

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 23, 2018**

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I. Call to order/ Acceptance of Agenda:

Gioia Woods

Faculty Senate President Gioia Woods called the meeting to order in the Kaibab Room of the University Union.

FS President Gioia Woods presented [today's agenda](#) for approval. Gioia announced that President Cheng would not be in attendance and Provost Kain will present a brief report from her under his report. Also She would like to add an agenda item regarding the change in BbLearn to a new cloud platform. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda as amended. The motion passed.**

Members Present: Arnie Adler, TS Amer, David Auty, Rodrigo Bastos de Toledo, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Blocher, Laura Bounds, Heather Martel for Alexandra Carpino, Jeannie Copley (appeared electronically), Bill Culbertson, Nora Dunbar, Dorothy Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Thomas Finger, Bruce Fox Amalia Garzon (appeared electronically), Sibylle Gruber, Susan Harris, Meredith Heller, Lenka Hospodka for Rich McNeill, Tom Hughes, Dan Kain, Laura Karnitschinig (appeared electronically), Emily Manone, Brannon McCullough, Amanda Meeks, Phil Mlsna (attended electronically), Mohamed Mohamed, Larry Mohrweis (appeared electronically, Judith Montoya, Ishmael Munene, Therese Myers, Shirley Navarro, Marianne Nielsen, Sean Parson, James Reed, Danielle Ross (appeared electronically), Buck Sanford, Teki Sankey, Blase Scarnati, Anne Scott, Karen Sealander, George Speer, Roy St. Laurent, Claudia Sturgis, Benning Tieke, David Vining, Joe Wegwert, Lori Wilson (appeared electronically), and Gioia Woods.

Those Absent:

Rita Cheng, Samantha Clifford, Luis Fernandez, Lauren L'Ecuyer, Tammy Mielke, Wilbert Odem, Ed Smaglik, Lisa Tichavsky, and Nicole Walker.

Also Present:

Roger Bounds, Steve Burrill, Don Carter, Kirk Fitch, Jerry Gile, Trey McCallie, Kelli Smith, John Tingerthal, and Michael Zimmer.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Gioia Woods

Gioia presented the minutes of the [March 26th FS meeting](#) for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.**

III. Faculty Senate President's Report

Gioia Woods

Gioia reported on the following:

- The Arizona Faculties Council has asked the Board to consider changes to ABOR Policy 6-202 regarding academic freedom. The Board gave it a first reading and it will now go forward for a vote at ABOR's June meeting.
- The task force on food insecurity on campus is working on a survey that will be distributed in the fall. At this time the survey is being vetted prior to distribution. It is hoped that the

survey will assess how many students are experiencing food insecurity. The next phase will be working on ways to address the problem.

- The Arizona State Supreme Court recently ruled that DACA students no longer qualify for in-state tuition. They will however still be eligible for in-state and a half tuition. IMQ (Inclusion and Multicultural services) has put together numbers on what students need to get through four years of college. There is [a link to NAU Cares](#) where you may donate funds to help support the NAU Cares Scholarship which DACA students are eligible for.
- The Faculty Senate executive committee (FSEC) received [a letter](#) from President Cheng rejecting the senate's proposed constitutional amendments. The FSEC met today to craft a response. They find a presidential task force over the summer to draft the Faculty constitution is not in keeping with shared governance. The FSEC will respond to her letter requesting a line item response and written analysis to the proposed constitution and by-laws and proposing an alternate path forward. The Senate will continue to work with the administration in solving the problems with a shared governance approach. Follow up: Gioia sent a [letter to President Cheng](#) on April 24th in response to her April 20th letter.
- Forums for the three Honors Dean candidates will take place today through May 1st. Please attend if you are available. Each candidate's CV will be available on [SharePoint](#).

IV. Provost's Report

Provost Kain

Provost Kain began by providing information provided by President Cheng

- President Cheng is at a State Board of Education meeting.
- Three students were named Goldwater Scholars. Two student were named as US Fulbright winners. These student awards along with others reflect well not only on the students but also to the faculty and academics at NAU.
- He listed the various convocations planned over the next few weeks as well as the commencement dates May 11th at 11am and 4 pm and May 12th at 10am and 3pm.
- Commencement will take place May 11th 11am (COE and CAL) and 4pm (CEFNS); and May 12th 10am (FCB and CHHS) and 3pm (SBS, NAU Online, NAU Yavapai and NAU Yuma).
- The next speaker in The President's Speakers Series will be Michael Horn speaking on "Disrupting Class" on May 1st.

Provost Kain Reported on the following

- Professor Stephen Dewhurst of the School of Forestry recently passed away.
- Enrollment for Fall continues to be down from last year. However ever each day the gap is lessening.
- ABOR approved both a BS in DATA Science, and a Masters of Education/ International Education at its April meeting
- He noted that summer school is up from last year. He encouraged faculty to let student know that PELL awards will now also apply to summer classes.
- The incoming ABOR AFC Chair expressed concerns regarding quality and curriculum and effective ways of assessing general education. He feels there is too much weight in the Capstone experience and asked how can we better assess student learning/essential skills required? Provost Kain noted that this is something we will look at in the fall during the program review.

- Provost Kain has asked Pauline Entin and her team to look at what has been learned from the issues around scheduling and enrollment. Gioia asked about having a senator to serve on this task force. He said yes and any interested senator should contact Gioia.
- The FESSE Survey is open and if you have received a survey request, please participate.
- The Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) is still taking applications for next year.
- Notices of appointments come out May 10. Make sure to respond in a timely manner.

V. Council and Committee Reports

Committee/Council Chairs

- **Elections Committee** Dan Eadens announced elections for all Senate committees and councils will take place at the May 7th Senate meeting. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another for any of the positions please email the faculty senate office. All current senators and newly elected senators are eligible to run for any of the vacant positions. If you are interested please fill out the [Interest Survey](#) and send it the Faculty Senate office Faculty.Senate@nau.edu.

VI. BbLearn Update

Don Carter

Don Carter, E-Learning Director, announced that the BbLearn platform will be moved to the Cloud. The details can be found [in the handout](#) he placed on the FS BbLearn shell. What that means for faculty is everything will appear the same as it does now. However there are only two days in the entire year that the platform has no activity. That is when the change will take place, **August 16-19**. There will be testing of the system over the summer to make sure everything is okay prior to moving everything.

VII. Two Step Verification

Trey McCallie/Michael Zimmer

Michael Zimmer and Trey McAllie presented a [PowerPoint](#) regarding the new two-step verification which is going into effect this year. The PowerPoint provides information on the implementation stages. This process should help prevent cyberattacks and guard critical information regarding students, faculty and staff. Should you have questions regarding this information email: IIS-IAM@nau.edu. Resources regarding the two step page: <https://nau.edu/its/two-step-verification>; Employee Development say will include a session on two step verification on May 23rd, and the Turn It On website for individuals to learn about two step and apply it to their personal lives: <https://www.turnon2fa.com>.

VIII. NTT Matters

Nora Dunbar/Roger Bounds

Nora Dunbar, Chair of the NTT Council and Vice Provost Roger Bounds have been in discussions surrounding concerns that have risen around the NTT to TT conversion process. Roger noted that there have only been ten requests for change or conversion of positions. Seven of those changes were approved. One of the three not approved was actually a position that had already gone through so didn't need approval. The other two did not meet the requirements outlined in the process. They then took questions.

IX. Update on ACC Task Force – Review of Multi Term Enrollment and COFS

Anne Scott

Senator Anne Scott reported on two areas she has been working on.

- The first is the successful completion of the ACC Task Force on MTE (Anne, Paul Flikkema, Heidi Wayment, and Chris Griffin). Results of the Task Force research and survey will be shared with senate after the ACC executive committee has a chance to discuss them.
- Anne has also been working with Roger Bounds on proposed changes to the COFS document. Those changes are now under review by Dan Kain and NAU legal counsel.

X. **Teaching Academy/Teacher of the Year Criteria**

John Tingerthal

John Tingerthal presented information on the selection process for teacher of the year within the colleges and the proposed changes to the Teacher Academy Membership. The information can be found [in a handout](#) found in today's materials on the FS BbLearn shell. He then asked for senate endorsement for the changes in criteria. The motion passed.

XI. **Northern Arizona Friends of NRA's visit to Campus**

Kelli Smith

NAU Police Chief Kelli Smith spoke about an upcoming event on campus over which faculty have expressed concerns. The event is a contractual event between Sodexo and the Friends of the NRA which will occur in the High Country Conference Center on May 5. Security for the event will be provided by an outside firm and will include enforcement of all Arizona and NAU laws and policies including the clear bag policy, attendees cannot be armed nor open carry firearms. The sponsors of the event will have on display disabled firearms and the only persons allowed to touch those are Federally Licensed Firearms Handlers. The NAU police department will be present to ensure compliance.

XII. **NRA Resolution**

Joe Wegwert

Senator Joe Wegwert presented a [Resolution](#) regarding the NRA on the NAU Campus. Joe read the resolution and addressed some of the "whereas" items listed. Discussion followed. A motion was made to endorse the resolution. Discussion followed. The motion passed. That resolution can be found on the FS website.

XIII. **Announcements/Old/New Business/Adjournment**

Gioia Woods

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14.