**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**December 5, 2016**

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

Faculty Senate President Bruce Fox called the meeting to order at 3:00 in the Kaibab Room of the University Union.

**Members Present:** Larry Mohrweis for TS Amer, David Auty, Laura Blocher, Priscilla Sanderson for Laura Bounds, Natalie Cawood, Rita Cheng\*, Ann Collier, Rosalicia Cordova (attended electronically), Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, Nora Dunbar, Dorothy Dunn, Dan Eadens, Jay Farrness, Thomas Finger, Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, John Gibbs, Susan Harris, Richard Hofstetter, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Dan Kain, Lorie Kroneberger, Nicole Jelsing, Edgar Lee, Emily Manone, Rich McNeill, Judith Montoya, Ishmael Munene, Marianne Nielsen, Danielle Ross (appeared electronically),Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Roy St. Laurent, Buck Sanford, Blase Scarnati, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), David Scott, Karen Sealander, Amanda Stan, Lisa Tichavsky, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Mary Anne Reynolds for Katherine Watkins, Lori Wilson (appeared electronically), Brooke Whitworth (appeared electronically), and Gioia Woods.

**Members Absent:** Stephen Dunn, Kate Ellis, David Godley, Lenka Hospodka, Astrid Klocke, Jennifer McLerran, Phil Mlsna, Shirley Navarro, Stephen Nuno, James Reed, Krista Rodin, Melissa Santana, Claudia Sturgis, and Philippa Winkler, (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Pauline Entin, Luis Fernandez, Jerry Gile, Shannon Gorman (appeared electronically), Joanne Keene, Susan Lauer (appeared electronically), Leslie Ann Lloyd, Gene Moan, Kimberly Ott, and Gerald Wood and approximately 40 visitors not signed in.

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 noting that the President and Michelle Parker may be late and we will need to make adjustments for that. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed.**

1. **Approval of minutes for November 7, 2016 Bruce Fox**

Bruce presented the minutes of the November 7, 2016 Senate meeting for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.**

1. **President’s Report President Cheng**

President Cheng reported on the following:   
- Personnel Update:

* Lynda Ransdell has been appointed Dean of the College of Health and Human Services.
* Stephanie Smith has been appointed Director of Alumni Engagement.
* A new vice president of capital planning should be announced soon. (Dr. Daniel Okoli was announced December 6th.)
* Theresa Smith has been appointed Special Assistant for online education
* The position for Vice President for Research opened last week.
* Ted Schuur professor in Biological Sciences published in Scientific American. He teamed with scientists at the University of Arizona to study asteroids.

-NAU’s new website is being overhauled. Implementation will begin soon and will be done incrementally. Eventually everyone will migrate to the new system.

-The annual holiday Christmas party will take place Tuesday December 13th at the High Country Conference Center.

• Solar panels will be installed on the San Francisco Street garage over holiday break.

1. **Provost’s Report Dan Kain**

Provost Kain reported on the following:

* A celebration of long term faculty and staff was held last week. Two have over 40 years of service to NAU. One of them is Senator Jay Farness
* ABOR Meeting:
  + Regents expressed desire to see program learning outcomes when new programs are submitted for approval.
  + ABOR approved the formation of an Honors College and a BS degree in Infomatics
  + ABOR has established a “Quality Task Force” with an initial focus on General Education (our Liberal Studies). Laurie Dickson and Jeff Berglund represent NAU on that task force. A report on this topic is anticipated sometime in April 2017.
  + They approved keeping current exception from Board Policy with respect to the percent of multiyear contracts for NTT faculty permitted at NAU.
* Roger Bounds has been selected as the new Vice Provost for Academic Personnel.
* Franke College of Business Dean search: candidates have submitted their resumes and the search firm is seeking additional candidates to add to the pool. The search committee will meet to decide on the top candidates soon after winter break and hope to have a Dean in place by early March.
* Provost Kain expressed his willingness to come to department and college meetings to share his vision of the job of provost.

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

Bruce reported on the following:

* ABOR has had good discussions regarding funding by state and student debt, and the link between educational attainment and economic development.
* Lyndel Manson ABOR’s new regent is from Flagstaff. She accepted our invitation to attend a Senate meeting in late Spring 2017. This will allow her to become accustomed to her new position prior to coming to NAU.
* Arizona Board of Regents President Eileen Klein also accepted our invitation to visit sometime this spring.
* Deferred maintenance is a concern of the Regents. NAU has approximately $113 million in deferred maintenance, NOT including infrastructure.
* Bruce noted that there are many construction projects in various stages across campus. Some of these projects will disrupt bus schedules on campus. He urged everyone to not only check the schedules but to work with students as there may be delays at the beginning of the semester.

1. **Campus Leadership Introduction Michelle Parker Bruce Fox/Michelle Parker**

Bruce introduced attorney Michelle Parker, NAU’s newly appointed Chief Legal Counsel. Ms. Parker provided her background and discussed her role as counsel to NAU. She then entertained questions.

1. **Faculty Governance Discussion Bruce Fox**

Due to a shortage of time this item will be tabled and brought forward at a future FS meeting.

1. **Ombuds Office Report Gene Moan**

Gene Moan gave a brief overview of his presentation to the FSEC and then entertained questions. The video recording of his presentation is available on the Senate’s BbLearn shell.

1. **Centralized Scheduling Update Pauline Entin/Mikhail Starr**

Vice Provost Pauline Entin and Mikhail Starr addressed issues surrounding the room scheduling software now being implemented. They addressed questions that included how to deal with class size discrepancies and furniture availability (faculty should contact their building manager); How to assure faculty are being treated fairly (an algorithm is used to assign classrooms but class assignments are still the prerogative and responsibility of academic units); Accommodating faculty desires for particular room configurations (e.g. types of tables or chairs). They then entertained questions.

1. **Resolution on Diversity and Sanctuary Gioia Woods**

A resolution was presented in support for documented and undocumented students in light of President-elect Trump’s statement that he will end DACA. A petition with over 600 signatures has been signed by NAU faculty, students, and staff in support of this resolution. Individuals from the audience were invited to address the Senate and were given a time limit of 90 seconds. **A** [**motion**](file:///\\naushares.ucc.nau.edu\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2016%20to%202017\FS%20December%205\resolution%20diversity%20and%20sanctuary-4.docx) **was made and seconded in support of the resolution.** Discussion followed. Friendly amendments were made:

* + Michael Rulon: if DACA students loose in-state tuition institution (NAU) will support the creation of a student legal resource center.
  + Amend definition in language to include all students
  + Amend to replace “Sanctuary” with “Universal safety” in title

**[The motion](\\\\naushares.ucc.nau.edu\\FacSen\\MEETING HANDOUTS\\2016 to 2017\\FS December 5\\APPROVED DECEMBER 5, 2016  Resolution diversity and universal safety.docx) passed with one abstention.**

1. **Academic Freedom Discussion** **Gioia Woods**

This item was tabled due to lack of time. It will be brought forward at a future FS meeting.

1. **Announcements/Old/New Business/Adjournment Bruce Fox**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.