**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**January 26, 2015**

Please email corrections to Faculty.Senate@nau.edu.

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 3:01pm.

**Members Present:** Clara Adams, TS Amer, Steve Barger, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Matthew Bowker, Natalie Cawood, Rita Cheng\*, Rosalicia Cordova (appeared electronically), Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, David Albritton for Ding Du, Dorothy Dunn, Stephen Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, Matthew Gage, Sibylle Gruber, Roy St. Laurent for Shannon Guerrero, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Laura Huenneke\*, Astrid Klocke, Thomas Kolb, Srinivas Kosaraju, Korie Kroneberger, Rosemary Logan, Jerome Mahaffey, Jennifer McLerran, Rich McNeill, Phil Mlsna, Ishmael Munene, Stephen Nuno, Pat Peterson Jennifer Prior, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Krista Rodin, Vicky Ross, Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Roy St. Laurent\*, Allen Saunders, Nando Schellen, Claire Schonaerts, Cathy Small, CJ Smith, Amanda Stan, Aregai Tecle, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins (appeared electronically), Stephani Williams, Gioia Woods, Eric Yordy and

**Members Absent:** Shadow Armfield, Laura Bounds, Joyce DeVoss, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Sandra Lahtinen, Marty Lee, Jon Reyhner, Melissa Santana, Frank Santorelli, and David Williams, and Jillian Zuniga\*. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Theresa Bierer, Nora Dunbar, Pauline Entin, Jerry Gile, Denise Helm, Wendy Holliday, Dan Kain, Rachel Koch, and Shari Miller.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid Klocke presented the [agenda](../../../AGENDA/FS%20MEETING/2015/FS/January%2026%202015%20agenda%201st%20draft.docx) for approval. She noted that Provost Cheng’s report may move up on the agenda to accommodate her schedule and the Bylaws Committee will give a report under item 4. **The agenda was approved with the aforementioned changes.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The minutes of the [December 1, 2014 FS](../2014/FS%20December%201st%20draft%20.docx) 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:

* The budget process is underway. Issues in play consideration are: the legislative process and budget proposals; ABOR’s influence in the budgeting process; NAU’s macro budget discussions from leadership day; the K-12 lawsuit; and the issue of tuition.
* A working group to discuss issues related to the Non Tenure Track Faculty has been formed. They have assigned a list of goals among sub working groups of the group. Nora Timmerman will report on this later in this agenda.
1. **Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**
* Planning and Budget Council Kate Ellis, Chair of the FS Planning and Budget Council noted the report she had prepared was no longer relevant in light of recent changes and deferred her report to President Cheng who will address the latest developments.
* By-Laws Committee Eric Yordy, Chair of the FS By-Laws Committee noted that the committee is currently reviewing both the by-laws and constitution of the Faculty Senate. Issues under review are: the size of the senate; the definition of faculty; timeline for Senate elections; and the structure of the constitution. They plan to have a draft of the proposed changes and will seek feedback from all voting units.
* Rights and Responsibilities Council Susan Harris, Chair of the Rights and Responsibilities gave a brief overview of the work of the council. The council is looking at updating the CORS document;
* 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 (taken out of order) 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 ester.
* The community about partnering on student housing and discussions with the Green Fund about solar panels on the San Francisco parking garage are ongoing.
* December .
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. **Provost’s Office Response to the SETE Evaluation Denise Helm**

John Denise Helm, Provost’s Faculty Fellow, gave an

1. **University Repository Wendy Holliday**

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. **Non TT Faculty Working Group Nora Timmerman**

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**
* The Senate is sponsoring a campus forum on Civil Discourse Wednesday January 28th from 4-6pm at the Native American Cultural Center.
* There will be a University Town Hall on Serving the Whole Student Wednesday March 4th from 8:30 to 11:00am in the Ashurst Auditorium.
* Senate elections for Senate seats and seats on various Key University Committees will be held prior to March 1st. Senate internal elections will be held at the May 3rd FS meeting.
1. **Adjourn Astrid Klocke**

There being no further business, **a call for adjourn was made and with no objections the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.**