

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
April 20th, 2026
NAU University Union

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1. Call to order at 3 pm – Kate Ellis presiding

Those Attending In-Person: Kate Ellis, Michael Smith, Nick McKay, Luis Fernandez, Seafha Ramos, Karen Jarratt-Snider, Jasmine Garani, Jill Navran, Jerry Thull, Karl Krotke-Crandall, Juliana Suby, Emily Manone, Catherine Harpst, Kyle Winfree, John Georgas, Roger Bounds, Karen Pugliesi, Eesha Syeda, Kaylee Earl-Leal.

Those Attending Online: Shelly Thomas, Igor Steinmacher, Kathleen Carpenter, Brandie Reiner, Theresa Bierer, Corey Oshikoya, Andrea Trujilo Lerner, Melissa Lawton, Claudia Rodas, Okim Kang, Meghan McDowell, John Tingerthal, Lisa Bliss, Rachel Starks, Rachel Forte, Aimee Quinn, Miriam Espinoza, Bettie Coplan, Ashley Vaughan, David Castellano, Sara Maier, Samantha Clifford, Chris Sthultz, Gioia Woods, Gina Nabours, Kristin Greenwalt, Jenny Holzapfel, Jeff Strain, Natasha Dmtrieva, Dale Cummings.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Kate Ellis

The 4/20/26 Agenda was voted on and approved. Minutes from 3/23/26 were not complete.

3. Faculty Senate President Report – Kate Ellis

Faculty Senate President, Kate Ellis, shared her report.

4. Council and Committee Reports

The chairs of the Career Track and Faculty Rights and Responsibilities councils and the Budget and Bylaws committees shared reports.

5. Senate Business

- I) Motion to endorse Student Opinion Task Force recommendations: Item A of the Student Opinion Survey Task Force Recommendations was voted on and approved by the Faculty Senate. Further discussion on Items B-D.
- II) Motion for non-substantive clarifying CoFS changes. Codifies that comprehensive review documents not needed when P&T is being evaluated. Discussion.
- III) Motion to endorse ASNAU Resolution recommending an alternative teaching day the Wednesday before Thanksgiving: Discussion.
- IV) Motion to endorse ASNAU resolution regarding the Completion of the Fieldhouse Multipurpose Facility: Discussion.
- V) Motion to amend Bylaws regarding voting at meetings. Discussion

6. Report from Provost Pugliesi

7. Adjourned at 5 pm on 4/20/2026 – Kate Ellis