

**Summer Senate Meeting
Minutes
July 7th, 2025**

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1. Call to order – Kate Ellis

Faculty Senate President Kate Ellis calls the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

Those Attending: Kate Ellis, Roger Bounds, Yvonne Luna, Jennifer Duis, Miriam Espinoza, Karen Jarratt-Snider, Melissa Lawton, KT Thompson, Christina Baze, Gina Nabours, Corey Oshikoya, Blue Brazelton, Luis Fernandez, Jerry Thull, Michael Smith, Dale Cummings, Rachel Starks.

2. Approval of Agenda – Kate Ellis

The 7/7 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 has been receiving information about topics that will be used as agenda items in the Fall. She asks senators to think about what the Faculty Senate should prioritize for the upcoming year.
- Every year the Chair of the AFC rotates between NAU, ASU, and U of A. Senate President Ellis served as the chair of the AFC this year, and the position will shift to ASU's Elisa Kawam for the 25-26 Academic Year.
- Senate President Ellis has done research on the prospect of a Big Sky Conference Senate Partnership. This will be discussed with the FSEC in the Fall. She has not contacted other faculty senate presidents in the Big Sky Conference and it waiting until the FSEC can meet to discuss this approach.

4. Council & Committee Reports – Various Senate Chairs

Various Senate Council & Committee Chairs share their reports.

- Chair of the Council on Learning, John Tingerthal, shares that the Teaching Portfolio Guide has been shared with the provost leadership group, deans, and associate deans. As requested, the council will be presenting the document to individual colleges in the Fall.

5. Provost's Office Report – Yvonne Luna

Vice Provost Yvonne Luna & Roger Bounds share a report from the provost office.

- At the previous ABOR meeting, NAU received approval for all of the requested program name changes and new minors. The three new minors that were approved are Applied Archeology, Environmental Archeology, and Medical Anthropology.
- Vice Provost Yimin Wang has taken a position at a different university. Cesar Flores has been appointed to replace her as Vice Provost.

- Vice Provost Yvonne Luna will be absorbing the workload of the 100% Career Ready Initiative that Vice Provost Yimin Wang had accepted prior to her departure.
- The provost office asks for feedback on how they are handling recent issues and communicating with faculty.
- Senate President Ellis shares the importance of provost town halls and Q&As, as it allows faculty to provide feedback and ask questions. Increased communication between departments and administration would help alleviate the stress and anxiety that faculty may have.

6. New Business/ Old Business/ Adjourn – Kate Ellis
The meeting is adjourned at 4:00pm.