
Faculty Senate

Monday, August 31, 2026 - 3:00-5:00 pm, Havasupai A/B room and online. Coffee and snacks prior to meeting.

DRAFT AGENDA

3:00	Call to Order, Approval of Agenda & Minutes	Michael Smith
3:03	Senate President report	Michael Smith
	Committee & Council reports	
3:08	Nominations & Elections, Bylaws, Budget, Learning, Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, Career Track Faculty, Statewide & Online	
	NAU President and Provost report	
3:15	NAU President	Jose Luis Cruz Rivera
3:40	Questions from Senators	
3:50	Provost	Karen Pugliesi
4:15	Questions from Senators	
4:25	Recess for College Caucus organizational meetings*	

**Please use the recess to select College caucus chairs for AY26-27, exchange contact information, and plan for one or two college caucus meetings during the Fall semester. Incumbent or acting AY25-26 College caucus chairs: CAL (Sara Maier), Engineering (Kyle Winfree), CHHS (Corey Oshikoya), Education (Ashley Vaughan), FCB (Kristin Greenwalt), Nursing (Miriam Espinoza), and SBS (Brandie Reiner). College Caucus chairs are tasked with organizing 1-2 caucus meetings each semester and serving as members of the Senate Nominations and Elections committee. Chairs also distribute Senate Quicknotes to faculty in their respective colleges. College Caucus chairs assist the Senate VP in ongoing coordination with College leadership (i.e., Deans, Associate Deans) regarding College-level elections for Senator and Senate-charged committee vacancies.*

4:35 **Open nominations for internal Senate Committee and Council positions and liaisons to Senate-charged committees**

Current membership: <https://in.nau.edu/faculty-senate/senate-committees/>

Senate Committee and Council vacancies (8)

Bylaws Committee (3 vacancies, 1 nominee-Theresa Bierer, Jenny Holzapfel),
Budget Committee/Budget and Planning Council (2 vacancies),
Council on Learning (1 vacancy), Council on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities (1 vacancy)
Statewide and Online Council (2 vacancies)

Senate-Charged committee liaison vacancies (6):

Academic Standards Committee (ASC), Curriculum and Assessment Coordinating Committee (CACC), General Studies Curriculum Committee (GSCC), University Graduate Committee (UGC), University Library Committee (ULC), and University Undergraduate Committee (UUC).

4:45 **Senate business**

- I) Motion to charge an ad-hoc committee to examine best practices for class absences and their effect on course grades. To be chaired by Kate Ellis.

5:00 **Adjournment**
