

Faculty Council Meeting-November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 2pm

Present: Francisco Villa, Christopher Gore, Heather Clark, David King, Amalia Garzon, Jason Bradley

Minutes from last meeting: Approved

Discussion from Dr. Sabbath's messages:

- We are in the midst of financial units being moved to a centralized system to be more efficient and timely. Amalia mentioned the centralizing of Arts and Sciences on-line courses where Flagstaff will be scheduling, but blended and hybrid course scheduling will remain here.
- Dr. Sabbath especially thanks Ric for help with the process of tracking and making the use of funds easier.
- Title IX meeting-canceled for today and will be rescheduled at a later date
- Yuma courses and fees are in the system
- University President search underway with a live stream today. Can submit comments and suggestions until 4 pm. Dr. Sabbath has added that he would like the new president to have a desire and capacity to work with the Hispanic population and value the mission of NAU-Yuma. He also desire an appreciation for the role of the branch campus leader and delegate authority to that branch leader and decentralize from Flagstaff. He has made this known to ABHOR.

Current and ongoing business:

Program input:

- Nursing program-going well. Have been able to hold live classes and clinicals for the most part.
- Arts and Sciences-all on-line without issues.
- Social work-on-line
- Sociology-One in-person class with all others on-line.
- Justice studies: New concentration in corrections
  - David King: Issues with NAU-Flex so has moved to bblearn collaborate. Requested two screens for each classroom but request was denied.
  - AWC/NAU IT not optimal. When AWC makes changes, NAU often not notified. When Flagstaff IT makes changes this campus often lags behind those changes.

Spring 20-21 Planning

- Via University President's email-spring semester will begin at usual start time with two weeks remote learning at the beginning, with some exceptions for live learning as needed. Will start in-person learning after the two week period. Semester ends 4/29 with no spring break.

Liberal Studies to change name to Summit Studies with some restructuring.

- Amalia's concern with this is how it may affect transfer students and how phased-out classes will be handled. This is a proposal and still needs to be designed and created.

Committee Updates

- Liberal Arts Committee-No updates
- OBCC-No updates
- Yuma Assessment Committee
  - Keep track of assessment records-hard file of inventory of programs' assessments with documentation of activities in programs. Possibly mapping program learning outcomes and student learning outcomes to classroom assignments/activities.
  - This could be a resource for instructors to validate work and outcomes of their programs.
- Faculty Senate
  - Ruth sent out email with updates of happenings in Faculty Senate. Much important information contained in this email.
  - Increase of 500 students for winter enrollment
  - Discussion on optimal class size-this varies depending on program and discipline and requirements of accrediting body
- Yuma Curriculum Committee
  - Next meeting in February of spring semester. Submit current changes for this meeting.

New Business: None

Good of the Order:

- Jason Bradley-changes are being considered that faculty are not aware of. All faculty encouraged to advocate as NAU is trying to standardize across the board without recognizing differences and variations in programs. This will be discussed at length in next Faculty Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 3:15 pm

Next meeting: January 7th