**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**May 6, 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 3:04pm.

**Members Present:** Sara Aleman, TS Amer, Shadow Armfield, Natalie Cawood, Bill Culbertson, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Stephen Dunn, Ryan Kashanipour for Kate Ellis, Heidi Fogelberg, Pam Foti, Kathleen Ganley (appeared electronically), Ro Haddon, John Haeger\*, Susan Harris, Ryan Holder, Lenka Hospodka, Laura Huenneke\*, Gae Johnson, Bob Kilpatrick, Astrid Klocke, Rich Lei, Phil Mlsna, Larry Mohrweis, Pat Peterson, Jennifer Prior, Allen Reich, Vicki Ross, Erik Schiefer, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), Karen Sealander, Edward Smaglik, Cathy Small, Rick Stamer, Julie Swann, Walter Vannette, David Williams, Gerald Wood and J. Allen Woodman.

**Members Absent:**  Charlie Balch, Jonathan Bergeron, Chris Downum, Ellen Larson, Rich McNeill, Guy Senese for Ishmael Munene, Ding Du for Pin Ng, Ricardo Pereira, Deborah Raymond, Linda Robyn, Allen Saunders, Nando Schellen, Andrea Thode, and Kathleen Timbers. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Beth Armstrong, Sara Bickel, David Bousquet, David Camacho, Rebecca Campbell, Laurie Dickson, Bruce Fox, Jon Hales, Lucy Hegg, Dan Kain, Karen Pugliesi, Linda Shadiow, and Robert Till.

Faculty Senate President, Allen Reich presented the [agenda](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\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 [April8th](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MINS\FS\2013\FS%20April%208,%20%20first%20draft%20minutes.docx)  senate meeting were presented. **A motion to approve seconded and passed.**

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

Allen reported on the accomplishments of the Senate during the 2012-2013 academic year including:

* The passing of a shared governance document.
* Senate and Senate Executive Committee retreats
* Update of COFS, FS Bylaws, and FS Constitution.
* The creation of a task force to improve the effectiveness of our curriculum and assessment efforts.
* The creation of a task force on teaching evaluation and student success
* The approval of programmatic learning outcomes.
* The Senate voted to strengthen assessment requirements.

For a complete listing see [Allen’s report](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MINS\FS\2013\Senate%20Efforts#3.docx).

Allen presented a plaque of appreciation and flowers to Linda Shadiow on her retirement from NAU as the Program Director of the Office of Faculty Development. Allen thanked her for her service and her tireless efforts on behalf of NAU’s faculty. He then invited Linda to share her thoughts.

Allen also presented certificates of appreciation to senators rotating off the senate; senators reelected to another term; and members of the executive committee.

He noted that the senate has scheduled two summer meetings June 17th and August 5th. Allen noted that there is a signup sheet and urged all senators to serve over the summer.

Allen announced that ABOR announced a series of four breakfast meetings with faculty and members of the AFC during the next academic year. The first of these breakfasts will occur at NAU in September. The details will be forthcoming as they are available.

1. **FS Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**

* Council on Learning’s - Gerald Wood, Chair of the Council on Learning (CoL) and Chair of the task force on Faculty Evaluation and Student Success distributed a [report](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2013/9.%20May%20FS%20mtg/Faculty%20Evaluation%20Student%20Success%20Task%20Force%20Report%204-22-13%20FS%20Handout.docx) of the work of task force.
* Bylaws Committee – Gae Johnson, Parliamentarian and Chair of the committee to review the FS Constitution and Bylaws, thanked the members of her committee TS Amer, Phil Mlsna, and Allen Reich for their work on the review of the Senate bylaws and constitution. She explained what they were able to accomplish and the work left to be done. She noted that the [changes](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2013\6.%20April%20FS%20mtg\April%20FS%20mtg%20exec%20summary%20bylaws%20constitution.docx) had been previously distributed. A **motion was made to accept the changes to the bylaws as presented. There was a second the motion passed**.

This summer the committee will continue its work on those changes noted earlier. These changes will need to be vetted next year.

* Rights & Responsibilities Council – Bill Culbertson, a member of the R&RC spoke of the proposed changes to the COFS document discussed at the April FS meeting. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommended changes. The motion passed.** It will now go before the President and Provost for their approvals. Bill also noted that the COFS document is to be reviewed annually.
* Intercollegiate Athletics Committee(IAC) - Jon Hales and Shadow Armfield gave a report of the IAC.
* University Assessment Committee(UAC) – Robert Till, Chair of the UAC, gave a brief [report](../../../MEETING%20HANDOUTS/2013/9.%20May%20FS%20mtg/UACreport_toSenate_2013%20(2).docx) of the UAC’s activities this past academic year.

1. **FS Elections**  **Walter Vannette**

Walter Vannette, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee and Vice President, presented the [slate of officers](../../../ELECTION/Spring%20Elections%202013/ballot%20for%20Council%20committee%20and%20liaisons%202013.docx) for the coming year. **A motion was made to accept the slate as presented.** He then called for further nominations from the floor. The following were nominated: Shadow Armfield for a three year seat on the Council on Learning; Rick Stamer for a one year seat of the Council on Learning; Gae Johnson, Stephen Dunn, Natalie Cawood, and Patricia Peterson for one year terms on the Nominations and Elections Committee; and Bruce Fox for a one year term as Liaison to the Liberal Studies Committee. There being no further nominations nor any contested positions Walter called for a vote on the slate. **The motion passed.**

The unfilled positions will be filled in the fall election cycle.

1. **Shared Governance Cathy Small/Rich Lei**

Cathy Small and Rich Lei, members of the subcommittee to look at shared governance gave a brief description of the process that went into the shared governance [document](../../../Shared%20Governance/Signed%20Shared%20Governance%20Document%20August%205%202013.rtf) presented today. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the document as presented. The motion passed.**

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

President Haeger noted the following:

* NAU held its annual Athletics banquet last night and he gave a brief report of the highlights of the banquet.
* He spoke of the upcoming commencement ceremonies scheduled featuring Regent Myers, and honorees including Regents Professor Paul Keim; Arizona Teacher of the Year Nancy Lindblom; Carrie Blume Director of United Way of Flagstaff and former Regent Ernie Calderon.
* He gave a brief overview of the last ABOR meeting.
* He finished by presenting Allen Reich with a plaque for his hard over the last two years of service as President of the NAU Faculty Senate.

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

Provost Hunneke reported on the following:

* Provost Huenneke thanked Allen for his work as FS President and for helping her in her first year as Provost. She said it has been quite a ride and she has enjoyed it. She next shared some of her ideas and visions moving forward.
* She praised the work done across campus regarding the various student success initiatives including learning outcomes and student assessment at all levels. She noted that while some issues have been difficult and sometimes contentious, people have been willing to move beyond that with the goal of keeping quality of our student learning as our goal.
* She noted that next year she will continue to focus on faculty compensation, faculty evaluation and appraisal, equable compensation for faculty and staff with an eye to market comparisons and to continue to recognize exemplary behavior. She finished by noting that she has launched an attempt to outline an academic planning framework to understand how decisions are to be made in program expansion, evaluation and assessment of new programs. A formal presentation will be forthcoming in the fall. She noted the subcommittees that will be working on this and encouraged participation by faculty in any and all areas.

She ended her remarks by thanking everyone for making her first year a rewarding one.

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

At this point in the meeting Allen handed the meeting over to the new FS President Astrid Klocke.

Astrid thanked Allen for his service to the faculty serving as Senate President for the last two years, and also having served in the past as Vice President and Treasurer. She gave a brief outline of his accomplishments before presenting him with a plaque of appreciation.

She next urged senators to consider serving on the summer senate.

She called for any further new/old business or announcements.

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 4:34pm.