**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**August 4, 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 200 of Cline Library at 3:01pm.

**Members Present:** Dorothy Dunn, Kate Ellis, Bruce Fox, Chuck Hammersley, Astrid Klocke, Lorie Kroneberger, Jerome Mahaffey, Allen Reich, Jon Reyhner, Michael Rulon, Claire Schonaerts, Benning Tieke, and Stephani Williams.

(\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Theresa Bierer and Pauline Entin.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid presented the [agenda](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CAGENDA%5CFS%20MEETING%5C2014%5CMay%205%202014%20FS%202nd%20draft%20AK%20edits%20.doc) for approval. **The agenda was approved as amended.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The [minutes](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMINS%5CFS%5C2014%5CFS%20April%207%202nd%20%20draft%20minutes.docx) of the June 2nd senate meeting were presented. **A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed.**

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

Astrid announced the following:

* Based on the responses by senators to the end of the year survey conducted last May, she has compiled a list of projects to work on including changes to the senate meeting set-up and delivery methods. She shared her ideas and stated that more discussion of these goals and projects would be discussed at the end of today’s meeting.
* Astrid gave a brief update on the ABOR meeting held in June at NAU. At that meeting Rita Cheng was named as the finalist in the NAU Presidential search. The then candidate Cheng was invited to come to campus to meet with various key figures on campus. She met with Senate representatives Astrid Klocke, Bruce Fox, and Kate Ellis. Since her visit came the first week of summer session the meeting took place via Skype with Astrid attending from Germany, Bruce from Washington D.C. and Kate from Utah. Astrid felt the concerns of faculty were well represented during the search as well as during the transitional phase of the hiring of a new NAU President. President Cheng will begin her new role on August 15th. Astrid is working on a letter to President Cheng welcoming her to campus and giving her an overview of the work of the senate and its mission. She also plans to discuss the senate’s role in working with the administration toward meeting the goals and mission of the university.
* Astrid noted that as part of the senators’ responses in the May survey they requested more time to discuss relevant topics among the faculty. We will be testing various delivery methods during the year to provide more efficient meetings and an increase in participation within the voting units. We also need to streamline our procedures and processes to be more effective and work with senators to be involved with their voting units as a whole not their individual departments. The first step in this process is a new meeting room design. The September meeting of the senate will be changed to address the concern voiced that the meetings had become too hierarchical. We will attempt to monitor each change as we go until we find the best fit.
* The COACHE advisory group has asked to update the senate on their progress. They will be placed on the August FSEC agenda.
* Astrid has given information to all faculty to use in their syllabi regarding the emergency text loan program.
* Lastly, Astrid introduced Pauline Entin the new Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. Pauline introduced herself and gave a brief review of her history with NAU. She looks forward to working in her new capacity and is trying hard to familiarize herself with the many facets of the job.

1. **Elections Committee Update Bruce Fox** Bruce Fox in his capacity as Vice President and Chair of the nominations and elections committee noted that there is a need for the FSEC to move forward on various issues that the Bylaws Committee has been charged with addressing. Shadow Armfield has resigned his position as Parliamentarian, therefore Bruce called for nominations to fill this seat until the September 8th meeting of the full senate when today’s vote can be ratified or rescinded and a new candidate can be put forward. **A motion was made and seconded to elect Eric Yordy as Parliamentarian.** No discussion was brought forward so Bruce called for a vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

1. **Revision of Faculty Priorities Document Astrid Klocke**

Astrid asked for those members present to divide into small groups to brainstorm the updated faculty priorities document. Time was given for discussion and for sharing their thoughts. Astrid will incorporate this feedback to that put forward in May and June.

1. **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 3:55pm.