

Faculty Senate

Summer Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8, 2026 - 3:30-5:00pm, Virtual

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- 1. Call to order at 3:30 PM – Michael Smith, presiding; 23 of 50 Senators attending**
- 2. Approval of Agenda – Michael Smith**
Approved by unanimous consent.
- 3. Faculty Senate President Report – Michael Smith**
Faculty Senate President, Michael Smith, shared his report.
- 4. Committee and Council Reports**
The Chairs of Nominations and Elections, Budget, and Bylaws committees shared reports.
- 5. Provost Report**
Provost Karen Pugliesi spoke on current University affairs and the upcoming June 11 ABOR meeting.
- 6. Senate Business (caucus not present; only discussion occurred)**
 - I) Motion to charge three Ad-hoc Committees (Parliamentarian Manone).
 - a) Class Absence Best Practices – Charge: Develop a document outlining best practices when accounting for course absences.
 - b) Curriculum Process Efficiency – Charge: Investigate and provide recommendations to improve the pace at which curricular ideas and proposals are translated to the catalog while ensuring academic and disciplinary integrity.
 - c) Refounding Together – Charge: Plan, host and summarize discussions about our shared values in relation to the NAU Refounding initiative this upcoming year.
 - II) Treasurer Bliss introduced a motion to modify the Bylaws to combine the Budget Committee and Budget and Planning Committee into a single committee. Discussion postponed to next meeting.
 - III) Call for new business
- 7. Adjourned by unanimous consent at 5 pm – Michael Smith**