

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes**

February 19, 2018

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I. Call to order/ Acceptance of Agenda:

Gioia Woods

Faculty Senate President Gioia Woods called the meeting to order at 3:01 in the Kaibab Room of the University Union.

FS President Gioia Woods presented today's [agenda](#) for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda. The motion passed.**

Members Present: Arnie Adler (attended electronically), TS Amer, David Auty, Rodrigo Bastos de Toledo, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Jean Ann Foley for Laura Blocher, Laura Bounds, Alexandra Carpino, Rita Cheng, Samantha Clifford, Jeannie Copley (appeared electronically), Bill Culbertson, Nora Dunbar, Dorothy Dunn (appeared electronically), Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Luis Fernandez, Thomas Finger (appeared electronically), Bruce Fox Amalia Garzon (appeared electronically), Sibylle Gruber, Susan Harris, Meredith Heller, Lenka Hospodka for Rich McNeill, Dan Kain, Laura Karnitschinig (appeared electronically), Emily Manone (appeared electronically), Brannon McCullough, Amanda Meeks, Tammy Mielke, Phil Mlsna, Larry Mohrweis (appeared electronically), Judith Montoya, Ishmael Munene, Shirley Navarro, Marianne Nielsen, Sean Parson (appeared electronically), Danielle Ross (appeared electronically), Buck Sanford, Teki Sankey, Roy St. Laurent, Blase Scarnati, Anne Scott, Karen Sealander, Ed Smaglik, George Speer, Lisa Tichavsky, Benning Tieke, David Vining, Nicole Walker, Joe Wegwert, Lori Wilson (appeared electronically), and Gioia Woods.

Those Absent:

Tom Hughes, Lauren L'Ecuyer, Mohamed Mohamed, Therese Myers, Wilbert Odem, Jim Reed, Claudia Sturgis

Also Present:

Roger Bounds, Cynthia Chilcoat, Chandler Coiner, Kirk Fitch, Jerry Gile, Joanne Keene, Heather Martel, Diane Stearns, Dianne Stearns, and Shannon Swain, Pete Yanka.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Gioia Woods

Gioia presented the [minutes of the January 22nd](#) 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:

- Gioia thanked to all who are serving on the various committees, councils and task forces which report to the Senate.
- Gioia and Bruce Fox met with President Cheng to clarify intentions and objections over the last draft of the proposed changes to the [2002 constitution](#) and [2013 bylaws](#). She reported this information to the Rights and Responsibilities' subcommittee working on the constitution and bylaws. That subcommittee using that information created a new draft of both documents which were vetted and approved by the FSEC and submitted to the president and legal counsel on February 12th. The drafts can be found in the Senate's [BbLearn Shell](#).
- Tomorrow President Cheng will host a campus forum.

- The Arizona Faculties Council (AFC) met during the February ABOR meeting and identified issues that the three universities would like to work on together. One of these issues was concern regarding the vagueness of ABOR's policy on academic freedom. The AFC will work with ABOR staff on proposed language changes to this policy to better define and clarify academic freedom.

President Cheng will host a campus forum tomorrow.

- NAU was host to Flynn and Merit scholar students this past weekend.

IV. President's Report

President Cheng

President Cheng reported on the following:

- She will host a campus forum that will address:
 - The tuition setting process;
 - Information on the strategic plan; and
 - Leadership day discussions.
- She announced new hires:
 - Vice president for intercollegiate athletics, Mike Marlow.
 - Associate vice president of community relations, Emily Allen.
- There is a strong pool of nominees for honorary degrees.
- The International Pavilion will house "Flagstaff: South of the Tracks" exhibit as part of the campus' celebration of Black History Month.
- Infrastructure updates:
 - Renovation of the old Chemistry building is moving forward, and
 - an Interdisciplinary Building is scheduled to be built on the footprint of Peterson Hall.

V. Provost's Report

Provost Kain

Provost Kain reported on the following:

- Dan commented on the many potential students on campus currently, noting that this will continue as students decide where they want to attend. He reminded everyone the importance of a good first impression. Their first impression can help sway them when they make their college selection.
- The modules for on-line-class-training for faculty have begun. 91 faculty members have attended a training and another 86 have enrolled in a future session. The goal is that all faculty will have completed the module by Fall 2019.
- All faculty who wish to provide feedback on the candidates for the Dean of On-line Education please submit that information to Dan Kain Daniel.Kain@nau.edu.
- ABOR's Quality discussion continues. They are looking at how we accept community college credits for our transfer students. The next topic is innovation in general education programs. How general education is innovative and the three universities and enhances the experience for students.
- The MTE enrollment schedule has been available for two weeks. Students may enroll for next year starting today. He believes the new plans should assist students in their success by planning carefully.
- He noted that last month the Senate requested better articulation of administration's guidelines for the NTT to TT conversion and asked him for information regarding such guidelines. He provided [a handout entitled *Increasing Tenure-Eligible Positions at Northern Arizona University Principles and Guidelines Spring 2018*](#).

VI. Veteran Success Center

Pete Yanka

Pete Yanka, Director of the Veteran Success Center, has been in this role since 2015. Laurie Jordan is the Assistant Director. The center hires student veterans to help with the daily operation of the center. Their services have expanded to include the following:

- A mentoring program
- Emergency funds for veterans.
- Outreach programs which include changes the university and extended campuses.
- DOD tuition assistance and financial aid benefits now housed in the success center.
- New course offerings including three specific courses that are a part of the liberal studies program: Veteran integration; first year seminar; and incoming veterans.
- Taking the lead with the Veteran Voice Project—reaching out to students to tell their stories, why the military, why their branch.
- Veteran career course.
- An external partnerships for counseling through an MOU with the VA.
- Working with Prescott Upward Bound, helping veterans to prepare to go to college.

VII. Update on CEFNS Reorganization

Diane Stearns

Diane Stearns, Chair of the task force working on the CEFNS reorganization gave [an update](#) on the progress thus far. Two all-faculty forums have taken place as well as two CEFNS faculty forums. They have solicited feedback from anyone interested to gather ideas about opportunities and concerns. The task force has met weekly and hope to have a report with recommendations to the President, the Provost and the Faculty Senate next Wednesday, February 28th. The president will then decide what to do. Diane noted that financial concerns and resources are the most significant concerns that they have heard at the forums.

VIII. Committee and Council Reports

Committee Chairs

- **Senate Scholarship Committee** FS Treasurer, Dorothy Dunn, announced the FSEC voted to fund a scholarship for AY 2018+2019. She asked for volunteers to serve on the selection committee: Joe Wegwert, TS Amer, and Tammy Mielke volunteered.
- **Rights and Responsibilities Council**
 - Anne Scott, Chair of the R&R's task force on changes to COFS regarding NTT policies and procedures announced that the task force has met twice and are working on a report they hope to have ready soon. She thanks Vice Provost Roger Bounds for his support.
 - Gioia announced that the R&R's task force on changes to COFS regarding the grievance policies and procedures has also been meeting and hope to have a report soon.

Council on NTT Faculty Issues Anne Scott, a member of the NTT Council presented a [Resolution](#) sponsored by the NTT Council regarding the conversion of NTT positions to TT positions. **A motion was made and seconded in support of the resolution.** A discussion followed and the vote was held resulting with an affirmative vote to support the Resolution on **NTT Conversions to TT** as a value statement in the hopes of affecting administrative policy."

IX. Leave of Absence/Paid Time off Policy Changes

Cynthia Chilcoat

Cynthia Chilcoat, Interim Director Human Resources, gave a brief overview of the Presentation she gave to the FSEC on February 5th. She then entertained questions.

X. Announcements/Old/New Business/Adjournment

Gioia Woods

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

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