**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**December 1, 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 the Kaibab room of the University Union at 3:03pm.

**Members Present:** TS Amer, Shadow Armfield, Steve Barger, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Bounds, Matthew Bowker, Rosalicia Cordova (appeared electronically), Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), David Albritton for Ding Du, Dorothy Dunn, Stephen Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Bruce Fox, Matthew Gage, Sibylle Gruber, Shannon Guerrero, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, Pauline Entin for Laura Huenneke\*, Bob Kilpatrick, Astrid Klocke, Thomas Kolb, Sandra Lahtinen, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Jerome Mahaffey, Phil Mlsna, Ishmael Munene, Stephen Nuno, Pat Peterson (appeared electronically), Jennifer Prior, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Jon Reyhner, Krista Rodin, Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Roy St. Laurent\*, Frank Santorelli, Allen Saunders, Nando Schellen, Cathy Small, CJ Smith, Amanda Stan, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins, Stephani Williams (appeared electronically), Gioia Woods, Eric Yordy and Jillian Zuniga\*.

**Members Absent:** Natalie Cawood, Rita Cheng\*, John Houser, Srinivas Kosaraju, Korie Kroneberger, Marty Lee, Rosemary Logan, Jennifer McLerran, Vicky Ross, Melissa Santana, Claire Schonaerts, Aregai Tecle, Benning Tieke, and David Williams. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Theresa Bierer, Don Carter, Pauline Entin, Jerry Gile, Dan Kain, Shari Miller, Debbie Shepard, and John Tingerthal.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid Klocke presented the [agenda](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\AGENDA\FS%20MEETING\2014\November%203%202014%20FS%20agenda%202nd%20draft.docx) for approval. She noted that Vice Provost Pauline Entin will present the Provost’s. **The agenda was approved with the aforementioned change.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The [minutes](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MINS\FS\2014\FS%20October%206th%20third%20with%20AK%20edits%20draft.docx) of the November 3, 2014 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:

* A mid-year survey will be available immediately following today’s meeting. She encouraged all to participate.
* ABOR – Astrid attended the November 19 – 21 meetings of ABOR as well as the ASU faculty breakfast with the Regents.
* As the board has become more conservative, in line with our state legislature, there is an increased interest in how conservative viewpoints are represented at campus events, in classes, and in our interactions with students and with each other. Read about ASU’s new “Center for the Study of Economic Liberty,” partially funded by the Charles Koch Foundation, to get a sense for new developments at the intersection of politics and higher education: <http://bit.ly/1yepyMX>

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

* Nominations and Elections Committee Bruce Fox, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee noted that Phil Mlsna has resigned his position as Senator at Large as he will be teaching in China next semester. Bruce had sent a call for nominations and Dan Eadens volunteered to serve. With no further nominations Bruce called for a vote. The vote was unanimous to elect Dan as Senator at Large. Bruce also noted that election letters will be sent to the voting units in late January.

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

President Cheng reported on the following:

* The search for a Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services is underway. They have three finalists at this time. They hope to have the finalists come for campus visits this month. She believes they will be able to make a decision by the end of this year so the new Vice President can begin next semester.
* The upcoming legislative session will be dominated by the state budget. For NAU, the question of tuition increases is crucial in case we need to fill gaps left by state budget cuts. It is going to be a difficult year. President Cheng expects to meet with the new governor soon and hopes to convey the importance of NAU to the region and our contributions to the economic future of the state. Conversation with the Flagstaff community about partnering on student housing and discussions with the Green Fund about solar panels on the San Francisco parking garage are ongoing.
* December 2nd she will be hosting the annual Holiday Reception at the High Country Conference Center from 3-5pm.

1. **Report from the Provost Pauline Entin**

Associate Vice Provost Pauline Entin reported on the following:

* Agenda items of ABOR’s Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting included reports on Veterans Affairs, performance metrics, and the AZ Transfer System. Materials are publically available on the ABOR website: <http://www.azregents.edu/publicmeetings/publicmeetings.aspx>.

1. **SETE Committee Report, Spring Course Evaluations John Tingerthal/Denise Helm**

John Tingerthal, Associate Professor of Construction Management and Associate Chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering, presented the report of the SETE review committee held a question and answer session following up on his presentation to the FSEC on the SETE Committee report. The video recording of the presentation is available to all NAU faculty in the Senate BbLearn shell. The committee recommends we discontinue the use of SETE and suggests a process for replacement. (However, no decision has been made yet; SETE will still be used this semester and in spring 2015.) Denise Helm, Provost’s Faculty Fellow, gave an overview of the delivery system: *CoursEval* which will replace the NAU legacy system in spring 2015. Important: distinguish between survey “instrument” (SETE) and survey “delivery system” (*CoursEval*). The Faculty Senate Council on Learning is looking into developing other tools for evaluating faculty teaching, for use by departments (similar to efforts at the UA). Our 2012 task force on faculty evaluation recommended use of multiple instruments, not just end-of-term student opinion surveys. Contact Shadow Armfield (COE) if you would like to work with the Council on Learning.

1. **Blended Learning Survey Denise Helm**

Denise Helm, Provost’s Faculty Fellow, presented the results of the NAU Blended Learning Survey. A video of her presentation is available to all NAU faculty in the Senate BbLearn shell.

1. **COACHE Update Eric Yordy/Steven Barger**

Eric Yordy and Steven Barger, FS representatives on the COACHE working group, reported that one area of increased attention for follow up work is NonTT faculty work expectations, conditions in departments, and promotion at NAU for non-TT faculty. Roy St. Laurent, Executive Director of the Academic Chairs Council, added that Chairs are aware this area of concern exists and will be addressing some of the issues directly. Astrid added that the FS Rights and Responsibilities Council has been charged with looking at what can be done on these issues. The R and R Council will meet at the beginning of the next semester.

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

There will be a FS sponsored campus forum on Civil Discourse to be held January 28th 2015 at the High Country Conference Center.

1. **Adjourn Astrid Klocke**

There being no further business, **a call for adjourn was made and with no objections the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.**