**NAU Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* February 23, 2015**

*From notes taken by Kate Ellis (CAL Senator). These are "quick notes." For detailed minutes, check the Senate BbLearn shell after the next meeting.*

* The Senate voted to create an ad-hoc committee on “Non-TT Faculty Issues.” Michael.Rulon@nau.edu (Lecturer, CAL) will serve as interim chair until the committee can meet. Please contact Michael or Nora.Timmerman@nau.edu (Lecturer, SBS, UC) if you are interested in joining this committee. (You do not have to be a senator. NTT and TT faculty can join.) The committee will report on its activities to the Faculty Senate through the executive committee, per Senate bylaws. Like all senate committees, it can recommend topics for discussion, policies, initiatives, and events. This committee was created in response to a request by the Non-TT Faculty Working Group that has been active on campus since last fall.
* Last year, all NAU faculty were asked to participate in the COACHE survey. Last semester, an advisory group (which included two faculty senators) reviewed the survey results, identified priorities to be addressed, and sent its recommendations to the provost. The Senate executive committee has identified four priorities from that list and assigned them to existing committees and groups. The Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Committee (“R&R”) is going to address the top priority: “Re-examine the annual review process with special attention to consistency of best practices for identifying and addressing sub-standard performance within and across departments.” If you would like to participate in this discussion please contact the R&R chair, Susan.Harris@nau.edu.
* The president’s installation ceremony will take place on April 23. Mark your calendar for a full day of events.

**Eric Yordy**,Chair, Senate Bylaws Committee, reported that they are continuing to review definitions of “faculty” for shared governance purposes: who can serve on the Senate and who is represented? All faculty are encouraged to send more comments to Eric.Yordy@nau.edu to inform the discussion of the Bylaws Committee

**Susan Harris**, chair of the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, presented an update on the annual revisions of the “Conditions of Faculty Service” (CoFS) document. The final version of the proposed changes will be presented and discussed at the March 23 Senate meeting.

**Astrid Klocke**,Faculty Senate President, reported from the ABOR meeting at the UA on February 4/5. Regents expressed strong opposition to proposed state budget cuts. The chair of the Board of Regents, Mark Killian, will address the Faculty Senate in April. At the next ABOR meeting at NAU, on March 11, we anticipate a large group of DREAMer students to address the regents during the Call to the Audience, asking for in-state tuition. The three AZ faculty senates approved resolutions in support of this request in 2013. Faculty will stand with and support the DREAMer students at the meeting. For more information please contact Robert.Neustadt@nau.edu.

**Bruce Fox**, chair of the Liberal Studies Committee, reported that the committee is reviewing the original criteria of the capstone courses, talking about different ways the process can go back to first principle, intersection of major and liberal studies education.

**Provost Huenneke** reported that the next ABOR meeting (March 11) will focus on NAU. Materials and the link to the live webcast will be on the ABOR web page: <http://www.azregents.edu/> Two additions to our academic strategic plan will be proposed: new doctoral program in astronomy and online masters in parks and rec management to serve professionals who are working in the field. She also reported on the COACHE advisory group’s recommendations: A working group on interdisciplinary issues is being formed. If you would like to join please contact Daniel.Kain@nau.edu.

**Stephanie Hurst**, Associate Professor, Inorganic Chemistry, presented the annual report of the Faculty Grants Program committee. A video recording of her presentation is available to all NAU faculty and staff via the Senate BbLearn shell, to which you should have access. (If not, please contact Pam.Lynch@nau.edu)

**Shari Miller**, Extended Campuses, presented the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, SARA. A video recording of her presentation is available via the Senate BbLearn shell. State authorization compliance requires that NAU be compliant with all the state laws in any state/territory in which it has a physical presence. The definition of physical presence varies by state but generally includes student placements in experiential activities such as internships and fieldwork, online students, employees living in the state, recruitment, marketing, etc. SARA has been created to address such compliance but not all states will participate; Arizona is a member and NAU will soon be applying. For students in programs leading to professional licensure, the academic program may also need to comply with the state laws for student placements (and the ability to be licensed in that state) and SARA does not cover this requirement. Please provide information to Shari.Miller@nau.edu as soon as possible if you have a student considering or in an experiential activity in another state. The NAU state authorization status can be found at <https://nau.edu/Resolution-Compliance/>.