**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**November 3, 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 the Kaibab room of the University Union at 3:00pm.

**Members Present:** Shadow Armfield, Steve Barger, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Bounds, Matthew Bowker, Natalie Cawood, Rosalicia Cordova (appeared electronically), Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Stephen Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Bruce Fox, Matthew Gage, Sibylle Gruber, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Bob Kilpatrick, Astrid Klocke, Thomas Kolb, Korie Kroneberger, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Marty Lee, Ro Haddon for Rosemary Logan, Jerome Mahaffey, Jennifer McLerran, Phil Mlsna, Ishmael Munene, Stephen Nuno, Pat Peterson, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Jon Reyhner, Krista Rodin, Vicky Ross, Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Roy St. Laurent\*, Frank Santorelli, Allen Saunders, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), Cathy Small, CJ Smith, Amanda Stan, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins, Gioia Woods, Eric Yordy and Jillian Zuniga\*.

**Members Absent:** TS Amer, Rita Cheng\*, David Albritton for Ding Du, Dorothy Dunn, Shannon Guerrero, Laura Huenneke\*, Srinivas Kosaraju, Sandra Lahtinen, Jennifer Prior, Melissa Santana, Nando Schellen, Aregai Tecle, David Williams, Stephani Williams, and. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Theresa Bierer, Don Carter, Laurie Dickson, Pauline Entin, Jerry Gile, Dan Kain, Shari Miller, Gene Moan, and Debbie Shepard.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid Klocke presented the [agenda](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CAGENDA%5CFS%20MEETING%5C2014%5CNovember%203%202014%20FS%20agenda%202nd%20draft.docx) for approval. She noted that neither Provost Huenneke nor President Cheng would be in attendance. Dan Kain will present the Provost’s report. There will be no President’s report and this item should be deleted from the agenda. **The agenda was approved with the aforementioned changes.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The [minutes](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMINS%5CFS%5C2014%5CFS%20October%206th%20third%20with%20AK%20edits%20draft.docx) of the October 6, 2014 FS meeting were presented for approval. **A** **motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with one abstention.**

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

Astrid reported on the following:

* The Student Enrollment Committee has been charged with reviewing NAU’s undergraduate enrollment trends and strategies given the status of the budget at this time, the lack of state financial aid, changing student demographics and an increase in competition from educational institutions. Non first-time-full-time students now make up more than fifty percent of our student body. Faculty are involved with approving community college course equivalencies, articulating degree program outcomes and providing a welcoming atmosphere for transfer students.
* Grand Canyon University (GCU) announced their attempt to revert to a nonprofit status. They became a for-profit institution in 2004. At that time GCU’s enrollment was a few thousand. They now have grown to 68,000. This number includes online students, but they are also growing their Phoenix campus enrollment quickly. They have not raised tuition since 2008 and they award a large number of merit scholarships which allows them to be very competitive. More information on this can be found at the following link: <http://www.azcentral.com/story/money/business/2014/10/29/gcu-weighs-buying-investors-turning-nonprofit/18141677/>
1. **Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**
* NAU Budget Council – FS Vice President Bruce Fox reported the following from NAU’s Strategic Planning and Budget Committee: Arizona's economy, which has been based heavily on construction, has not recovered from the Great Recession to the same extent that the nation has as a whole, and as a result, state tax receipts are lagging behind expectations. The projections for the state budget do not look overly positive with a predicted budget deficit in the range of $300 million dollars for 2014-15 and upwards of $1 billion for fiscal year 2016. These budget projections have not included the $400-ish million settlement for K-12 education. The state budget has a relatively small amount of discretionary spending and the universities are a substantial part of that discretionary component. NAU is in solid financial health, however, especially considering where we were when the recession started. Much of this increased financial health was the result of tuition increases and enrollment growth. However, the possibility of additional significant increases in tuition is very remote. The Regents and NAU are monitoring this situation very closely. As a closing reminder, NAU picked up about 66% of the increase in our health care costs for next year--and all of the increase for this year.”
* Bylaws Committee Charges - Eric Yordy, Committee Chair, stated the charges as follows: Review the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws, noting those areas that need to be amended as a result of changes made last year to the assessment and curriculum processes and procedures, and to review the size of the Senate for its efficacy and efficiency moving forward.
* Rights and Responsibilities Council Susan Harris, Council Chair, stated the charges as follows: Review of faculty evaluation processes, tools, and resources.
* Council on Learning – Shadow Armfield, Council Chair, stated the charges as follows: Develop resources for faculty evaluation, in support of the Rights and Responsibility Council’s work.
1. **Report from the President President Cheng**

No report

1. **Report from the Provost Dan Kain**

Assistant Provost Dan Kain noted the following:

* All international travel with students must be reported in advance to chairs and CIE. If an area is under a US Department of State Travel Warning then CIE will routinely not authorize planned trips due to liability issues. However, a Travel Review Committee, which includes Lenka Hospodka, the Faculty Senate representative, will review appeals. Last year, 2/3 of appeals were approved.
1. **Ombuds Report Question and Answer Session Gene Moan**

Gene Moan of NAU’s Ombuds office entertained questions and a discussion of his [report](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2014%5C16%20November%203%20FS%5CFaculty%20Ombuds%20Program%20Annual%20Report%202013-14.docx) to the senate. Dr. Moan asked for feedback on what faculty might want addressed in future workshops. He will provide an informational handout for posting on the FS BbLearn shell.

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

The SETE evaluation committee will report at the next FS meeting. Dan Kain noted the COACHE data has been posted to the Provost’s website.

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 4:05pm.