**NAU Faculty Senate: Advisory Council on Curriculum and Assessment (ACCA)**

**Charter**

**Mission**

The Advisory Council on Curriculum and Assessment (ACCA) is charged by the Faculty Senate with:

1. Making recommendations to the Faculty Senate concerning the articulation of assessment and curriculum.
2. Improving the communication between the senate-charged curriculum and assessment committees, related entities directly involved with curriculum and assessment, and the Faculty Senate.
3. Fostering a more interactive and faculty-centered role in curriculum decisions on campus through communication with all Curriculum Committee Chairs at NAU.
4. Gathering information from individual curriculum committees (via Chairs) to help inform curricular and assessment decisions across campus.

**Goals**

1. Strengthen faculty stewardship of the curriculum.
2. Empower faculty to be proactive in the discussion, evaluation, and implementation of policies that affect curriculum and assessment.
3. Increase meaningful faculty involvement in intentional curriculum, assessment, and learning design.
4. Increase efficiency of curriculum review processes and decrease superfluous faculty service commitments.
5. Increase communication between senate-charged committees and the senate, thus engaging in a more effective faculty shared governance model.

**Membership**

The following senate-charged committees are represented by their chairs on the ACCA:

* University Curriculum Committee (UCC)
* University Graduate Committee (UGC)
* Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
* Extended Campuses Curriculum Committee (ECCC)
* University Assessment Committee (UAC)
* Academic Standards Committee (ASC)
* Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

In addition, the ACCA invites the following directors, chairs, and/or administrators or their representatives as ex-officio members to meetings, to inform and facilitate the work of the ACCA:

* Liberal Studies Program
* Associate Vice Provost of Curriculum and Assessment
* Academic Chairs Council (ACC)
* Academic Associate Deans Academy (ACADA)
* Faculty Professional Development
* eLearning

The Chair of ACCA is an ex officio member. S/he is a faculty member, has served on any of the senate-charged committees in the past, and is knowledgeable about curriculum and assessment processes and policies at NAU. The ACCA will select a Chair for the upcoming Academic Year (AY) in the last meeting of the current AY.

**Meetings**

The ACCA will meet once each semester. Additional meetings may be called for extenuating circumstances, or as needed.

**Reporting**

The ACCA will present an informational report to the Faculty Senate after each meeting, or as needed. Ideally, the Chair will give these presentations. However, any of the members (i.e. the senate-charged committee chairs) may report in the Chair’s place.

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