**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 11, 2013**

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1. **Call to order/ Acceptance of Agenda: Allen Reich**

Faculty Senate President Allen Reich called the meeting of the NAU Faculty Senate (FS) to order in the Kaibab Room of the Student Union at 3:02pm.

**Members Present:** Sara Aleman, TS Amer, Shadow Armfield (appeared electronically), Charlie Balch (appeared electronically), Natalie Cawood, Bill Culbertson, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Stephen Dunn, Ryan Kashanipour for Kate Ellis, Pam Foti, Ro Haddon, John Haeger\*, Lenka Hospodka, Laura Huenneke\*, Gae Johnson, Bob Kilpatrick (appeared electronically), Astrid Klocke, Ellen Larson, Rich Lei, Rich McNeill, Phillip Mlsna, Larry Mohrweis, Ding Du for Pin Ng, Jacquelyn Schwandt for Ricardo Pereira, Pat Peterson, Jennifer Prior, Carol Manzi for Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Linda Robyn, Vicki Ross, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), Karen Sealander, Cathy Small, Sammy Smart, Julie Swann, Walter Vannette, and Gerald Wood.

**Members Absent:**  Jonathan Bergeron, Chris Downum, Heidi Fogelberg, Kathleen Ganley, Susan Harris, Ryan Holder, Guy Senese for Ishmael Munene, Allen Saunders, Nando Schellen, Erik Schiefer, Edward Smaglik, Rick Stamer, Andrea Thode, Kathleen Timbers, David Williams, and J. Allen Woodman. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** David Camacho, Rom Coles, Evie Garcia, Mason Gerety, Chuck Hammersley, Dan Kain, Marc Levy, Anne Marie Mackler, John Masserini, Karen Pugliesi, and Blase Scarnati.

Faculty Senate President, Allen Reich presented the [agenda](../../../AGENDA/FS%20MEETING/2013/March%2011,%202013%20third%20draft.doc) for approval. **The agenda was approved.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Allen Reich**

The minutes of the [February 11th](February%2011th%20FS%20meeting%20second%20Draft.doc) senate meeting were presented. **A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed.**

1. **Faculty Senate President’s Report Allen Reich**

Allen reported on the following:

* + ABOR held a retreat on technology and the future of higher education
  + At the last two meetings of the regents they regents have voiced their displeasure with faculty for being too slow to act.
  + ABOR is working on metrics for academic quality. Allen suggested that we look at developing metrics that we can justify using, rather than wait for ABOR to develop them.
  + The Faculty Evaluation and Student Success task force has gotten off to a great start and hopes to have a report ready by the end of the semester.
  + Nationwide regents are in discussions regarding modifying the tenure and reward system. This is another area where if we act first, they’re less likely to do something.
  + The CoLT committee will meet soon to study our existing processes in each of the committees involved in the curriculum and assessment process to ensure they are effective.
  + Rick Brandel and Art Farmer, Dean and Associate Dean of Student Live discussed dealing with students that have emotional and behavioral problems at the last President’s cabinet meeting. They discussed looking at how, when and to whom faculty should communicate this information.
  + The shared governance sub-committee of the senate executive committee hopes to have a final draft to the senate soon.
  + Allen introduced a resolution proposed brought forth by the faculty senate of the University of Arizona supporting the granting of in-state tuition to those Arizona students who are given deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals that qualify as Arizona residents. **A motion was made to endorse the UofA’s resolution. The motion passed with 2 nay votes and 1 abstention**.

1. **FS Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**
   1. Council on Learning - Gerald Wood, Chair of the Council on Learning (CoL), announced that the task force on Faculty Evaluation and Student Success met recently and outlined their mission and set deadlines in which to complete these goals. They hope to have a report for the senate before the end of the year.
   2. The Council on Learning and Teaching - Astrid Klocke, Chair of CoLT, stated that the CoLT met and decided that they would remain an ad hoc committee to the FSEC at this time. CoLT will report regularly on their work to both the senate and the executive committee. They are currently in the process of identifying the processes of the articulation of curriculum and assessment.
   3. The Council on Rights and Responsibilities - Bill Culbertson, Co-Chair of the Rights and Responsibilities Council (R&RC) informed the senate that they have completed their annual review of the COFS document and have given an overview to the FSEC. After review and feedback by the FSEC the document will come before the senate for review and comment and hopefully can be concluded and voted on prior to the end of the year.
2. **FS Elections**  **Walter Vannette**

Walter Vannette, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee and Vice President, stated that the spring elections are underway. Each voting unit will receive the list of senator vacancies as well as key senate university committees this week. He asked senators to help within their units to fill these seats. He then distributed nominating petitions for seats on the FSEC and FS Councils and Committees. Nomination petitions are to be filed with the FS office prior to April 2nd.

1. **Civic Engagement at NAU Blase Scarnati/ Rom Coles**

Blase Scarnati, Director, First Year and Global Learning Initiative and Rom Coles, Director, Program for Community, Culture, & Environment, distributed their report on NAU’s Civic Engagement program launched in 2009. They gave an overview of the program and an update on the various successes and innovations of the program including the launch of a Bachelor of University Studies Civic Engagement Minor.

1. **NAU Learning Outcomes John Masserini/Chuck Hammersley**

John Masserini, Chair of the University Graduate Committee and Chuck Hammersley, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee addressed the need for a centralized collection of the learning outcomes campus wide. Simply put, there are programs and degrees on our campus that either do not have learning outcomes, or have learning outcomes that do not reflect their current curriculum. The CoLT committee is a vehicle for better communication between the Chairs of these curriculum committees, better coordination and implementation of large-scale assessment measures, and a more efficient method of organizing some of the larger goals of our curriculum process and committees. **A motion was made to endorse the CoLT’s recommendation to collect program learning outcomes which passed**.

1. **Employee Giving Mason Gerety/Anne Marie Mackler**

Mason Gerety, Senior Vice President for Advancement and Anne Marie Mackler, University Development Coordinator, explained the goals for this year’s campaign. The emphasis will be on increasing employee participation. It is very important that the university’s large donors know that NAU employees and students embrace this effort. They also have targeted the NAU dining scholarship program as the preferred program for giving. Sodexo has agreed to fund 10 dining scholarships once NAU has raised enough money to fund 10 dining scholarships. Once that has been met they will also give 10,000 dollars toward a permanent endowment for dining scholarships. Mason explained that over 700 NAU students living on camps are fully PELL eligible and do not have enough money to purchase meal plans. The website for donating is <http://nau.edu/Giving/NAU-Fund/Employee-Giving/>

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

President Haeger noted that ABOR will entertain the universities’ tuition proposals next week. NAU plans to raise its Pledge program by between 4-6%. He stated that ASNAU is behind this proposal. He added that there is also a 2 dollar IT fee proposed. ABOR also announced they will hold a meeting of the business and finance committee March 29th.

The Wall Aquatic Center is in need of a great deal of repair. Repairs will begin immediately to correct issues of safety. A decision will need to be made at some point on whether it is more prudent to correct the existing problems of tear the building down and build from scratch.

ABOR President, Eileen Klein is planning on visiting NAU to acquaint herself better with NAU.

It appears that the Arizona Cardinals will not be renewing their contract to utilize NAU for their pre-season training.

**Report from the Provost Laura Huennekee** Provost Hunneke began by addressing a question raised regarding any rescheduling of the university’s academic calendar in light of the change in the Cardinals plans for pre-season training. She stated that next fall would continue as planned since it is too late to alter that calendar. However, she is looking at changing the graduation day from Wednesday to Thursday.

Also in answer to a previous question it was pointed out that the four year graduation rate is now 33%.

She noted that the strategic planning process is nearing an end. It is hoped that the final draft will be ready by the end of the year.

She also addressed the importance of the work being done around learning outcomes.

1. **Old Business/New Business Items/Announcements Allen Reich**

No old or new business or announcements was brought forward.

1. **Adjourn Allen Reich**

There being no further business, **a Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.