

**Summer Senate Meeting
Minutes
June 2nd, 2025**

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1. Call to order – Kate Ellis

Faculty Senate President Kate Ellis calls the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

Those Attending: Kate Ellis, Karen Pugliesi, Roger Bounds, Hillary Stowell, Jerry Thull, Eesha Tur-Raazia Syeda, Blue Brazelton, Miriam Espinoza, Michael Smith, Laura Umphrey, Claudia Rodas, Karen Jarratt Snider, Eric Cerino, Aimee Quinn, Hayley Root, Jessie Finch, Maiah Jaskoski, Christina Baze, Melissa Lawton, Jesus Mora, Emily Manone, Ed Ackerley.

2. Approval of Agenda – Kate Ellis

The 6/2/25 Agenda is voted on and **approved**.

3. Faculty Senate President's Report – Kate Ellis

Faculty Senate President Kate Ellis gives her report.

- Senate President Ellis shares that the final ABOR meeting of the year will be held on June 12th and 13th. She will be unable to attend this meeting, so Elisa Kawam of ASU will deliver the AFC report to the Board of Regents.
- President Ellis shares that she drafted a Mutual Academic Defense Compact Resolution for the Faculty Senate. Due to low attendance in the Summer, this will be further discussed in the Fall.
- President Ellis mentions a plan to reach out to the Faculty Senate Offices of other universities in the Big Sky Conference to elicit discussion about a potential Big Sky Partnership.

4. Provost's Office Report – Karen Pugliesi

Provost Karen Pugliesi shares her report.

- At the previous ABOR meeting NAU received approval from the University Governance and Operations Committee to present at the upcoming ABOR meeting. The items that received approval were:
 - Proposal to offer some of NAU's current programs at new statewide locations.
 - Creation of the "Radiance Center" which directly relates to the cluster hire of new remote sensor specialists.
 - Two program name changes in Physics and Social Work.
- On June 9th, three members of the Higher Learning Commission will be conducting a site visit at NAU regarding our proposal to offer a 90 credit Bachelor of Professional Studies.
- Last Wednesday there was an Academic Leadership Summit. In this meeting, Provost Pugliesi discussed priorities for leadership across campus. Some of these priorities include:

- Better articulating and sharing the value of NAU degrees and programs.
 - Continued work on program portfolios and teaching excellence.
 - Commitment to strengthening first year courses through the 1st Year Together Program.
 - Strengthening student engagement and experiences through the 100% Career Ready Program.
 - Continuing to think about Generative AI and its role in student preparation and implementation in the classrooms.
 - Bringing alumni and employers to campus to engage with students and faculty.
 - Focusing on strategic finance and adaptation to changes in the demographic environment. This will be supported by new collaborations with faculty and students to bring in additional income, as well as focusing on student enrollment and retention.
- A team from the department of Strategic Enrollment and Marketing has been working on the 1st phase of updating NAU's web presence to better advertise to prospective students.
 - Vice Provost Carmin Chan and representatives from the Council on Statewide and Online Education have developed recommendations about technology for the remote proctoring of online examinations. They also shared recommendations surrounding external courseware and technology in courses, and suggestions for the General Studies Program. This will be presented to the FSEC in Fall.
 - Vice Provost for Global Affairs, Yimin Wang, has taken a position at a different university. The provost office will be making an appointment to fill her position, and the 100% Career Ready Initiative will be shifted to Yvonne Luna.
 - As of today, NAU has had to terminate the creation of any additional appointments for visa interviews. This will impact an estimated 50% of the prospective international students for NAU. The provost office will provide further updates on this topic in the coming months.
 - The provost office will continue to update the faculty on changes to federal grants. To respond to this Vice Provost Roger Bounds will be convening a "TIGER Team" that will work to support faculty and staff that may have their funding cut.
 - University leadership will continue to work on the implementation and understanding of the Teaching Portfolio Guidelines in the Fall.
 - The Faculty Code of Conduct & Ethics has been sent to NAU's General Counsel Michelle Parker.
 - The provost office looks forward to collaborating with various task forces that convened in Spring. Some of the task forces mentioned are the Task Force on Student Attendance Policies and the Task Force on Student Opinion Surveys.
 - Provost Pugliesi announces that she will begin to plan semesterly Provost Q&As and Town Halls that will address topics of concern in Fall. NAU President Jose Cruz Rivera will also be convening a Q&A in the Fall.
 - Senate President Ellis suggests that the Provost Office work to communicate potential adjustments to the current promotion processes due to research work impacted by cuts to grant funding.

5. New Business/ Old Business/ Adjourn – Kate Ellis
The meeting is adjourned at 4:17pm