NAU NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Monday, November 23th, 2026 - 3:00-5:00 pm, Aspen A/B room and online.
Coffee and snacks pre-meeting.

DRAFT AGENDA

3:00 PM	**Call to Order, Approval of Agenda & Minutes**	Michael Smith
	Senate President report	Michael Smith
3:05 PM	**Committee & Council reports**	
	Nominations and Elections Committee– *Ad-hoc committee update*	Luis Fernandez
	Bylaws Committee – *Bylaws edits to names and apportionment*	Emily Manone
	Learning Council – *Career-related syllabus policy* changes	Kyle Winfree
	Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Council – *Age-Friendly Campus*	Samantha Clifford
	Career Track Council – *Update on Nov 18 CT forum*	Jill Navran
3:20 PM	**NAU Provost report and questions**	Karen Pugliesi
3:35 PM	**NAU VP of Research report and questions**	Jason Wilder
3:50 PM	**Senate Business**	

Unfinished Business and General Orders

I) ***Amendments to Bylaws*** *(second reading)* **bold** = additions, ~~strikethrough~~ = subtractions

1. *Fix typos in section 1.3.5*

1.3.5 Recall of Officers: Faculty officers who do not appropriately fulfill the responsibilities o**f** their offices m**a**y be recalled by a two-thirds vote of the current Senate membership at any time duri**n**g the academic year. A motion to recall an officer cannot be ~~coted~~ **voted** upon until a second reading of the motion at the subsequent Senate meeting.

2. *Codify that College Caucus Chairs serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee*

3.3.1 Membership. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall consist of **the College Caucus Chairs** ~~eight Senators,~~ and the Vice President of the Senate who chairs the Committee.

3. *Update College names*

4.1.1.5 ~~College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Sciences~~ **Steve Sanghi College of Engineering**
~~4.1.1.11~~ **4.1.1.9** The W.A. Franke College of Business
~~4.1.1.12~~ **4.1.1.10** Honors College
4.1.1.11 Maria and Steve Sanghi College of Nursing

4. *Change the name of the Council on Statewide, Online and Personalized Learning Education to* ***The Council on Statewide and Online Education*** *(section 2.1.5)*

II) ***Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate Establishing the Faculty Council on Scholarship and Mentorship*** *(second reading)* Nick McKay

Submitted 10/2/26 to the President of the Faculty Senate by a petition of 12 Senators under section 6.2(3) of the Constitution of the Faculty. Reviewed for constitutionality by FSEC 10/5/26.

Amendment 1. In section 2.1 (Faculty Councils), add: 2.1.6 The Council on Scholarship and Mentorship

Amendment 2. In section 2.6 (Charges to the Faculty Councils), add:
2.6.4 Faculty Council on Scholarship and Mentorship. The Faculty Council on Scholarship and Mentorship shall take primary responsibility for all matters of policy relating to research, scholarship, and creative activity at Northern Arizona University, and to the mentoring of students and faculty. This includes but is not limited to: how scholarship and mentorship are recognized in faculty workloads, annual evaluation, and promotion and tenure; institutional support for research, including research infrastructure, internal funding, and support for external proposals; undergraduate and graduate research and mentoring; the mentoring of early-career faculty; and the effects of budget and planning decisions on the University's research mission. The Council shall propose Senate action to strengthen scholarship and mentorship at the University and shall serve as the Senate's primary point of contact with the Office of the Vice President for Research.

Effect: Membership, election of the chair, and duties of the new Council follow sections 2.3, 2.4, and 4.3 of the Bylaws, as for all Faculty Councils (1 chair, 2 Senator members). As with the other Council chairs, the chair of this Council will serve on the Executive Committee (section 3.2.1).

New Business

III) ***Motion to amend Bylaws to simplify apportionment*** *(first reading)* Emily Manone

4.1.2 Apportionment … ~~In order to prioritize representation of state-wide faculty, each voting unit will allocate their senator positions proportionally to faculty duty station percentages, ensuring that at least one seat is provided for statewide faculty representation (provided the voting unit has statewide faculty).~~ **When statewide faculty constitutes a significant portion of a voting unit, that unit will reserve at least one seat for statewide faculty. If no one runs from statewide, the seat becomes vacant and open to the unit.** NAU Yuma operates distinctly as a primary campus ~~for some~~ **and** voting **unit** ~~units~~. ~~If no statewide faculty members are nominated, by others or self, for the statewide position, then the senate position becomes open to nominations from all voting unit faculty.~~

IV) ***Aging-Friendly University*** Miriam Espinoza et al.
Motion to endorse (see meeting materials).

4:45 PM **Announcements**
NAU Advising — Helen Hemmer & Monica Bai

5:00 PM **Adjournment** — Michael Smith