.

1. **Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**
* Rights and Responsibilities Council - Susan Harris, Chair of the Rights and Responsibilities Council (RRC) presented the proposed [recommendations](file:///F%3A%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%20April%2020%202015%5CSummary%20of%20Recommended%20COFS%20Document%20Changes%20March%202015.docx) to CoFS (Conditions of Faculty Service) for a vote to approve them. **A motion was made and seconded to endorse the recommendations and move forward to the Provost. The motion passed.**

A second recommendation from the RRC and endorsed by the FSEC was brought forward by Cathy Small, a member of the RRC. **The motion was moved and seconded that the Faculty Senate endorse the recommendation to the Provost, made by the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Council and endorsed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, that the expedited review process available to tenure-track faculty also apply to non-tenure track faculty (after first promotion).** Discussion followed**.** It was decided that the words “after first promotion be added. **The motion passed with one abstention.**

* By-Laws Committee - Eric Yordy, Chair of the FS By-Laws Committee stated that the committee has been working on a draft of recommendations from their bylaws and constitutional review. The draft is not ready. Some issues under discussion will not be ready this year and will go forward in the fall for further review and vetting. He will have this information available in the next week and will distribute it to all senators.
* Nominations and Elections Committee - Bruce Fox, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, presented the slate of officers; liaisons; senate council and committee members for the 2015-2016 academic year. **A motion was moved and seconded to accept the slate. The motion passed.** Voting will take place at the May 4th Senate meeting.
1. **Liberal Studies Committee Annual Report Bruce Fox**

Liberal Studies Chair, Bruce Fox, stood for questions and answers on his presentation of the LSC Annual Report to the FSEC. The video of Bruce’s presentation to the FSEC can be seen on the FS BbLearn shell. **A motion was made and seconded to reinstate the Liberal Studies Skill – Creative or Aesthetic Thinking. The motion passed.**

1. **ACCA Update on Expectations Gerald Wood**

Gerald Wood, Advisory Council on Curriculum and Learning (ACCA) Chair, entertained a brief question and answer session on his presentation to the FSEC. The video of Gerald’s presentation to the FSEC can be seen on the FS BbLearn shell

1. **ACE Alternative Credit Project Laurie Dickson**

Associate Vice Provost Laurie Dickson, presented two motions for the Senates consideration as well as respond to questions on her presentation to the FSEC. The video of Laurie’s presentation to the FSEC can be seen on the FS BbLearn shell.

The first motion read as follows:

**The Faculty Senate-charged Academic Standards Committee (ASC) will develop a policy specifying the maximum number of alternative credits that can be transferred into NAU from the list of NAU faculty-approved courses and ensure that the NAU transfer policy is up to date regarding alternative credits. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion passed**

The second motion read as follows:

**NAU faculty who serve as course evaluators for the ACETS (Arizona Course Equivalency Tracking System) process ~~or Department Chairs/Directors,~~ will evaluate, ACE-recommended courses for transfer (direct equivalent, departmental elective, general elective, non-transferable, or is eligible to serve as a non-credit bearing developmental courses to “level-up” or provide evidence for specific placement (ENG, Math).** **The motion was made and seconded.** Discussion followed. It was decided to amend the motion to eliminate the words “**or Department Chairs/Directors,”**. **The motion passed.**

1. **Final Grades for ROTC Graduating Seniors Dan Eadens**

Senator Dan Eadens presented the [background](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%20April%2020%202015%5CAir%20Force%20ROTC%20and%20Commissioning%20during%20Graduation%20week%20v.2.docx) for an issue that arose regarding the commissioning ceremonies surrounding Air Force ROTC students in their final semester. He then **moved that the Faculty Senate endorse the following ~~policy~~ procedure with regards to the commissioning of NAU’s AFROTC senior cadets. The motion was seconded.** Discussion followed. It was decided that the word policy should be changed to procedure. **The motion passed.**

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

The Faculty Awards Ceremony will take place Wednesday April 22nd, 3:30 at the High Country Conference Center (HCCC).

The Presidents Installation Ceremony will take place April 23rd, 2:30 in Ardrey Auditorium.

The President’s Campus Forum will take place April 30th, 3:00 in Prochnow Auditorium.

There will be an end of the year survey available for all Senators at the end of today’s meeting.

1. **Adjourn Astrid Klocke**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.