**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**January 13, 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 3:04pm.

**Members Present:** Shadow Armfield, Charlie Balch (attended electronically), Steve Barger, Natalie Cawood, Bill Culbertson, Eck Doerry, Dorothy Dunn, Stephen Dunn, Kate Ellis, Pam Foti, Bruce Fox (appeared telephonically), Sibylle Gruber, John Haeger\*, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Dawn Hawley, Ryan Holder, Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Laura Huenneke\*, Gae Johnson, Ryan Kashanipour, Astrid Klocke, Thomas Kolb, Sandra Lahtinen, Ellen Larson, Marty Lee, Shayla Woodhouse for Mackenzie Mastrud\*, Phil Mlsna, Jennifer Prior, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Jon Reyhner, Linda Robyn, Allen Saunders, Nando Schellen, Karen Sealander, CJ Smith, Roy St. Laurent\*, and Aregai Tecle.

**Members Absent:**  TS Amer, Joyce DeVoss Chris Downum, Ding Du, Heidi Fogelberg, Liz Greenberg, Bob Kilpatrick (excused due to electronic difficulties at our end), Pin Ng, Pat Peterson (excused due to electronic difficulties at our end), Greg Prater for Vicki Ross, Claire Schonaerts, Edward Smaglik, Cathy Small, Rick Stamer, David Williams, and Ishmael Munene, for Gerald Wood. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** David Bousquet, Don Carter, Laurie Dickson, Dan Kain, Rod Parnell, Ellen Vaughan, and Niranjan Venkatraman.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid presented the [agenda](../../../AGENDA/FS%20MEETING/2014/January%2013%202014%20FS%20FINAL%20draft%20.doc) for approval. **The agenda was approved as presented.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The [minutes](../2013/FS%20December%202nd%2C%20%202nd%20draft%20minutes.docx) of the December 2nd senate meeting were presented. **A motion was made to approve the minutes with the change to reflect that Regent Leonard attended in person. The motion passed.**

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

Astrid announced the following:

* Astrid welcomed Allen Reich back to his seat as Past President and thanked Bill Culbertson for filling in for him.
* Bruce Fox will be attending meetings electronically as he heals from a broken leg.
* The Rights and Responsibilities Council will work on a worksheet outlining NAU’s Intellectual Property Policy. This working group will be chaired by Cathy Small.
* Elections within the voting units for senate seats and seats on key university committees will be held earlier this year. Letters will go out to all voting units within the next two weeks. Senators are asked to help within their units to fill these seats. The FS internal elections will be held in May per the FS Bylaws.
* ABOR President Eileen Klein continues to work with Astrid to keep the lines of communication flowing. The search firm has been selected and an announcement is expected soon. One of the members of the firm will sit on this search committee. President Klein has asked that faculty not contact the search committee directly but rather make their concerns known through Astrid.
* The COACHE survey is still open it isn’t too late to complete it.
* Teaching Day was sold out and a huge success this year.
1. **FS Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**
* Bylaws Committee

Shadow Armfield, Chair of the FS Bylaws Committee reported that the amendment to the bylaws adding two voting units (the University College and the University Honors Program) was approved by the President and subsequently letters have gone to both units regarding representation on the senate and key university committees.

He also noted the Bylaws Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss a proposal given to them which, if adopted, would form a Senate for the Extended Campuses faculty.

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

President Haeger noted the following:

* The presidential search firm contacted him and he discussed various issues with them including NAU’s finances and challenges facing NAU now as well as in the near future. They also asked for a list of NAU’s internal stakeholders which he has provided them.
* He discussed various implications of the governor’s budget proposal which did not include performance funding and a call for a flexible predictable tuition system (which we already have in the form of the pledge program). The Appropriations Committee is taking testimony on the budget during the ABOR meeting.
* NAU has a new advertising deal with the Phoenix Suns. Mason Gerrety can be reached for the specifics of this deal.

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

Provost Huenneke reported on the following:

* Faculty and staff raises are taking effect this month. The compensation for faculty also included exemplary performers. The process and criteria varied considerably across campus. She and Vice Provost Dan Kain have been meeting across campus to look into how the various units implemented the distribution of the exemplary performer monies. They will issue a report once they have had time to collate the results of the data collection process.
* The University Graduate Committee (UGC) has developed a new policy and recommendation for dismissal of students from academic programs.
* A working group on fees submitted a report that raised questions on how units might manage fees including information on how the monies can and can’t be used.
* She gave a brief update on the SBS dean’s search. One finalist received an offer elsewhere and another will be invited back. The search committee is recommending two other additional candidates for campus visits.
1. **Academic Planning Framework Provost Huennke** Provost Huenneke noted that the four subcommittees of the academic planning framework task force presented written information at an open house forum in December. This material is being consolidated and will be presented soon. The key questions they hope to answer are – What are the key issues that we want people to think about in academic program or new program reviews? What kind of vision do we have for our programs and the direction they want to move?

1. **Campus Sustainability** **Rod Parnell/Ellen Vaughan**

Rod Parnell coordinator of Academic Sustainability presented the [annual report](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2014/January%2013/January%20presentation%20sustainability%20presentation%20Faculty%20Senate.docx) of the Office of Sustainability. He also introduced the new Manger of the office, Ellen Vaughan. Their report and further [information](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2014/January%2013/summary%20academic%20sustainability%20steering%20committee.docx) can be attained on their website, <http://nau.edu/green>. For information on how faculty can get involved contact Ellen at Ellen.Vaughan@nau.edu.

1. **Assessment and Curriculum Proposal Niranjan Venkatraman**

Niranjan Venkatraman presented an update on the vetting process the committee has done and their results. Members of the committee have been visiting with the various college curriculum committees to discuss the proposal and field questions and suggestions the committees have made. They hope to have visited with all the curriculum committees in February. They will then present a revised, updated version of the proposal for a possible vote by the senate.

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

Vice Provost Dan Kain announced that there is still time for faculty to complete the SETE survey if they have not already done so.

1. **Adjourn Astrid Klocke**

There being no further business, **a Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.