

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
May 7, 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 at 3:05.

FS President Gioia Woods presented [the agenda](#) for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda. The motion passed.** Gioia noted that her report would come later in the meeting.

**Members Present:** Ira Allen, Arnie Adler (appeared electronically), TS Amer, David Auty, Rodrigo Bastos de Toledo, Laura Blank (appeared electronically), Laura Blocher, Laura Bounds, Alexandra Carpino, Michael Caulkins, Rita Cheng, Bill Culbertson, Leilah Danielson, Dorothy Dunn, Dan Eadens, Kate Ellis, Luis Fernandez, , Bruce Fox, Amalia Garzon (appeared electronically), Susan Harris, Meredith Heller, Lenka Hospodka for Rich McNeill, Tom Hughes(appeared electronically), Dan Kain, Laura Karnitschinig (appeared electronically), Emily Manone, Amanda Meeks, Tammy Mielke, Phil Mlsna (attended electronically), Mohamed Mohamed, Larry Mohrweis, Judith Montoya, Ishmael Munene, Therese Myers, Shirley Navarro, Marianne Nielsen, Wilbert Odem, Tiffany Redies, Danielle Ross (appeared electronically), Buck Sanford, Teki Sankey, Blase Scarnati, Anne Scott, Karen Sealander, Ed Smaglik, George Speer, Roy St. Laurent, Rick Stamer, Claudia Sturgis, Lisa Tichavsky, Benning Tieke, David Vining, Nicole Walker Joe Wegwert, Lori Wilson (appeared electronically), and Gioia Woods.

**Those Absent:**

Samantha Clifford, Jeannie Copley, Nora Dunbar, Thomas Finger Sibylle Gruber, Lauren L'Ecuyer, Brannon McCullough, Sean Parson, and James Reed.

**Also Present:**

Naomi Bishop, Roger Bounds, Don Carter, Kirk Fitch, Jerry Gile, Joanne Keene, Susan Lauer (appeared electronically), Mattie McClaskey, and Gene Moan.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

**Gioia Woods**

Gioia presented the minutes of the [April 23<sup>rd</sup> FS meeting](#) for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.** Prior to moving to the next agenda item Gioia took the opportunity to welcome and introduce the newly elected senators, many of whom were in attendance: Ira Allen (CAL); Michael Caulkins (SBS); Mandy Dang (FCB); Lawrence Lenhart (CAL), Paul Lenze (SBS); Scot Raab (CHHS); Tiffany Redies (SBS); Rick Stamer (CAL); Marieke Taney(SBS); and Lielah Danielson (CAL) who will sub for Alexandra Carpino during her sabbatical. She also announced the dates of the summer senate meetings: June 4<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup>. Summer senate meetings are voluntary. Senators who sign up and attend both meetings can use this as their senate committee work which is required of all senators.

**III. President's Report**

**President Cheng**

President Cheng reported on the following:

- NAU will confer over 5, 700 degrees to students online and statewide.

- The state budget has been approved after a long legislative session. NAU's Tuition guarantee program will continue (now in its second decade).
- Various campus projects continue on campus: we are in the final phase of the honors college, the work on the recital hall continues, and the remodeling of the science annex will begin this summer.
- She thanked those who have worked on the strategic plan. The committee is working on a communication piece regarding the strategic plan.
- She also thanked Diane Stearns who chaired the task force on proposed changes to CEFNS; and Senators Willie Odem and Benning Tieke who worked on different phases of the task force.
- Dan Kain will step down as Provost effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. She is working with Dan on a transition to an interim provost. Candidates for an interim provost will be selected from the registry. The registry consists of recently retired campus executives. The president is working with Gioia to ensure faculty and chairs are aware of the sessions available to meet with the candidates. All sessions will be in the Grand Canyon room of the University Union. All candidates will be on campus at the same time. She expects the term for this position will be twelve to thirteen months starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Convocations, commissioning, and commencement celebrations are proceeding this week.
- 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.

#### IV. Provost's Report

**Provost Kain**

Provost Kain Reported on the following

- Dan reminded all of the important role faculty have in maintaining enrollment numbers. Recently NAU has seen a narrowing of the gap in continuing enrollment. He encouraged all to help where they can on this important task.
- The university has created a policy portal which was designed to place all NAU policies in one location so there is only one version of each document. Included in the portal are the COFS and Faculty Handbook as well as policies under consideration.
- President Cheng issued a memo to alumni regarding a Gallup survey requesting feedback about their experiences at NAU.
- He is working with the ACC on a report that will look at ways to improve scheduling.
- ABOR will convene its June 14-15 meeting at NAU where they will continue the quality discussion which will culminate in a self-study and program review of liberal studies. He thanked everyone for their amazing work on behalf of NAU.
- Dan reiterated that enrollment numbers for fall continue to be down from last year. However, every day the gap is narrowing.

Upon completion of Dan's report FS Past President Bruce Fox presented Dan with a roast followed by a certificate of appreciation and a few gifts for his service to NAU in his many roles.

#### V. Scholarship Announcement

**Dot Dunn/TS Amer**

Dot Dunn FS Treasurer and TS Amer Chair of the FS scholarship committee, presented Maddie McClaskey the 2018 FS Scholarship of one thousand dollars.

#### VI. Ombuds Office Update

**Gene Moan/Bruce Fox**

Gene Moan NAU Ombudsman addressed the senate by announcing the selection of Bruce Fox as the next NAU Ombudsman. The search committee for this position was headed by Roger Bounds

and consisted of himself, Cyndi Anderson and Bill Culbertson. The search began February 7<sup>th</sup>, four candidates applied. The position is a 3 year appointment which can be renewed.

#### VII. ACC Task Force on Best Practices in Centralized Scheduling

Anne Scott

Anne Scott, a member of the ACC Task Force on Best Practices in Centralized scheduling presented [their report](#). The report includes a list of 14 guidelines to improve the process. Some of these are small recommendations, some are much larger such as: increased staffing, decentralization, improving training, and reducing mistakes. It is hoped that a working group will be assembled by the interim provost and some of the recommendations can be implemented so next year is smoother.

#### VIII. Engineering Task Force Update

Benning Tieke

The task force on proposed changes to CEFNS is now in its final phases how to split the current college into two separate colleges and how to move forward. One of the most contentious issues was naming the colleges. At this time one college is using the name CEIAS - The College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Science which will include: Civil Engineering; Construction Management and Environmental Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; and the school of Informatics, Computing and Cyber Systems. The second college's name is not determined but will consist of the natural sciences and six centers and institutes. The first phase is splitting, second phase is appropriate level of academic support, third will be research support. At this time there is a major effort to have a proposal ready by May 16<sup>th</sup> so it can go to ABOR for approval. There is still much work to be done.

#### IX. Awards Acknowledgements and Elections

Vice President Dan Eadens presented Gioia Woods with a certificate of appreciation and flowers for her service as Senate President.

President Gioia Woods thanked Jerry Gile and Pam Lynch for their service to the Senate and presented them with a certificate and cards of thanks from the Senators.

Certificates of Appreciation and NAU Cares pins were given to Senators completing their term on the Senate:

- Bill Culbertson CHHS
- Nora Dunbar SBS FS Chair NTT Faculty Issues
- Luis Fernandez SBS
- Thomas Finger CAL
- Lenka Hospodka FCB
- Rich McNeill FCB
- Larry Mohrweis FCB
- James Reed SBS
- Blase Scarnati CAL FS Chair Rights & Responsibilities Council

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Senators completing their term on the Senate and recognized their re-election to another term on the Senate:

- TS Amer FCB Re-elected to a 3-year term
- Laura Blocher COE Re-elected to a 3-year term
- Susan Harris CHHS Re-elected to a 3-year term
- Phil Mlsna CEFNS Re-elected to a 3-year term

- Danielle Ross CENFS Re-elected to a 3-year term
- Karen Sealander COE Re-elected to a 3-year term

Certificates of Appreciation were given to the members of the FSEC:

- Dan Eadens COE FS Vice President
- Kate Ellis CAL FS Secretary
- Dot Dunn CHHS FS Treasurer
- Ishmael Munene COE FS Parliamentarian
- Marianne Nielsen SBS FS Senator at Large Chair P&B Council
- Benning Tieke CAL FS Senator at Large
- Bruce Fox FCB FS Past President
- Thomas Hughes COE FS Chair Distance Education Council
- Emily Manone UC FS Chair Council on Learning

Elections were held for seats on Senate Councils and Committees The results are as follows:

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

|                   |                  |                  |               |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| President         | Gioia Woods      | Vice President   | Joe Wegwert   |
| Secretary         | Kate Ellis       | Treasurer        | Dot Dunn      |
| Parliamentarian   | Ishmael Munene   | Past President   | Bruce Fox     |
| Senator at Large  | Marianne Nielsen | Senator at Large | Laura Blocher |
| CoL Chair         | Rick Stamer      | R&R Council      | Anne Scott    |
| NTT Chair         | Michael Caulkins | PT Fac Chair     | Ed Smaglik    |
| Distance Ed Chair | Tom Hughes       | P&B Chair        | Danielle Ross |

**Faculty Senate Councils**

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Council on Learning | Emily Manone 3-year term    |                           |
| R&R Council         | Karen Sealander 3-year term | Joe Wegwert 2-year term   |
| P&B Council         | Laura Blocher 3-year term   |                           |
| NTT Council         | Tammy Mielke 3-year term    |                           |
| PTT Council         | Therese Myer 1-year term    | Nicole Walker 2-year term |
| Distance Ed Council | Tiffany Redies 3-year term  |                           |

**Faculty Senate Committees**

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|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Elections | Buck Sanford    | Rodrigo Bastos de Toledo |
| Bylaws    | Claudia Sturgis | Ira Allen                |
| P&B       | Laura Bounds    | Buck Sanford             |
|           | Lori Wilson     |                          |

**Faculty Senate Committee Liaisons**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Academic Standards     | Mohamed Mohamed          |
| Diversity Curriculum   | Amanda Meeks             |
| Faculty Grants Program | Rodrigo Bastos de Toledo |

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| Inter Collegiate Athletics | Shirley Navarro  |
| Liberal Studies            | Bruce Fox        |
| Library                    | Leilah Danielson |
| University Graduate        | Paul Lenze       |
| University Undergraduate   | Ishmael Munene   |

X. Announcements/Old/New Business/Adjournment

**Gioia Woods**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16.

Approved September 10 2018