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 Milsa (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 23rd 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 4th and July 16th. 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 1st. 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 1st.

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 7th, 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, 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 16th 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**

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  TiffanyRedies  3-year term

**Faculty Senate Committees**

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

**Faculty Senate Committee Liaisons**

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

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