

Faculty Senate Meeting

Dec 2., 2019

du Bois Aspen Rooms B & C

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1. Call to Order/Acceptance of Agenda (Gioia Woods)
2. Approval of November Minutes from (Gioia Woods)
3. Faculty Senate President's Report
 - Food Insecurity White Paper. NAU Food insecurity task force update: designed survey based on USDA guidelines to discover food insecurity numbers on campus, which is high on campus (please see Food Insecurity White paper on FS website). We are concerned with enrollment and persistence; if students are hungry they cannot be successful, central to student wellbeing. Senators, please take this up and share with your colleagues and students through syllabi or in course shell. Concerned regarding food insecurity and food waste. Invited ITS to help produce a push notification system that goes on the NAUGo app. Piloted last year. If you are catering an event, when ordering food, the form has a check box to sign up for Louie's Leftovers.
 - Question and discussion regarding current student/course workload policies. There is a social worker available through the Dean of Student's office who can help students with life issues.
4. NAU President Rita Cheng's Report
 - New assistant VP for Community Relations, Josh Mayer
 - Dr. Craig Watkins to talk on campus about I-Generation.
 - NSF research rankings: NAU broke through the top 200 to become 196 among all institutions. Looking for ways to capture other work that is across campus. i.e. in the humanities, arts, social sciences. .
 - NAU ranked 7th in the US for long-term study abroad.
 - Project Re-engage: working to capture students who have some credits at NAU, undergrad and grad, who have chosen not to complete; find them, engage them, help them get a degree. Most of this will be online.
 - Coconino First scholarship: designed to attract and retain students from the county to NAU.
 - Regents Cup: NAU students participated in the Regents Cup tri-university debate contest. Designed to teach civil discourse. Thanks to coach Gretchen Gee. Spent time in Phoenix,
 - Phoenix Suns gave NAU a 250K check to strengthen CSTL program and strengthen STEM teaching in Phoenix school districts.
 - Men's(2nd) and Women's (14th) XC teams national placements.
 - Thank you, Faculty Senate for support of student wellbeing and mental health and counseling efforts.

Questions for Pres Cheng

- *Coconino first scholarship details?* Extra \$1000 for students who graduate from a high school in Coconino County.
- *Recruitment, are we doing things relative to climate emergency? Are we reaching out students who might choose not to go to school in places impacted by climate change?* Recruitment strategies outside of the west have been focused in high population areas, but this is an interesting question. The true out of state students is attracted to the climate and environmental science programs. We could expand this to being in a good location.
- *Is there a targeted effort to secure funds to update buildings to be carbon neutral? A large gift would seem like moneys to support this?* Dan Okoli is working on this but have not identified donors who would be looking at that sort of support.

5. NAU Provost's Report, Diane Stearns

- Regents Meeting: College Boards agenda to convince the state of AZ to require a 3 on AP test for college credit. Regents are not necessarily siding with the college board but with college autonomy. Three universities now studying the issue. This is a cost issue for students.
- All six of academic programs went before the board were approved. Deans searches are gearing up: CAL is in the lead, followed by SEFNS and CEIAS, Franke is reviewing candidates.

6. Constitution Language

- One outstanding issue remains in Constitution, the decision over reference to nomenclature for the office of senate president. The language for the office in the 2002 Constitution is consistent with the two basic functions of the office: when convening the Senate, the office is called "Faculty Senate President"; when convening the full faculty, the office is called "President of the Faculty."
- For example, see the 2002 Constitution, 2.1 Officers: "Officers of the Faculty Senate may also be referred to as 'officers of the Faculty' or 'officers of the Senate'" and 2.1.2 Role of the President: "The President of the Senate shall represent the Faculty as a whole and preside over the Faculty Senate."
- Motion to vote. 1: Retain the current 2002 language referring to "President of faculty" and "President of the Faculty Senate"; 2. "President of the Faculty Senate" Only 3; "President of the Faculty" Only. Results: 1). Retain current language: 30; 2). President of the Faculty Senate: 2; 3). President of the Faculty: 0; Abstentions: 2. Council & Committee Updates
- *Question we are not a representative body as not all departments are represented. In the proposed changes, we should move in that direction. 2002 does not name all the colleges, does not cover representation for all departments.* In the new constitution draft each college is mentioned. There is a formula for representation based on college faculty population. Representation is by college, not department.

7. Committee and Council Updates

- Michael Caulkins-NTT Council, Teaching Stream Proposal. Representatives have met twice with Diane Stearns and Roger Bounds on the Teaching Stream Proposal. Both meetings have been very positive and productive. Suggested campus-wide forums to open up discussion across campus on this issue. Proper change management requires a budget plan which we're working on now
- Marianne Nielson, Strategic Planning: defer to Bjorn Flugstad. Everyone is doing strategic planning and it is at the college level and trickling down into the units. Units will be encouraged to do a strategic plan but not required. Goal is to flesh out how to advocate for and use resources.

8. Bjorn Flugstad—Chief Financial Officer

Budget 101

- High-level overview of resources and expenditures of the university.
- Overall resources = 630 million. Largest incoming \$ = tuition and fees; roughly 250 million State funding = 130million. Expenditures? Personnel by far the largest.
- Revenue trends and proportions: 2008 was the high mark of state appropriation, 40% of overall revenue came from state funds; now under 20%. Tuition and fees have gone from 25% to over 40%.
- Senate now has a printed copy of the budget book, as does Cline Library. Motion made to formally request a searchable digital copy of the budget book for FS reference; motion passes overwhelmingly.
- Budget 101 powerpoint available upon request (Gioia.Woods@nau.edu). Please keep it local to NAU.

9. Summer Salary, SBS Senator Mohamed Mohamed

Request to postpone discussion to the next senate meeting as we ran out of time. Item move to January 27 agenda

10. Meeting adjourned, 5:03pm