**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**November 4, 2013**

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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 room 2405 of the Health and Learning Center at 3:01pm.

**Members Present:** TS Amer, Shadow Armfield, Charlie Balch (attended electronically), Steve Barger, Bill Culbertson, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Eck Doerry, Ding Du, Dorothy Dunn, Stephen Dunn, Kate Ellis, Heidi Fogelberg, Bruce Fox, Liz Greenberg, Sibylle Gruber, John Haeger\*, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Ryan Holder, Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Gae Johnson, Ryan Kashanipour, Bob Kilpatrick, Astrid Klocke, Sandra Lahtinen, Ellen Larson, Marty Lee, Shayla Woodhouse for Mackenzie Mastrud\*, Phil Mlsna, Pin Ng, Pat Peterson, Deborah Raymond, Linda Robyn, Allen Saunders, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), Karen Sealander, John Tingerthal for Edward Smaglik, Cathy Small, CJ Smith, Rick Stamer, Aregai Tecle, David Williams, and Ishmael Munene, for Gerald Wood.

**Members Absent:**  Natalie Cawood, Chris Downum, Pam Foti, Dawn Hawley, Laura Huenneke\*, Thomas Kolb, Sherry Markel for Jennifer Prior, Allen Reich, Greg Prater for Jon Reyhner, Vicki Ross, Nando Schellen, Roy St. Laurent\*, Kathleen Timbers, and J. Allen Woodman. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Nancy Baron, Don Carter, Laurie Dickson, Dan Kain, Marianne Nielsen, Bernadette Presloid (appeared electronically), Karen Pugliesi, Robert Till, and Melinda Treml.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid Klocke presented the [agenda](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\AGENDA\FS%20MEETING\2013\November%204%202013%20%20FS%20meeting%20d%203rd%20draft.doc) with a change moving President Haeger to item 4. **The agenda was approved with the amendments mentioned.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The [minutes](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MINS\FS\2013\FS%20October%207th%20,%20%202nd%20draft%20minutes.docx) of the October 7th senate meeting were presented. **A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed with one abstention.**

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

Astrid reported on the following:

* The COACHE survey has been launched. Astrid urged everyone to participate, noting that a reminder will be sent with a link to the survey. Currently the participation rate is 28%.
* AAUP has a local chapter on campus, Guy Senese (COE) is its president and will field any questions faculty may have. The Senate webpage will include a link to their webpage once it has been launched.
* The Faculty Senate hosted a plenary discussion on faculty views of technology in higher education during the Southwest Institute for Learning with Technology (SILT) on October 25th. For more information you can go to the following website: <http://www2.nau.edu/d-elearn/events/detail.php?EVENT_ID=173>..
* Roy St. Laurent, Executive Director of the Academic Chairs Council (ACC), is now an ex-officio member of the Faculty Senate.
* Astrid asked that each senate voting unite select one senator to serve as the person responsible for the distribution of the Senate Quick Notes in their voting unit.

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

President Haeger reported that the university is currently working on the next budget process and will keep the senate apprised as the process moves forward. His office in conjuction with the Provost’s office are discussing possible investments in research infrastructure and funding. He noted that ABOR President Eileen Klein visited campus last Thursday to meet with administrators and faculty regarding the presidential search. She will return this Friday for the university Leadership Program.

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

Kate Ellis, Chair of the FS Planning and Budget Council asked senators to review the Budget and Planning paperwork now found on the Senate website and provide her with any feedback they may have.

1. **Bachelor of University Studies**  **Marianne Nielson**

Marianne Nielson, Chair of Criminology and Criminal Justice presented a [PowerPoint](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2013\November%204%20FS%20mtg\Bach%20Univ%20Studies%20PowerPtv3%20nv.pptx) and [brochure](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2013\November%204%20FS%20mtg\Final%20BUS_QA_brochureR2.pdf) on the Bachelor of University Studies program. She discussed the need for this program and the makeup of the BUS’s steering committee. She also discussed the requirements of the program and its goals.

1. **Office of Veterans & Military Affairs Update LTC (ret) C. Andrew Griffin**

LTC (ret) C. Andrew Griffin presented a [PowerPoint](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2013\November%204%20FS%20mtg\Vets%20_HigherEd_BestPractices(FAC_SENATE).pptx) entitled Best Practices in Supporting Veterans in Higher Education. He provided an overview of the work of the Veteran Affairs office on campus. He noted that NAU has over 800 veterans. He discussed some of the challenges veterans face and how those challenges impact the educational process. There will be a faculty professional development workshop November 13th entitled *What do I need to know to help military veterans be successful in my classes?* He urged the senators to make this information within their departments.

1. **Enhanced Excellence in Teaching and Learning Robert Till/Bruce Fox**

Robert Till, Chair of the University Assessment Committee and member of the curriculum and assessment work group presented a PowerPoint covering the changes to the proposal of curricular expectations and re-designed campus processes made since the vetting of the proposal to various campus groups. The proposal is now called *Expectations for Degree Program Curriculum.* The proposed expectations and restructuring process has been faculty driven from its beginning. Senators were asked to distribute the revised proposal with their faculty and provide any further feedback they may obtain. A discussion followed.

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

Vice Provost Dan Kain addressed the senate in Provost Huenneke’s absence. He announced that planning for faculty raises, including exemplary performers is on-going. The Provost continues to work on the *academic planning framework*. The four subcommittees consisting of both faculty and staff are working on different aspects of this area. A broader discussion will take place next month. The Deans have been asked to present their staffing requests to her office by November 15th. She has asked them to consider the work of the faculty and where staff might be able to step in to free up faculty time. Reports of the subcommittees can be found at: <https://sharepoint.nau.edu/academic_planning>.

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

No new/old business or announcements were brought forward.

1. **Adjourn Astrid Klocke**

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