**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**October 6, 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 Cline Library at 3:00pm.

**Members Present:** TS Amer, Shadow Armfield (attended electronically), Steve Barger, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Bounds, Matthew Bowker, Natalie Cawood, Bill Culbertson, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Stephen Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Matthew Gage, Sibylle Gruber, Shannon Guerrero, Chuck Hammersley, Susan Harris, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, John Houser, Laura Huenneke\*, Bob Kilpatrick (appeared electronically), Astrid Klocke, Thomas Kolb, Srinivas Kosaraju, Korie Kroneberger, Marty Lee, Rosemary Logan, Jennifer McLerran, Phil Mlsna, Ishmael Munene, Pat Peterson, Jennifer Prior, Deborah Raymond, Allen Reich, Jon Reyhner, Krista Rodin, Vicky Ross, Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Roy St. Laurent\*, Melissa Santana, Allen Saunders, Claire Schonaerts (appeared electronically), Cathy Small, CJ Smith, Aregai Tecle, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman (appeared electronically), Katherine Watkins, Eric Yordy and Jillian Zuniga\*.

**Members Absent:** Rita Cheng\*, Rosalicia Cordova, Cassandra Dakan, David Albritton for Ding Du, Dorothy Dunn, Bruce Fox, Sandra Lahtinen, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Jerome Mahaffey, Frank Santorelli, Nando Schellen, David Williams, and Gioia Woods. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Theresa Bierer, Don Carter, Laurie Dickson, Pauline Entin, Trent Fogelson, Paul Gazda, Jerry Gile, Shari Miller, Caitlin Phillips, Kelsey Pruett, Debbie Sheppard, Diana White, and Gerald Wood.

Faculty Senate President, Astrid Klocke presented the [agenda](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\AGENDA\FS%20MEETING\2014\September%208%202014%20FS%201st%20draft%20.doc) for approval. **The agenda was approved.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Astrid Klocke**

The minutes of the [September 8th 2014](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MINS\FS\2014\FS%20September%208th%20FINAL.docx) senate meeting was presented for approval. **A** **motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.**

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

Astrid reported on the following:

* + The meeting room has been adjusted to address concerns raised in the FS post-meeting survey. A post-meeting survey will be available at the close of today’s meeting regarding the use of pre-meeting presentations posted to the BbLearn shell.
  + The ABOR breakfast held on September 26th was well received. This is the second year ABOR has requested a breakfast meeting with NAU faculty. This year’s meeting addressed how faculty deal with differing opinions in the classroom and among peers. Fifteen colleagues from across campus highlighted many of our programs at NAU including the Martin-Springer Institute, The Compassion Project, and Philosophy in the Public Interest.
  + The video recording of our first FSEC presentation was a success. We hope to record two presentations next month.
  + All Senate materials will be available to faculty and senators on the FS BbLearn shell. The meeting agendas and finalized minutes will also be available on the FS website.

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

* Benefits Committee – Astrid gave a report prepared by Bruce Fox, FS Liaison to NAU’s Benefits Committee, regarding changes to employee benefits in the coming year. We will see an increase in health insurance premiums, however employees can offset these costs by participating in the HealthyU, NAU’s wellness incentive program. This program provides the opportunity to earn a $10.00 per pay period credit toward the employee’s health care contributions. More information regarding this program can be found at: <http://nau.edu/Human-ResourcesBenefits/HealthyU/> . For more information on all other changes to the employee benefits please check the following brochure: <http://nau.edu/Human-Resources/Announcements/2014/10/Benefits-Open-Enrollment-Starts-October-27th/>
* ACCA Update – Gerald Wood, Chair of the Advisory Council on Curriculum and Assessment (ACCA), reported on the implementation of the various aspects of the curriculum and assessment proposal approved last year. The committee is working on templates for different colleges re: characteristics of degree program expectations, purposes, outcomes, curriculum design, assessment and use of assessment towards improvement and strategic course design. Gerald plans to provide regular updates throughout the year on their progress.

1. **Report from the President President Cheng**

No report

1. **Report from the Provost Provost Huenneke** Provost Huenneke noted the following:
   * The breakfast with the regents was very impressive. She praised the work of Astrid and her committee for their outstanding work in preparing and facilitating the breakfast and subsequent discussion.
   * She discussed the exemplary performance reward system now in place for the past two years. She and Vice Provost Dan Kain have heard from various units and colleges on how their programs implemented the program and the criteria employed. They presented a [report](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2014\14%20October%206%20FS\Dan%20Kain%20presentation%20PALC_9%2017%2014_#8_ExemplaryPerformers.pdf) with their findings. The program will continue this year and be evaluated for future years. Dan has posed to the Chairs and Deans, the question of the timing of when the awards will be given based on concerns raised by faculty that the award should be delayed till July. They are seeking feedback regarding this point from senators.
2. **SEPAT Herbicide- Free Update Paul Gazda**

Paul Gazda, Chair of SEPAT (Sustainable Environmental Practices Action Team), was asked to field questions regarding his report to the senate which was made available to senators prior to today’s meeting via the FS BbLearn shell. The presentation can be found on the FS BbLearn shell. The [PowerPoint](file:///\\naushares\FacSen\MEETING%20HANDOUTS\2014\September%208%20FS%20mtg\Astrid2014-15%20Powerpoint%20new%20Senator%20Welcome%20%20Info.ppt) presentation is available on the senate website.

1. **SHAC Tobacco Free Policy Caitlin Phillips**

Caitlin Phillips, Trent Fogelson, and Kelsey Pruett, members of SHAC’s (Student Health Advisory Committee), presented the proposed tobacco free policy. They gave a brief overview of the policy and how it has been vetted to date. They then answered questions. A discussion ensued. **A motion was made and seconded to endorse the policy**. More discussion and questions followed. **The motion passed with 3 abstentions**. Procedural questions were raised and discussion followed. Astrid outlined the various procedural options available in addressing the concerns raised. **A motion was made and seconded to table the previous motion for further consideration. The motion failed**.

1. **COACHE Advisory Group Report Eric Yordy/Steven Barger/Dan Kain**

This item was tabled and will appear on the next FS agenda.

1. **New Textbook Adoptions Process Diana White**

Diana White, Manager NAU Bookstore, presented a live demonstration of the new textbook adoption system developed by Follett. To arrange a demonstrations for your department please contact Diana White directly. Spring textbook orders are due by October 15th.

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

The SETE evaluation committee will report at the next FS meeting. 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 at 5:02pm.