**Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* February 10, 2014**

*From notes taken by 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/Faculty Senate President’s Report**

* ABOR has announced the membership of the presidential search committee. Faculty Senate VP, Bruce Fox, and Jani Ingram, Roy St. Laurent, and Paul Keim were chosen by the regents to represent NAU faculty. This is good news! <http://azregents.asu.edu/legislativeaffairs/newsreleases/ABOR%20Announces%20Membership%20of%20NAU%20Presidential%20Search%20Committee.pdf>
* There will be news about a new Wellness Incentive Program from BCBS soon. You enter biometrics into database to receive $10 per pay period reduction in premium.
* BbLearn migrating to managed hosting service. Will be down on M and T of spring break. Once back up nothing will look different but expect fewer slowdowns and crashes.
* At ABOR meeting on Feb 6, new HB 2186 was discussed by regents. It calls for guns on campus, for faculty. The three faculty senates have passed resolutions against guns on campus. Arizona Faculties Council will compile these and communicate with regents.

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

**Ro Haddon (Director of Liberal Studies)** introduced new “Shared Prefix Policy.” Action item at next Faculty Senate meeting. Please communicate with your senators to have input. One concern of the external review of the LS program was that students can’t take a liberal studies course in the major. 58% of student change majors in the first or second year and then fall behind in LS. The proposal is that students can share 9 credits between LS and major. Change will be assessed with focus on progression, the major and a broad based education, and opening up seats in LS courses.

**Rob Till (University Assessment Com.)** gave update on feedback collected on the Curriculum and Assessment proposal. More feedback from Extended Campuses CC before proposal will come to the full senate for a vote, possibly in April.

**President Haeger** commented on SBS dean search and responded to questions from senators. Please communicate with your college’s senators for details. On Governor’s proposed state budget: no performance funding for universities. Testified before House and Senate on research infrastructure. More bonding anticipated, state bills not going anywhere.

**Provost Huenneke** reported 64% NAU response rate on COACHE survey, above national average. We’ll get raw data in March, advisory group set up. ABOR approved NAU’s exemption to multi-year contract policy: now lets us offer more 3-year contracts, which will help with retention of exemplary faculty. Expect more discussion about course and program fees. Focus on how fees are tied to programs and what they are used for.

**Nydia Nittman (Financial Aid)** presented Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. Affects all students on financial aid. Important message for faculty: make sure students are aware of implications of dropping a class, before you recommend they do that. Dropping could affect eligibility for financial aid.

**Buck Sanford, Wendy Holliday (University Library Com.)** presented the Cline Library macro budget request. We are behind peers in library funding per student and faculty, affecting our ability to support faculty/student research and build new programs. You can make your opinions heard: read the report and let your chair/director/dean/provost know whether you support more funding for Cline. Macro budget requests are presented to the President at the Campus Leadership Retreat on Feb. 28.

**Denise Helm (Provost’s Office)** presented report on year-long SETE trial. A committee will work over summer to evaluate for future adoption. Please contact [Astrid.Klocke@nau.edu](mailto:Astrid.Klocke@nau.edu) if you are available (during summer) to represent the faculty on committee.