**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**April 7, 2014**

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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 room 2405 of the Health and Learning Center at 3:02pm.

**Members Present:** Charlie Balch (attended electronically), Steve Barger, Laura Blank (attended telephonically), Natalie Cawood, Bill Culbertson, Cassie Dakan, Joyce DeVoss (attended electronically), John Georgas for Eck Doerry, Dorothy Dunn, Stephen Dunn, Kate Ellis, Heidi Fogelberg, Dennis Foster for TS Amer, Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, John Haeger\*, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Dawn Hawley, Ryan Holder, Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Laura Huenneke\*, Ryan Kashanipour, Bob Kilpatrick (attended electronically), Astrid Klocke, Thomas Kolb, Sandra Lahtinen, Ellen Larson, Louise Lockard for Gae Johnson, Marty Lee, Rosemary Logan/Blase Scarnati, Ishmael Munene for Gerald Wood, Pat Peterson, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Jon Reyhner, Linda Robyn, Allen Saunders, Nando Schellen, Claire Schonaerts (attended electronically), Karen Sealander, Edward Smaglik, Cathy Small, Roy St. Laurent\*, Rick Stamer, and Aregai Tecle.

**Members Absent:**  Shadow Armfield, Chris Downum, Ding Du, Todd Firth, Sibylle Gruber, Phil Mlsna, Mackenzie Mastrud\*, Karen Mueller, Pin Ng, Jennifer Prior, Vicki Ross, CJ Smith, and David Williams. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Cyndi Banks, Laurie Dickson, Ro Haddon, Denise Helm, Dan Kain, Bernadette Presloid (attended electronically), Karen Pugliesi, Robert Till, and Debbie Wildermuth.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid presented the [agenda](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\AGENDA\FS%20MEETING\2014\April%207%202014%20FS%20final%20draft%20.doc) for approval. **The agenda was approved.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The [minutes](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MINS\FS\2014\FS%20March%20%203%20APPROVED%20%20minutes.docx) of the March 3rd senate meeting were presented. **A motion was made to approve the minutes with correction in the attendance. The motion passed.**

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

Astrid announced the following:

* The Presidential Search – The forums held by the search committee were not well attended by faculty. She noted that faculty can have an impact in their contribution as well as in their presence at these events. There will be a chance for further participation at the forums to be held in the search for an SBS Dean.
* SBS Dean Search – Candidate forms will be held in SBS West room 200 Friday April 11th 11-12pm candidate Cynthia Kosso; 1-2pm candidate Karen Puglieisi; and 1-4pm candidate Craig Bain. More information can be found on the provost’s website: <http://nau..eduProvost/Acadmic-Personnel/> . She urged participation by all faculty not just SBS faculty.
* Employee Giving Campaign – The website for the campaign is: <http://nau.edu/EGC>. The university is seeking to reach a higher percentage of faculty giving this year.
* A Bylaws Committee update regarding the progress of talks with EC faculty will be given next month as Shadow Armfield and Gae Johnson are both of the country today.
* ABOR meeting –
  + Freshman retention numbers and graduation rates were topics the regents addressed. Factors that contribute to retention and student success were discussed.
  + The Academic Affairs Committee – There was a discussion on the value of liberal arts education in employment was presented by the three provosts. A good case was made for the long term value of a liberal arts education as compared to an exclusively pre-professional degree. The [summary](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\REPORTS\ABORLiberalEducation.pdf) of this report can be found in the ABOR materials for the April meeting.

1. **Update on Presidential Search Bruce Fox**

Bruce Fox, a member of the Presidential Search Committee, noted that the committee held forums at NAU last month meeting with various groups on campus; the community and will hold a third forum in Tucson. They heard a variety of concerns they feel important in selecting the new president as well as qualities that would address the unique nature of NAU. The search is moving faster than anticipated. The committee believes they have a diverse pool of well qualified candidates. He stated that the committee is seeking to find a good fit between the candidate and NAU’s mission, and goals. He emphasized that the final decision rests with ABOR.

1. **FS Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**

* Ro Haddon Director of Liberal Studies presented the [shared prefix policy](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2014\April%207,%20FS\SharedPrefixPolicyv16.docx) and gave a quick recap of the policy and rationale. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy as presented. The motion passed with 38 yes votes and 3 no votes.**
* Bruce Fox, Chair of the nominations and election committee presented the slate of officers, seats on senate councils, liaisons to key university committees, and seats on the nominations and elections committee for the spring election. The election will take place at the May 5th meeting.
* Susan Harris, a member of the senate’s scholarship committee stated that the committee is accepting nominations for a one thousand dollar scholarship. The application and information can be found on the senate webpage. Applications are due by April 18th. She urged senators to share this information with their colleagues and students.

1. **Report from the President John Haeger**

President Haeger noted the following:

* ABOR approved NAU’s tuition and fees request at their meeting on April 3rd. He noted that NAU’s pledge program has been in effect for five years, and is finally being recognized as the success it has been. Both ASU and UofA have designed similar programs. UofA’s program will begin this fall.
* NAU has formed committees to help with a smooth transition between presidents.

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

Provost Huenneke reported on the following:

* ABOR’s Academic Affairs Committee met on April 2nd. Their focus was on the value of liberal education and a review of academic metrics including freshman retention and six year graduation rates with an eye to a renewed focus on what works and what doesn’t.
* SBS Dean Search – They received a total of twenty nominations for the position. She wrote to all twenty and seventeen wrote back that they were not interested. The other three agreed to be considered. She created a screening group to work with her on this search. It consisted of 4 SBS faculty and Dan Kain. All three nominees were screened and moved forward to participate in the open forums. She hopes to have the search wrapped up by the end of the academic year. Information regarding the nominees can be found on the Provost’s website.
* She announced that she is moving forward on planning venues to discuss freedom of expression and civil discourse concerns. These programs will require planning and will be offered in the fall.

1. **Curriculum and Assessment Proposal Rob Till**  Rob Till, Chair of the Assessment Committee, presented the [curriculum and assessment proposal](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2014\April%207,%20FS\CAProposal_March11_2014.docx) for its final review. The proposal will be voted on as presented at the May 5th senate meeting.
2. **Old Business/New Business Items/Announcements Astrid Klocke**

No old/new business or announcements were brought forward.

1. **Adjourn Astrid Klocke**

There being no further business, **a Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.