

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes 11/18/19

Call to Order 3:04pm, Cline Library 200

Acceptance of Agenda--accepted

Approval of Minutes--approved

Senate President's Report

- ABOR starts Wednesday evening 11/20. AFC will meet on Thursday and will discuss issues that pertain to all three universities. UofA regents-faculty breakfast Friday morning. Second iteration of the theme, "role of teaching excellence in student retention and persistence."
- White paper—food insecurity on college campuses. Result of three years of work. Work began in 2017 with ASNAU president and FS launched a Food Insecurity Task Force to determine what food insecurity looks like at NAU. Launched survey to determine insecurity on campus; results show we're higher than national average. Piloted Louie's Leftovers to close the loop on food waste. See white paper on the FS website.

President Cheng's Report

- New community relations person starts after the first of the year. National search, really good candidates. Has university and city experience. Announcement will come soon.
- NSF came out with rankings; NAU at 196. Six years ago we were at 230.
- International education: NAU jumped from 17th 7th for number of students who study abroad.
- Signed contract with Project Re-engage; reach out to students who have had some NAU credits but have not finished their degree. Thousands of students.
- New scholarship for Coconino County graduates, Coconino First. Extra boost to financials. Scholarship of \$1000.
- Regents Cup last week: tri-university debate designed to learn about civil discourse.
- Phoenix Suns donated \$250,000 for CSTL program. STEM teaching support for Phoenix- based teachers.
- Cross country teams qualified for nationals, men are ranked 1st place in the US, women 6th.

Provost Stearns' Report

- Dean search. Three have developed short lists.
- ABOR: general education. Confident NAU will present well.
- First year seminar will be moved to CAL. First year experience will be moved to COE.

Liberal Studies Task Force Report-Jeff Berglund

- Task force created to realize and implement the vision based on seven-year review and feedback. Implementing strategic plan. How to make revisions, honor local vision, and manage ABOR's new criteria? Since early September, task force of 25-30 people. What areas exist for revision that can

accommodate the goals ABOR have set. Engage ABOR goals? Clearly explain to students. Redefine some skills. Define potential knowledge areas, why they have value to the student.

- We depend on faculty experts and on faculty development. ABOR raises questions, what sorts of evidence will we develop on an individual level and at the institutional level. Is there a standard instrument that ABOR wants us to use (Standardized exams)? Indirect measuring of attainment and student success.
- Civil discourse extremely important to ABOR; how to embed in our LS.

Applied Indigenous Studies—Karen Jarratt-Snyder, Alisse Ali-Joseph, Raymond Austin, Chad Hamill,

- Request to move from SBS to Office for Native American Initiatives. Background: August, 2018, AIS faculty voted unanimously to leave SBS. Not without precedent though unconventional. ONAI is a place they can thrive and grow: student center, visibility, better recruitment opportunities, better implementation of curriculum to community. The word “applied” means something: building leaders for Native American nations. Will remain an academic unit. Seven-year review recommended a move to ONAI.
- NAU has a responsibility to work with and lift up southwest tribes and nations. NAU is a place for research, study, and advancement of indigenous peoples around the world.
- Discussion: Adjust director position to reflect that of “acting dean?” Better able to meet NAU Strategic Goal 3? More flexibility to do so outside of traditional college structure. Concerns about reporting, respect for the role of the Provost. Lay out protocols, describe in detail how it could work. SBS senators have voted unanimously to support this initiative. NAU is the only university to have this strategic goal of Commitment to Native Americans. Request to AIS refine language and bring to full senate in spring. solutions.

Meeting adjourned 5:10