**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**November 7, 2016**

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1. **Call to order/ Acceptance of Agenda: Bruce Fox**

Faculty Senate President Bruce Fox called the meeting to order at 3:05 in room 2407 of the Health and Learning Center.

**Members Present:** Larry Mohrweis for TS Amer, David Auty, , Laura Blocher, Priscilla Sanderson for Laura Bounds, Natalie Cawood, Rita Cheng\*, Ann Collier, Bill Culbertson, Cassandra Dakan, Nora Dunbar, Dorothy Dunn, Dan Eadens, Jay Farrness, Thomas Finger, Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, John Gibbs, David Godley (appeared electronically), Richard Hofstetter, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, Astrid Klocke, Lorie Kroneberger, Nicole Jelsing, Edgar Lee, Emily Manone, Judith Montoya, Ishmael Munene, Shirley Navarro, Marianne Nielsen, James Reed, Krista Rodin (appeared telephonically), Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Roy St. Laurent, Buck Sanford, Melissa Santana, Blase Scarnati, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), David Scott, Karen Sealander, Amanda Stan, Claudia Sturgis, Lisa Tichavsky, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins (appeared electronically), Lori Wilson (appeared electronically), Philippa Winkler, and Gioia Woods.

**Members Absent:** James Coleman\*,Rosalicia Cordova, Stephen Dunn, Kate Ellis, Susan Harris, Jennifer McLerran, Rich McNeill, Phil Mlsna, Stephen Nuno, Danielle Ross, and Brooke Whitworth,. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Cynthia Childrey, Laurie Dickson, Jerry Gile, Wolf Gumerman, Denise Helm, Robert Horn, Dan Kain, Susan Lauer (appeared electronically), Leslie Ann Lloyd, Bryan Loveless, Ebru Oeuz, Guy Senese, Diane Stearns Melinda Treml, and Joe Wegwert.

FS President, Bruce Fox presented the [agenda](file:///\\naushares.ucc.nau.edu\FacSen\AGENDA\FS%20MEETING\2016\March%2021%20Regular%20Meeting%20Agenda%20V3.doc) for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda. The motion passed with one nay and one abstention.**

1. **Approval of minutes for October 10, 2016 Bruce Fox**

Bruce presented the minutes of the October 10, 2016 Senate meeting for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed with two abstentions.**

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

President Cheng reported on the following:

* NAU will bring forth proposals for an Honors College and a new Bachelor of Science in Informatics at the ABOR meeting next week.
* She is meeting with the Deans regarding their budgets for the coming academic year.
* This month the Native American cultural Center is sponsoring Heritage month with a variety of programs all of which can be found on their [website](http://nau.edu/na-cultural-center/).
* ABOR has appointed Mrs. Lyndel Manson to fill the vacancy on the Arizona Board of Regents designated for Northern Arizona. She will replace LuAnn Leonard. Ms. Manson is a former investment banking analyst and market analyst with an extensive philanthropic and non-profit background.
* Personnel Search Updates:
* On-campus interviews for the position of Vice President of Capital Planning and Operations will take place during the week of November 7. Rich Bowen has been selected as the interim VP until the position is filled. Open forums will be held during these campus visits.
* The search for a Vice President for Research has begun. Dan came has been asked to chair this search committee.
* She noted that Dan Kain will report on the Dean searches when he presents the Provost’s report later in the agenda.

She then entertained questions.

1. **Provost’s Report Dan Kain for Provost Coleman**

Dan Kain reported on the following in Provost Coleman’s absence:

Part-time faculty salary increases are being discussed within the President’s office. They are working on a phased plan.

Dan thanked both Wolf Gumerman and Dean Childrey for their outstanding work on the Honors College proposal.

ABOR has established a committee to look at quality in general education programs (NAU’s liberal studies program). That committee meets next Thursday. Laurie Dickson and Jeff Berglund will attend this meeting via phone.

* Personnel:
  + Candidates for the position of Dean of Health and Human Services were on campus last week. The search committee is currently reviewing feedback prior to making its recommendation.
  + The Franke College of Business Dean Search is on-going.
  + The Dean Search in the College of Arts and Letters is open and accepting applications.
  + A search for a Vice Provost for Academic Personnel is underway. Forums will be held next November 15 and 16 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with both candidates--Roger Bounds and Tim Behrens in attendance.

He then entertained questions.

1. **FS Treasurer Report on Dues Natalie Cawood**

FS Treasurer Natalie Cawood announced that the annual Senate dues drive is underway. A letter will go out to all faculty this week. The dues will remain at twenty dollars.

1. **Honor’s College Proposal Dean Childrey/Wolf Gumerman**

Dean Cynthia Childrey and Wolf Gummerman presented an overview on the proposal for an Honors College and answered questions. The video recording of their presentation is available on the Senate’s BbLearn shell.

1. **Required Faculty Qualifications Laurie Dickson**

Vice Provost Laurie Dickson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the policy on Required Qualifications for teaching faculty. (The video recording of her presentation to the FSEC is available on the Senate’s BbLearn shell.) A discussion followed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve this policy.** After discussion **an amendment to the policy was proposed to add laboratory instructors to section 3.** The amendent was accepted as a friendly amendment by Larry Mohrweis the author of the motion and Bill Culbertson who seconded the motion. **The Motion passed as amended**.

1. **Student Feedback Survey Working Group Report Denise Helm**

Denise Helm and Robert Horn answered questions regarding their video presentation. . The video recording of the presentation is available on the Senate’s BbLearn shell. They are still vetting this information with other groups across campus. Once finished they will bring this item back to the Senate for consideration.

1. **United Way Campaign Bryan Loveless**

Bryan Loveless answered questions regarding this year’s United Way Campaign. Bryan’s videotaped presentation to the FSEC can be found in its entirety on the faculty Senate collaborate website. Paper forms for contributing can be found in the President’s office or you can contribute online at: <http://nau.edu/united-way/>.

1. **Senate President’s Report Bruce Fox**

Bruce reported on the following:

* Next month the Senate will return to the Kaibab Room of the University Union.
* He urged everyone to vote in tomorrow’s election.
* Student recitals are coming up and he urged everyone to attend if they can.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.

A Discussion Session followed immediately after adjournment to discuss Academic Freedom at NAU. It was decided that Gioia Woods would chair a sub-committee to look into this topic.