**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**February 22, 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 3:02 pm.

**Members Present:** TS Amer, David Auty, Natasha Dmitrieva for Steve Barger, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Blocher, Laura Bounds, Matthew Bowker, Alexandra Buchta\*, Natalie Cawood, Rita Cheng\*, James Coleman\*, Ann Collier, Rosalicia Cordova (appeared electronically), Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Ding Du, Brannon McCullough for Jennifer Duis, Nora Dunbar, Dorothy Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Thomas Finger(appeared electronically), Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, John Gibbs, Sibylle Gruber, Richard Hofstetter, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, Astrid Klocke, Korie Kroneberger, Sandra Lahtinen, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Edgar Lee, Rosemary Logan, Jerome Mahaffey, Jennifer McLerran, Rich McNeill, Shirley Navarro, Stephen Nuno, Pat Peterson (appeared electronically), Jon Reyhner, Danielle Ross, Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Blase Scarnati, Karen Sealander, Ed Smaglik Amanda Stan (appeared electronically), Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins (appeared electronically), Brooke Whitworth, Lori Wilson, and Eric Yordy.

**Members Absent:** Clara Adams, Stephen Dunn, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, John Houser, Srinivas Kosaraju, Phil Mlsna, Ishmael Munene, Krista Rodin, Vicky Ross, Melissa Santana, Frank Santorelli, David Scott, Stephani Williams, and Gioia Woods. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Theresa Bierer, Jill Christensen, Paul Gazda, Jerry Gile, Dan Kain, Joanne Keene, Shari Miller, and Dianna White.

FS President, Bruce Fox presented the [agenda](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares.ucc.nau.edu%5CFacSen%5CAGENDA%5CFS%20MEETING%5C2016%5CFebruary%2022%202016%20Agenda%20FINAL.pdf) for approval. **The agenda was approved.**

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

Bruce reported on the following:

* NAU’s leadership retreat was held last Friday where the FSEC was represented along with other faculty, chairs, deans, and administrators. The discussions focused on budgetary priorities.
* Two new buildings are opening this month, the new aquatic facility and the SAS building.
* Astrid Klocke has been named Interim VP of Extended Campuses.
* The amended changes to the FS Constitution have been sent to President Cheng for approval per ABOR policies.
1. **Senate Bylaws Committee Report Eric Yordy**

Eric Yordy, Chair of the FS Bylaws Committee, presented [proposed changes](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares.ucc.nau.edu%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2016%5CMAR%202016%20Proposed%20Senate%20Bylaws%20Amended%20from%20Committee%20Approved.docx) to the FS Bylaws. Senators are asked to distribute the proposed changes in their units and come prepared to vote on the changes at the March Senate meeting.

1. **Guns on Campus Resoulution Bruce Fox**

Bruce noted that the discussion of guns on campus was brought up in 2011 wherein the Senate passed a [Resolution](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares.ucc.nau.edu%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2016%5CFebruary%2022%20FS%5CNAU%20FS%20Resolution%20on%20guns%20on%20campus%20-%20APPROVED%20AT%20THE%203-7-11%20FS%20MEETING.doc) stating, “the Senate stands opposed to any legislation permitting firearms and other weapons on campus”. He further noted ABOR has taken a position that any decisions regarding guns on campus is the purview of the Board of Regents. Bruce noted that there is a resolution in today’s materials that is the exact wording of the resolution passed in March of 2011. He then called for discussion. After discussion **a motion was made and seconded to move the resolution to a vote which maintains the stand against guns and weapons on campus. The motion passed.**

1. **Non-Gender Binary Benefits Resolution Michael Rulon**

NAU’s Senate was approached by the UofA Senate President asking for its support for transgender medical benefits for all three campuses. In looking into the situation a [resolution](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares.ucc.nau.edu%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2016%5CFebruary%2022%20FS%5CTransgender%20Resolution%2015%20February%202016.docx) was prepared and brought forward today for the Senate to consider. After discussion, **a motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution. The motion passed.**

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

President Cheng presented the following update:

* She has been visiting groups across campus and hled a forum last week (a video is available on line) discussing various topics including the budget: new programs; and enrollment.
* She has spent a great deal of time in Phoenix working with legislators on budget issues.
* Regarding hiring searches:
	+ The CIO Search continues. The search committee with meet Friday to narrow the pool to those candidates they wish to bring to campus.
	+ The Search for a Diversity Officer is underway. A job description has been distributed for feedback.
	+ The Search for Vice Provost of International Education is ongoing.
	+ As mentioned earlier Astrid Klocke has been appointed as Interim VP for Extended Campuses. They are currently looking at this organization with an eye on how best to move forward.
	+ Tuition and fees are now under discussion. A proposed pledge rate and tuition and fees will be finalized by the end of March which will be forward to ABOR. There are student hearings on fees planned as part of this discussion. ABOR will discuss these issues at its April meeting.

She then took questions.

1. **Report from Provost Coleman Provost Coleman**

Provost Coleman spoke to the following:

* The National Council for Undergraduate Research Conference will be held at NAU in summer 2017.
* Faculty allocations for the coming academic year are on the top of his priority list. The process is not a simple one and has and will take time to plan for.
* The search for the VP of international education has more than 90 well qualified candidates They have narrowed their search to 10-11 candidates. The plan to invite 2-3 candidates to campus after spring break.
* He has organized a group to work on issues regarding advising and retention.

He then took questions.

1. **Bookstore Presentation Jill Christensen**

Jill Christensen presented materials on [course material adoption.](file:///F%3A%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2016%5CFebruary%2022%20FS%5CCourse%20Material%20Adoptions%20Jill%20Christensen%20PowerPoint%202015.pptx)  She gave a brief overview then entertained questions.

1. **Student Feedback Survey Presentation Denise Helm**

Denise Helm was unable to attend today’s meeting Bruce Fox gave a brief overview of her presentation. He noted what has been done to date and what they are working on now. This semester we will be using the existing student survey tools which will give the task force time to find what will be best moving forward.

1. **Herbicide Proposal Presentation Paul Gazda**

Paul Gazda presented a [brief background](file:///F%3A%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2016%5CFebruary%2022%20FS%5CSustainable%20Landscape%20PowerPoint%20Overview%20-%20FS.pptx) of the history of the efforts gone into the idea of an herbicide-free campus and where we are today. He then read [a letter](file:///F%3A%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFSEC%5CFSEC%20October%2019%5CSLMBudgetRequestLetter.%20October%2013docx.docx) to President Cheng in support of funding this effort in the new budget. The letter has been signed by other groups on camps representing students, faculty and staff. He is asking that the Senate vote to have FS President Bruce Fox sign the document. Discussion followed. **A motion was made and seconded to support the effort by having Bruce Fox sign the letter. The motion passed.**

1. **Adjourn Bruce Fox**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51p.m.