**NAU Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* April 18, 2016**

*These are "quick notes." For detailed minutes, check the Senate BbLearn shell after the next meeting.*

**Announcements**

* ABOR approved a tuition increase of 3% for incoming freshman and an increase in the IT fee.
* Betsy Mennell has been promoted to Vice President of Alumni Engagement.
* Senate Elections will take place at the May 2nd meeting. All FSEC seats as well as seats on Senate Councils and Committees will be filled at that time.

**President Cheng’s Report delivered by Joanne Keene**

Joanne Keene spoke to the following:

* It is believed a budget will be forthcoming from the legislature this week. We do not anticipate further budget cuts at this time; there is a slight possibility that there may be a small increase.
* Fall enrollment is up in all categories, except transfer students.
* Chief Information Officer Candidates have been on campus. A decision is hoped to be made in the coming weeks.
* The position of NAU General Counsel is open. Interviews should take place the last week of April.
* The candidates for the position of Center for International Education Vice Provost have visited and a decision is expected soon.

**Provost Coleman’s Report**

Provost Coleman reported on the following:

* The faculty awards ceremony took place last week.
* The increase in the fall enrollment and the retention rate we expect 350-500 more students this fall.
* The review of Non Tenure Track multi-year contracts is underway.
* CHHS Interim Dean Deb Thomas will stay in this position through the end of the next academic year.
* A Search Committee for a new CAL Dean will be formed this spring and will begin its work in the fall.

**Senate President’ Report**

Bruce Fox reported on the following:

* ABOR has finished its tuition setting process. Bruce noted that the process is detailed and inclusive.
* There are many construction projects underway across campus as well as changes to building locations for some departments.
* A slightly revised personnel action calendar is currently being vetted. Please direct your questions or suggestions to Dan Kain.

**COFS Update**

* Pam Foti, Chair of the FS R&R Council noted that the Council is preparing for its annual COFS review. Should you have concerns regarding COFS send your concerns to either [Pam.Foti@nau.edu](mailto:Pam.Foti@nau.edu) or [Bruce.Fox@nau.edu](mailto:Bruce.Fox@nau.edu).

**Extended Campuses Transition Team Update**

* The Transition Team is going to various groups including the Senate to discuss extended campus. Issues that have been raised include: degree offerings and curriculum; course instruction and delivery modes; faculty governance; transition processes for student between EC and Mountain Campus.
* The Senate membership offered up numerous comments, observations, and concerns to the Transition Team.