

# NAU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes Monday, April 24, 2006

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## **Call to order:**

Senate President Marcus Ford called the meeting of the NAU Faculty Senate to order at 3:04 p.m. in the Student Union/Kaibab room.

**Members Present:** Syl Allred, T.S. Amer, Minnie Andrews, Roger Bacon, Nancy Barron, Virginia Blankenship, Kathy Bohan, Chuck Connell, Bill Culbertson, Jim Davis, Sally Doshier, Jack Dustman, Marcus Ford, Liz Grobsmith, Emily Hill, Glenn Hookstra, Loma Ishii, Chunhye Lee, Rich Lei, Louise Lockard, Dave McKell, Rich McNeill, Janet McShane, Larry Mohrweis, Sheila Nair, Cecilia Ojeda, Michael Ort, Lon Owen, Nancy Paxton, Jim Pinto, Mary Reid, Reed Riner, Blase Scarnati, David Sherry, Bill Stone, Marty Sommerness, and Marsha Yowell.

**Others Present:** Steven Barger, Susanna Maxwell, and Dayle Hardy-Short.

**Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes:** Senate President Marcus Ford asked for an approval of the agenda. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Passed.** Senate President Marcus Ford asked for an approval of the minutes from the March 27th meeting. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.**

**Opening Comments:** Senate President Marcus Ford said he hoped everyone had a chance to see Michael Crow when he was here on campus. Mr. Crow gave a very interesting presentation. President Ford also said that he has withdrawn the alternative Liberal Studies Proposal that he was working on with Michael Ort and Mary Reid for the time being. He said they plan to resubmit the proposal in the fall.

**Senate Elections:** Parliamentarian Roger Bacon said there are two handouts, the blue [nomination form](#) and the red [election ballot](#). Roger said that there is one change on the ballot. Chuck Connell is running for Treasurer instead of At Large Member. There are vacancies on Senate councils and committees and Roger encouraged members to sign up for one of the open slots.

**Daycare Presentation:** Dr. Sherry Markel distributed and talked about the [Child Care Coalition Task Force Executive Summary](#). Dr. Markel said this endeavor would benefit students, faculty and staff. A campus childcare facility would also help to retain junior faculty members. President Haeger has designated some land located near Emerald City that could be used if funds for the construction could be raised. Dr. Markel asked for the Senate's support. Several comments were made in support of the childcare facility idea. More information on the plan budget is needed. **A motion was made and seconded to support the childcare campus facility plan. Motion passed.**

**COFS:** Discussion moved forward on the COFS document. Updated versions were disseminated to the Senate prior to the meeting and were posted on the Faculty Senate web site. A [summary](#) of the COFS changes was distributed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept all changes pending a final review from legal council. Motion passed.**

**Comments from Provost Grobsmith:** Provost Grobsmith has several comments:

- The ABOR meeting is this Thursday and Friday. She expects them to approve some changes that will allow some processes such as a name changes to go forward without requiring board approval.
- The Principal Lecturer is on the board agenda and in the COFS document. If approved there will be a new rank of lecturer that we may use or may not use. ABOR does not require institutions to utilize this title.
- Also on the agenda is the Regents Accountability Measures. These measures are used by each university to explain how they are doing in terms of meeting their goals. NAU measures undergraduate education, graduate education and distance education. She said they are going to change some of the undergraduate measures so that they can determine the number of full time faculty that are teaching lower division classes.
- The Masters of Science in Engineering proposal is going forward to the board. It will be on the June ABOR agenda. If it passes, the program will not be implemented for a couple of semester.
- The College of Arts and Letters dean search is just about finished. She received a recommendation and has emailed President Haeger asking permission to extend an offer.
- The School of Communication director search was completed successfully.
- An offer has been made for the Director of the School of Art.

**Old Business/New Business/Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m. The next meeting will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2006 in the Student Union/Kaibab Room.