**NAU Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* April 7, 2014**

*From notes taken by Susan Harris (Senate Secretary), Charlie Balch (Senator, Yuma) and Kate Ellis (Senator, CAL). These are "quick notes." For detailed minutes, check the senate website next month, after they have been approved.*

**Announcements**

* **SBS Dean Search:** Candidate forums in SBS West, room 200, Friday, April 11: C. Kosso 11-12 pm, K. Pugliesi 1-2 pm, C. Bain 3-4 pm. All faculty invited, not just from SBS. Check candidate CVs on Provost’s website: <http://nau.edu/Provost/Academic-Personnel/>
* **Presidential search:** Moving fast, good prospects. Expect new president soon. The Senate webpage has direct link to ABOR/search website: Go there for latest news.
* Continuing discussion with **Extended Campuses** faculty about senate proposal. In-depth update from Bylaws Committee at next meeting (May 5).
* **Employee Giving Campaign**: Your contribution (to a fund of your choice!) will help attract large outside donors. (*Percentage* of faculty giving is crucial for fundraising.) <http://nau.edu/EGC>
* **Senate Scholarship ($1000):** Applications due April 18. Encourage your students to apply! Form is listed on top/homepage of the senate website. Contact Susan Harris with questions.

*The handouts and materials for the following points can be found on the senate website:* [*http://nau.edu/Faculty-Senate/Meeting-Handouts/*](http://nau.edu/Faculty-Senate/Meeting-Handouts/)

**Approved:** New“Shared Prefix” Policy, as proposed by the Liberal Studies Committee and Liberal Studies Program: 38 YES votes, 3 NO votes (paper ballot)

**Presented:** Final draft of Proposal for “Expectations for Degree Programs: Curriculum and Assessment.”This will be an action item at the next Senate meeting on May 5.

**President Haeger** reported on ABOR meeting (April 3): Regents approved our tuition and fees request; NAU Pledge Program was praised (UA is starting its own version in fall 2014); state budget: parity money but no performance funding; importance of enrollment for us. Presidential transition committees are in planning.

**Provost Huenneke** reported on ABOR Academic Affairs Committee meeting (April 2): focus on value of liberal education for employment and life-long earnings; review of performance metrics such as freshmen retention, 6-year graduation rate, transfer student rate; importance of freshmen retention for graduation, renewed focus on what works, what doesn’t.

*You can find the materials for the ABOR discussion of the value of liberal education*

*for employment either on the ABOR website in the meeting handbook (*[*http://www.azregents.edu/publicmeetings/academicaffairs.aspx*](http://www.azregents.edu/publicmeetings/academicaffairs.aspx)*)*

*or an excerpt from it on the Faculty Senate website under “Documents.”*

*Also, check out the LEAP Initiative from AAC&U:* [*https://www.aacu.org/leap/*](https://www.aacu.org/leap/)