

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
September 10, 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 3:00.

FS President Gioia Woods presented [the agenda](#) for approval. Gioia amended the agenda to include a report from Diane Stearns on a scholarship readiness survey. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda as amended. The motion passed.**

**Members Present:** Ira Allen, David Auty, Rodrigo Bastos de Toledo, Laura Blank (attended electronically), Laura Blocher, Laura Bounds, Michael Caulkins, Michael Caulkins, Samantha Clifford, Jeannie Copley (attended electronically), Mandy Dang, Kate Ellis, Bruce Fox, Amalia Garzon (attended electronically), Sibylle Gruber, Susan Harris, Meredith Heller, Tom Hughes, Laura Karnitschinig, Paul Lenze, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Emily Manone, Ronnie Marks, Tony Haskell for Brannon McCullough, Amanda Meeks, Tammy Mielke (attended electronically), Mohamed Mohamed, Judith Montoya, Ishmael Munene, Therese Myers, Shirley Navarro (attended electronically), Marianne Nielsen, Wilbert Odem, Sean Parson, Scott Raab, Tiffany Redies, Danielle Ross, Buck Sanford, Teki Sankey, Anne Scott, Karen Sealander (attended electronically), Ed Smaglik, Roy St. Laurent, Rick Stamer (attended electronically), Louise Lockard for Claudia Sturgis, Marieke Taney, Lisa Tichavsky, David Vining, Nicole Walker, Joe Wegwert, Lori Wilson (attended electronically), and Gioia Woods.

**Those Absent:**

Arnie Adler, TS Amer, Rita Cheng, Leilah Danielson for Alexandra Carpino, Dorothy Dunn, Lawrence Lenhart, George Speer,.

**Also Present:**

Roger Bounds, Steve Burrell, Joshi Camjay, Don Carter, Meredith Curley, Laurie Dickson, Jerry Gile, Marian Griffin, Mark Grisham, Kelly Laurila, Kristen Morales, and Diane Stearns.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

**Gioia Woods**

Gioia presented the minutes of the [May 7<sup>th</sup>](#); [June 4<sup>th</sup>](#), and [July 16<sup>th</sup>](#) meetings for approval. **A correction to the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was noted in regard to an error in marking a senator absent. The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.**

**III. Faculty Senate President's Report**

**Gioia Woods**

Gioia reported on the following:

- The Senate will hold an All Faculty Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> in the du Bois Center Ballroom. The meeting will begin at 3:30 following a brief senate meeting and will run through 5:00pm. The topic will be Shared Governance and five presenters from across campus as well as President Cheng will speak to the topic. The meeting will be livestreamed and recorded.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> annual ABOR Breakfast with the Regents and Faculty will take place Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. This year's topic is "attainment" or how faculty help meet Goal #2 of the regents' strategic plan "Achieve" For more details see the following link:  
[https://public.azregents.edu/News%20Clips%20Docs/StrategicPlan\\_ReDesign\\_Final.pdf](https://public.azregents.edu/News%20Clips%20Docs/StrategicPlan_ReDesign_Final.pdf)

- The governor signed a new free speech law last April. As a result a commission comprised of five people from each of Arizona's universities will submit annual reports to the governor identifying challenges to free speech on campuses. The first report is due soon. See <https://www.azregents.edu/arizonas-public-universities/arizona-board-of-regents-committee-on-free-expression>.
- Joshi Camjay was invited speak to a question he had regarding whether the new syllabus template had input from faculty governance in its development and whether that template violates faculty governance of the curriculum process. Laurie Dickson responded that the template had been shared with the Senate, vetted to faculty, and approved by the Senate on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2016. It was suggested that this topic be revisited at a future senate meeting.
- A question arose as to whether President Cheng or anyone from her office was in attendance today. No one was in attendance from her office. Interim Provost Levin-Stankevich will deliver her report.
- A question was raised regarding the evaluation of ITS performance. The efficacy of its ticket system was praised while others spoke to concerns the engineering department has experienced. Steve Burrell said he'd look into those concerns and address them at a future senate meeting.
- Buck Sanford gave an update on the search committee for the vice provost position replacing Pauline Entin. The committee hopes to have its recommendation to President Cheng by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### IV. Building Qmmunity Forum (taken out of order)

**Marian Griffin**

Marian Griffin, Assistant Director of the Office of Inclusion reported on the following:

The Office on Inclusion will [host a forum](#) "It takes a Rainbow: Qmmunal Support, Visibility and Pride" on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 4:00pm. There are many 40 minute workshops throughout the day. Contact the Office of Inclusion for more details.

#### V. Provost's Report

**Interim Provost Brian Levin-Stankevich**

Gioia introduced Brian Levin-Stankevich, NAU's Interim Provost who assumed this position July 1<sup>st</sup>. She provided information regarding the selection process used. Brian was selected from a candidate pool provided by a company that selects former retired administrators. Brian will serve for one year as interim provost. Brian then reported on the following areas he is working on:

- He is working closely with enrollment management; specifically in the areas of retention and the growing state-wide individualized learning programs.
- He has been working with David Schultz fostering research in all aspects of the university.
- This summer he has worked with Senate representatives on the Senate Constitution and Bylaws. He hopes to finish this work and continuing to improve communication with shared governance bodies on campus.
- The work on multi-term enrollment team continues to work on improving the process and has included consulting representatives from the software company we currently use.
- A call for nominations for the President's Distinguished Teaching Fellow award will go out this week.

#### VI. Committee Council Reports

**Committee/Council Chairs**

**Rights & Responsibilities Council:**

Anne Scott, Chair of the R&R's Council Noted that she and Gioia have been meeting with Interim Provost Levin-Stankevich and Vice Provost Bounds on the proposed changes to the Senate Constitution and Bylaws and are making steady progress. She will continue to report their progress next month.

**Food Insecurity Task Force:**

Kristen Morale of ASNAU noted that the task Force is working on a survey they hope to explore what is happening on campus in this area and they are working on developing an app for students to use. She also shared the following statement the task force is asking faculty to include on their BbLearn Shell or in their syllabus:

*If you are struggling to afford food you are not alone and there are resources for you! NAU's on-campus food pantry, Louie's Cupboard, provides free food items every other Friday of the semester to any NAU student. You can find more information online at <https://nau.edu/first-generation/louie-s-cupboard/>. In the Flagstaff community, Flagstaff Family Food Center provides food boxes at their Food Back location Tuesday-Sunday 9am-1pm. Their kitchen location provides Sack Lunches daily 10am-2pm, and free hot meals daily 4-5:30pm. You can find out more about the resources Flagstaff Family Food Center provides online at <http://hotfood.org>.*

**Elections:**

Joe Wegwert, FS Vice President and Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee held elections for vacant seats not filled last May. The election results are:

- A one-year seat on the Rights and Responsibilities Council Sean Parson
- A two-year seat on the Council on Distance Education Laura Bounds
- A three-year seat on the Council on Part Time Faculty Issues Laura Karnitshnig
- A liaison to the Faculty Grievance Committee Paul Lenze

**VII. Scholarship Readiness Survey**

**Diane Stearns/Kelly Laurila**

Diane Stearns, CEIAS Interim Dean and Kelly Laurila, presented information on the [scholarship readiness survey](#) which was designed to survey faculty in professional roles that include a scholarship component in their statement of expectations. The survey is sponsored by the Southwest Health Equity Research Collaborative (NIH Grant U54 MD012388). The timeline to complete the survey is October 5<sup>th</sup>. A video of their presentation to the FSEC is on the BbLearn website.

**VIII. ITS Update**

**Don Carter**

Don Carter, once a part of eLearning, is now part of ARTS (Academic Research Technology Services) explained the reconfiguration of the BbLearn staff and what each segment is now responsible for as well as where they are housed. He further answered questions that have risen regarding the timing of the upgrade to BbLearn. He explained that the reason for selecting August to do the upgrade was because those are the only 3 days of the entire year that we do not have active classes on BbLearn. He further noted that ITS has made strides at getting technology in classrooms up to date. 378 classrooms across the state have been upgraded since the summer of 2016. They are a little more than half way to updating all rooms. This past summer they were looking at computer labs specifically. The goal is that wherever you go across campus, the technology in each room will be the same.

IX. **NAU Policy Update**

Mark Grisham gave an update on what has been accomplished thus far in the establishment of the policy library. He also provided the link to the policy library: <https://nau.edu/university-policy-library/> . He specifically wanted to discuss the proposed policy regarding disruptive behavior in an instructional setting. Discussion ensued. It was decided to convene a group of faculty to work with Mark on supportive documents. It was suggested that perhaps the Council on Learning might be the right group to help with that effort.

X. **Online and Innovative Educational Initiatives**

**Meredith Curley**

Gioia introduced the new dean of On-line Education and Innovative Initiatives, Meredith Curley. Meredith has been on campus for almost six months and has been working on getting to know who the on-line students are; what their needs are; and creating advocacy for on-line education across campus and state-wide. NAU has over 8,000 students that are on-line learners. She will be back to the senate sharing information on what they discover and where they are going.

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

**Gioia Woods**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02.