**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 20, 2017**

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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.

FS President, Bruce Fox presented the [agenda](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares.ucc.nau.edu%5CFacSen%5CAGENDA%5CFS%20MEETING%5C2016%5CMarch%2021%20Regular%20Meeting%20Agenda%20V3.doc) for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda. The motion passed.**

**Members Present:** David Auty, Laura Blocher, Laura Bounds, Natalie Cawood, Ann Collier, Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, Nora Dunbar, Dorothy Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Jay Farrness, Thomas Finger, Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, David Godley (appeared electronically), John Gibbs, Susan Harris, Richard Hofstetter, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, Dan Kain, Edgar Lee, Emily Manone, Judith Montoya, Ishmael Munene, Shirley Navarro, Marianne Nielsen, Jim Reed, Krista Rodin (appeared electronically), Danielle Ross (appeared electronically), Michael Rulon, Roy St. Laurent, Ryan Porter for Buck Sanford, Blase Scarnati, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), David Scott, Karen Sealander, Claudia Sturges (appeared electronically), Lisa Tichavsky, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins (appeared electronically), Lori Wilson (appeared electronically), Philippa Winkler, Brooke Whitworth, and Gioia Woods.

**Those Absent:**

TS Amer, Rita Cheng\*, Rosalicia Cordova, Lorie Kroneberger, Nicole Jelsing, Rich McNeill, Peter Runge, Amanda Stan,

**Also Present:**

Jean Balestrery, Roger Bounds, Laurie Dickson, Susan Lauer, Tammy Mielke, Daniel Okoli,

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

President Cheng reported on the following:

* Significant planning and preparation to tuition and fee proposal for AY17-18 is underway The pledge program is a priority.
* Technology fee did fund about 25 classroom tech upgrades. An additional 25 classrooms are scheduled to be upgraded next year.
* The Honors program fee will now support the honor’s college.
* Tuition proposal will reform online tuition and fee structure, moving to a flat fee for all online students no matter where they live
* The new Dean of FCB is Dr. Daniel J. Goebel from Illinois State University.
* Carmen Phelps has left the University. President Cheng indicated it was a personnel issue and would not discuss personnel matters. Diversity Strategic Plan work will continue through Priscilla Mills and her staff. She wil look at the position description, and look at either a national search or an internal appointment.
* A question was raised regarding the IT fee, 25 classroom upgrades as being rather small. Steve Burrell, Chief Information Technology Officer, will be asked to come back to SENATE TO Senate to address this question.
1. **Provost’s Report Dan Kain**

Provost Kain reported on the following:

* He is very glad to have the Dean searches completed.
* CAPE Accreditation preliminary assessment(which included four of the colleges. CAL, CEFNS, CHHS, COE) had very positive comments.
* HERI Survey still open for two more days.
* ABOR is reviewing the general education information from all three institutions and they are moving forward with a teacher academy. Note: ABOR uses term “general education”
* He is reviewing how extended campuses functions.
1. **Senate President’s Report Bruce Fox**

Bruce reported on the following:

* The diversity strategic plan posted and open for comments, link will be sent out.
* ABOR meeting in two weeks in Tucson.
* Tuition proposal from University, tuition and fees: 2% increase to the pledge, freeze on fees, increase on meal plans (9%) and housing (6%). These are in response to the minimum wage increase.
* Acceptances up again; will most likely lead to an increase to first time fall enrollment.
1. **COE Letter to FSEC Laura Blocher**

Laura Blocher expressed concern from members of the COE faculty regarding the decision made last year to replace the Provost position without alignment with the shared governance agreement, which the president had signed. She noted this was not a concern regarding an individual, but rather a concern regarding a creep away from the principles of the shared governance agreement. Discussion followed. The question was raised that perhaps senators could bring to their units/colleges the shared governance document to let them know how much power faculty have. Bruce Fox agreed to send out the document

1. **Election Report Gioia Woods**

Gioia Woods, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committed noted: At the end of February letters were sent out to each voting unit calling for elections to be held to fill vacancies on FS charged committees and Faculty Senate seats. The elections should be completed by April 1st. If you haven’t seen anything about elections, please contact your Dean’s Office.

May 1st, elections will occur for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee seats; seats on FS councils and committees and Liaison seats on the FS charged committees. Send your willingness to be considered directly to Pam Lynch at Pam.Lynch@nau.edu

1. **Bylaws Report Ishmael Munene**

First of two or three sets on bylaws changes to be approved were presented to the senate having been approved by the FSEC. With the changes in the structures last year, committees needed to create new bylaws so that all Senate-charged committees have the same structure. We are doing this as they come available to be voted on. Bylaws for the Curriculum and Assessment Coordinating Committee, the Liberal Studies Committee, Intercollegiate Athletics, and University Undergraduate Committee were presented. **A motion was made to approve the bylaws. They were approved unanimously.**

1. **HLC/Accreditation Report Laure Dickson**

HLC will be here in October 16 & 17. There will be open forums with the site visitors. We are making good progress towards completion of the HLC obligations. Document will be available by April 10 on the accreditation website, there will be instructions for review and response of document. Accreditation allows our students to receive financial aid.

1. **Introduction: VP Capital Planning/Campus Operations Daniel Okoli**

Bruce introduced Daniel Okoli, NAU’s new VP of Capital Planning and Campus Operations. Daniel shared some of his history and experience as well as his goals in this position. One particular priority he has: Developing processes that work and are consistent.

1. **University Learning Outcomes Michael Rulon**

Michael Rulon, Chair of the Council on Learning noted that another version of this document that includes aspirational goals from student services is now available. This does not require or expect that a single class would fulfill all of this, it just intends that over the course of the 120 credits that a student takes at NAU, and the co and extra-curricular activities that a student engages in while at NAU.  **A motion was made and seconded to approve the learning outcomes. The motion passed unanimously.**

1. **Council on Rights and Responsibilities/Academic Freedom Gioia Woods**

Roger Bounds and Dan Kain brought forward a request to remove provost level of review for renewal of NTT faculty. This is a deletion of one step. The NTT Council is reviewing this proposal and will get back to the Provost's office and the Faculty R&R Council. Faculty R&R Council is looking at document on academic freedom and recording “recording academic discourse policy.” Students are allowed by law in the state of AZ to record in classes. This is a first time round with this policy. It is being vetted.

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

 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.