



**Senate Faculty**  
**Meeting Minutes # 19**

**DAY:** Friday, April 30, 2021

**TIME:** 3:30-4:30pm

**LOCATION:** Online using GoToMeeting

**FACILITATOR:** Dr. Abu-Raqabeh

<b>Attendees</b>	Dr. Faruk Taban (non-voting member), Dr. Tawfiq Abu-Raqabeh (Business Administration), Dr. Ann Marie Smith (EDUC),, Dr. Karman Kurban (at large – EDUC), Dr. Harun Yilmaz (at large – EDUC) Mr. Pete Tijerina (at large -EDUC) Shweta Shroff (Library) Mr. Ihsan Said (Computer Science), Mr. Jason Villanueva (GLS)
<b>Members Absent</b>	
<b>Approved previous meeting minutes</b>	The majority of the faculty senate approved the meeting minutes # 17
<b>Meeting minutes agenda # 18</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 2021 Commencement timeline</li><li>2. May not provide Girls’ Dorm in 2021-22</li><li>3. E-learning training, summer transition</li><li>4. At risk students update, drop unattended students</li><li>5. International University partnership opportunities</li><li>6. Summer Conference update</li></ol>
<b>Discussion and Explanation to the agenda presented.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 2021 Commencement timeline: Dr. Taban explained that the commencement 2020-2021 would be held August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am, so students who graduate in the Spring and Summer can walk together. Mrs. Shroff explained the options for outdoor venues but pointed out hurricane season occurs during that time so indoor options are more likely. A live stream of the commencement will be available for online viewing to accommodate international students and their families. Dr. Taban reemphasized on the two options of online or face-to-face and focused on procedure of selecting a venue, cost, and location in relation to potential graduates and how many students plan to attend. If attendance projections seem low, an online option would make more sense. 2021-2022 Commencement will be held May 2021.</li><li>2. May not provide Girls’ Dorm in 2021-22: Dr. Taban reminded the senate that previously, dorms were located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor for men, and 6<sup>th</sup> floor for women. The women’s dorm was moved because of the expansion of the athletics area. Women dorms were relocated to the neighboring apartment complex. Because the leases are made through the university, we are liable as to pay any remaining rent or damage to their complex should the student tenant move out early or damage the dorm. Dr Taban also explained that NAU still offers that apartment complex, but through a referral program. The</li></ol>



	<p>University doe does not make the lease, so now the student or individual is responsible for all costs because the previous arrangement was too complex and expensive. Dr. Smith asked “Is that a Title IX violation?” Dr. Taban said he would ask HR. He also said that at the moment there was low demand, but with the addition to women’s soccer, more athletes would require more dorms.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. E-learning training, summer transition: Dr. Taban explained that Mr. Maldar is holding webinar trainings and recording them. He will also be available for one-on-one webinars. Dr. Taban also explain that Mr. Tijerina was also creating short videos for the Gen. Ed. department. Mr. Tijerina offered to help faculty one-on-one too.</li><li>4. At risk students update, drop unattended students: Dr. Taban explained that NAU dropped 5 to 6 students, they didn't show any activities in any area. They were dropped end of the semester. This will be the common procedure.</li><li>5. International University partnership opportunities: Dr. Taban said things were going well with Tunisia. Transcripts were sent and they were about 80% match for freshmen and sophomore classes. Also thanks to Dr. Abu-Raqabeh, we signed with MOU.</li><li>6. Summer Conference update: Mr. Yilmaz explained that he had gotten feedback and that documents are available in Teams.</li></ol>
Next Meeting	<b>May 31 at 10:00am</b>
Recorded By	<b>Pete Tijerina</b>
Adjourned	<b>Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm</b>