**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**October 10, 2016**

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

Faculty Senate President Bruce Fox called the meeting to order in the Kaibab room of the University Union.

**Members Present:** Larry Mohrweis for TS Amer, David Auty, , Laura Blocher, Laura Bounds, Ann Collier, Bill Culbertson, Tammy Mieler for Cassandra Dakan, Nora Dunbar, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Jay Farrness, Thomas Finger, Bruce Fox, John Gibbs, David Godley (appeared electronically), Susan Harris, Richard Hofstetter, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, Astrid Klocke, Lorie Kroneberger, Edgar Lee, Emily Manone, Rich McNeill, Ishmael Munene, Marianne Nielsen, James Reed, Krista Rodin (appeared telephonically), Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Roy St. Laurent, Blase Scarnati, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), Karen Sealander, Amanda Stan, Claudia Sturgis (appeared electronically), Lisa Tichavsky, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins (appeared electronically), Brooke Whitworth, Lori Wilson, Philippa Winkler, and Gioia Woods.

**Members Absent:** Natalie Cawood, Rita Cheng\*, James Coleman\*,Rosalicia Cordova, Dorothy Dunn, Stephen Dunn, Pam Foti, Nicole Jelsing, Jennifer McLerran, Phil Mlsna, Judith Montoya, Shirley Navarro, Stephen Nuno, Danielle Ross, Buck Sanford, and Melissa Santana. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** David Bruner, Pauline Entin, Jerry Gile, Dan Kain, Joanne Keene, Susan Lauer(appeared electronically), and Leslie Ann Lloyd, Kimberly Ott, Eva Putzova, and David Scott.

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. **The agenda was approved by consensus.**

1. **Approval of minutes for September 12, 2016 Bruce Fox**

Bruce presented minutes of the September 12, 2016 Senate meeting for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.**

1. **President’s Report Joanne Keene for President Cheng**

Joanne Keene reported on the following in President Cheng’s absence:

* This weekend (October 14-16) is homecoming weekend. NAU has been working with city and police on issues surrounding the various events to be held.
* Personnel Search Updates:
* The position for Vice President of Capital Planning and Operations is ongoing. The list of candidates has been narrowed to 10 candidates to be interviewed. Finalists for this position should be on campus the first week of November. Open forums will be held during their campus visits.
* The search for a Vice President for research will be conducted using a search firm.
* The search for a new Alumni Director is underway. Two finalists will be on campus the week of October 24th.

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

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

* Dean Search Updates:
* CHHS - candidates have been selected for airport interviews.
* CAL - candidates for this position have been approved and will be posted soon.
* FCB - the Provost’s office is working with the search firm on a job description of the position. A posting of this position should go out soon.
* A search for a Vice Provost of Academic Personnel will be posted later this week (NOTE: The announcement has been posted and distributed to faculty) This will be an internal search they hope to consider candidates early in November with a start date of January 2017. Michael Rulon will serve on this search committee.
* The budget for this fiscal year has been approved but not posted yet.
* Salary increases:
* There is no final decision on the formula at this time. However now that the budget is set, those decisions should be made soon.
* The issue of part-time faculty merit increases are still in the discussion stage. The president heard the questions raised on this issue and it is on her radar now.
* The Provost expressed his gratitude to faculty for their efforts towards retention.
* Three programs went before ABOR’s Academic Affairs Council all were accepted.
* Provost Coleman attended the breakfast for the regents during ABOR’s meeting and said it was inspiring and well done.

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

Bruce reported on the following:

* The Regents were pleased with the conversation that took place during the “Breakfast with the Regents”. They were impressed with what we do. The regents like the format we used and Bruce has since met with President Kleine and UofA’s Chair of the faculty to discuss our process and the background work we do.
* Two searches not previously mentioned, are the search for a Chief Legal Counsel which resulted in the hiring of Michelle Parker as well as her replacement. Both of these were full searches and both search committees included Faculty Senate representation.
* The work continues regarding extended campuses and how it fits into the university mountain campus, community campuses, and online.

1. **College Net Mikhael Star Pauline Entin**

Class room scheduling for 2017 spring semester will be done using the new software program College Net. This program has already placed about 85% of all classes. There were some problems identified after the schedule was published. Units got back to them with problems and questions. It was noted that if you don’t give the program all the information, mistakes will occur. FCB identified specific problems, College Net made errors in installation, they are correcting those now.

1. **Introduction of Dr. Carmen Phelps Bruce Fox**

Bruce introduced Dr. Carmen Phelps. Dr. Phelps gave some biographical background and spoke of what she has done in the short time she’s been here as well as what she plans to work on this year. She has been working on developing a Diversity Strategic Plan, to be completed by the end of spring semester. She continues to meet with constituencies across campus to determine what the diversity plan should be. The plan will include metrics to measure whether we are achieving the goals. She has a website up and running should anyone have questions or wish to learn more about her upcoming meetings.

1. **Introduction of Dr. Michael Faguy Assistant VP for Regulatory Compliance**  **Bruce Fox**

Bruce introduced Dr. Michael Faguy Assistant VP for Regulatory Compliance. David is forming a campus wide university campus safety committee to promote a culture of safety on campus to look at how we are doing things from a safety standpoint. This is not just referencing laboratories, etc. but also whether we are create a welcoming environment in compliance with all laws.

1. **Faculty Senate part-time faculty Council report Philippa Winkler**

Philippa Winkler, Chair of the Faculty Senate PT Faculty Council, presented the following [report](file:///\\naushares.ucc.nau.edu\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2016%20to%202017\FS%20-September%2012\Philippa'report%20s%20Senate%209%2012%20report%20live.docx).

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

* Joanne Keene announced the president will host a campus forum at the High Country Conference Center.
* Gioia Woods **made a motion proposing that 15 minutes be set aside for discussion on the state of academic freedom at NAU. The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion passed.**
* Larry Mohrweis asked that the topic of College Net be brought back at a future time for discussion and feedback regarding faculty teaching in different locations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM.