**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Minutes**

**September 14, 2015**

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

Faculty Senate President Bruce Fox called the meeting of the NAU Faculty Senate (FS) to order in the Kaibab room of the University Union at 3:04pm.

**Members Present:** Margaret Dunfee for TS Amer, David Auty, Steve Barger, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Blocher, Laura Bounds, Matthew Bowker, Alexandra Buchta\*, Natalie Cawood, James Coleman\*, Rosalicia Cordova (appeared electronically), Cassandra Dakan, Joyce DeVoss (appeared electronically), Ding Du, Nora Dunbar, Dorothy Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Thomas Finger (appeared electronically), Pam Foti, Bruce Fox, John Gibbs, Sibylle Gruber, Susan Harris, Richard Hofstetter, Glenn Hookstra (appeared electronically), Lenka Hospodka, John Houser,Astrid Klocke, Srinivas Kosaraju (appeared electronically), Korie Kroneberger, Sandra Lahtinen, Edgar Lee, Rosemary Logan, Rich McNeill, Phil Mlsna, Ishmael Munene, Shirley Navarro, Pat Peterson (appeared electronically), Jon Reyhner, Krista Rodin (appeared electronically), Danielle Ross, Vicky Ross, Michael Rulon, Peter Runge, Roy St. Laurent\*, Melissa Santana, Eck Doerry for David Scott, Karen Sealander, Ed Smaglik, Heidi Wayment for CJ Smith, Amanda Stan, Benning Tieke, Nora Timmerman, Katherine Watkins, Brooke Whitworth, Lori Wilson, Stephani Williams, Gioia Woods, and Eric Yordy.

**Members Absent:** Clara Adams, Rita Cheng\*, Ann Collier, Stephen Dunn, Chuck Hammersley, Nicole Langille-Jelsing, Jerome Mahaffey, Jennifer McLerran, Stephen Nuno, and Frank Santorelli. (\*indicates ex officio members)

**Others present:** Nancy Barron, Theresa Bierer, Cynthia Chilcoat, Laurie Dickson, Jerry Gile, Liz Grobsmith, Ro Haddon, Dan Kain, Eva Putsova, Shannan Rice, and Gerald Wood.

Faculty Senate President, Bruce Fox presented the [agenda](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%5CFS%20September%2014%202015%5CAgenda%20September%2014%202015%20FINAL.doc) for approval. **The agenda was approved.**

1. **Approval of Minutes Bruce Fox**

The [minutes](file:///%5C%5Cnaushares%5CFacSen%5CMINS%5CFS%5C2015%5CFS%20May%204%202015%20v.3.docx) of the May 4, 2015 FS meeting were presented for approval. **A** **motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed with two abstentions.**

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

Bruce welcomed everyone and introduced the new Provost, James Coleman. He then reported on the following:

* The working group charged with the evaluation of the student course evaluation continues its work on the development of a new instrument. They have developed a communications plan to vet the information to faculty, administration and students. Once the vetting process is complete they will publish their results.
* ABOR holds its first meeting here September 23rd to the 25th. The Senate will host a “Breakfast with the Regents” on Friday the 25th. The regents have chosen to discuss the topic of quality. Bruce is working with Regent Hieller to further frame the question.
* NAU will host a lunch meeting of the Arizona Faculties Council (AFC) Thursday September 24th. The agenda for this meeting will include those issues the AFC would like addressed by Bruce, as the AFC Chair in his report to ABOR.
* ABOR President, Eileen Klein attend the December 7th FS meeting to discuss the Enterprise model.
1. **Committee and Council Reports Committee/Council Chairs**
* Nominations and Elections Committee – Kate Ellis, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, presented the following slate of nominees: Brooke Whitworth and Phil Mlsna for seats on the Rights and Responsibilities Council and Natalie Cawood for the position of Senate Treasurer. She then called for any further nominations from the floor. There being none, **a motion was made and seconded to accept the slate. The motion passed.**
* Bylaws Committee – Eric Yordy, Chair of the Bylaws Committee noted the Committee will present the proposed revisions to the Senate Constitution and Bylaws at the September 28th meeting of the Executive Committee. He hopes the proposed changes will be voted on in time to implement the changes for the Spring elections.
1. **Report from the Provost Provost Coleman**

Provost Coleman engaged with the faculty in a wide-ranging conversation with the following highlights:

* He is focusing on learning about the campus culture;
* Pres. Cheng has a list of priorities for him, many are around faculty.
* He is looking at hiring process with the goal of and streamlining it including more timely notice of when we can hire;
* Reviewing the COACHE survey with the goal of improving the working environment, employing our resources on the academic side as efficiently and effectively as possible. Wants to look at raises and exemplary performer (Note: Dan Kain will be examining the exemplary performer program with the objective of making it as effective as possible to meet the goals of the program).
* When asked, Provost Coleman’s offered up his major goals as provost:
	+ Bring faculty together to step back.
	+ Student success: Look at the profile of our students when they enter NAU and how they look when the go out/graduate.
	+ Strategically allocate resources for research capacity and ability to teach students.
	+ Only way he knows how to manage people is to set up clear goals and develop relationships with Deans and Faculty.
* Noted that the humanities are the life blood of a University. He says he cares about this deeply and views it as essential to the life and health of the university as the sciences/research dollars.
* He asked the Senators what their topic priorities are for him
* Centralization of IT and coming layoffs: more to come soon on this topic
1. **Strategic Efforts for Academic Year 2015-2016 Laurie Dickson**

Associate Vice Provost Laurie Dickson gave a quick overview of her video presentation found on the Senate’s BbLearn website. She then entertained questions.

1. **ACCA Update Gerald Wood**

Gerald Wood, Chair of ACCA, gave a brief overview of his video presentation found on the Senate’s BbLearn website. He then entertained questions.

1. **Strategic Visioning Process Eva Putzova**

Eva Putzova, Director of Planning and Institutional Research, reviewed the material in her PowerPoint presentation found on the Senate’s BbLearn website. She then entertained questions.

1. **Center for International Education Update Liz Grobsmith**

Liz Grobsmith, Interim Director of the Center of International Education (CIE), announced the search for a Director of CIE has been launched. The search consultants will be on campus October 4th – 6th. The complete [schedule](file:///F%3A%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%5CFS%20September%2014%202015%5CFinal%20Schedule%20for%20CIE%20Search%20Consultants%20final.docx) can be found on the FS webpage. Liz also discussed a [proposal](file:///F%3A%5CMEETING%20HANDOUTS%5C2015%5CFS%5CFS%20September%2014%202015%5CEd%20Abroad%20-%20Faculty-led%20program%20Proposal%20Guidelines.docx) regarding faculty led programs.

1. **Benefits Changes Cynthia Chilcoat**

Human Resources Director, Cynthia Chilcoat, announced NAU’s Open Enrollment of employee benefits will begin October 26th and close November 13th. Information can be found on the HR website: <http://nau.edu/Human-Resources/Benefits/>

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

Bruce introduced ASNAU President Alexandria Buchta who will serve as ex-officio to the Senate.

This week will mark the start of the Flagstaff Festival of Science. Senators need to discuss among themselves who will distribute Senate Quick Notes within their college/voting unit.

1. **Adjourn Bruce Fox**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.