**Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* December 2, 2013**

*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**

* The Senate voted to amend the Bylaws to include the University College and the Honors Program as voting units. Both units' faculty will now be represented in the Senate.
* Second reminder: The COACHE Survey has been launched. Please complete it! You will receive a reminder email, with a link to the survey. We have a current completion rate of 45%. Let’s make it 100% to get NAU faculty voices heard!
* Please support the United Way Campaign. Donate on the web: <http://nau.edu/united-way/>

**The senate welcomed Regent Leonard and conducted a conference call with Regent Myers (in Tucson) and President Klein (in Phoenix)**

The regents and faculty senators discussed the **presidential search**. Faculty input is welcome. Search firm has been identified, search committee will be created by middle of spring. Search might take all of next year. The search task is difficult as there are many presidential searches across the nation but low supply of suitable candidates. Also, we need to be careful to preserve anonymity of candidates during search. Persons outside of academia might be considered. First task is to develop profile of a perfect candidate for NAU: institution's profile, student needs, faculty characteristics, professional background of candidate, statewide leadership ability.

**🡺 How all faculty can help right now:** Think about identifying suitable candidates, e.g. deans, provosts, presidents, and other leaders you know from professional meetings, through colleagues, and from other institutions. Nominate them through the faculty senate. (Contact Astrid Klocke or Bruce Fox) **Then**: Watch out for updates via email and at the next senate meeting in January. We're working with the regents on more ways for faculty to be involved!

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

**COE Senator Shadow Armfield and Vice Provost Pugliesi** presented a report from the **Task Force on Summer Sessions**. The task force recommends actions in four areas. Substantial increases in Flagstaff campus summer session enrollment will require that the university minimize or eliminate barriers in enrollment, pricing, and financial aid. Second, NAU should create more compelling offerings for degree seeking and non-degree seeking students. Third, management and coordination of summer sessions should be strengthened with central support for robust college planning and operations. Lastly, NAU should elaborate current marketing strategies with campaigns promoting distinctive programmatic opportunities and benefits of summer enrollment to multiple student populations. Future discussion: Trimesters.

**Vice Provost Pugliesi** presented a synopsis of the **existing Intellectual Property Policy** at NAU. Senators requested that the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Council review the policy and develop materials to help faculty understand the policy better.

**Director of Disability Resources, Jamie Axelrod**, presented on **faculty resources for meeting student need for digital accessibility**. A new accessibility analyst is being hired right now and new software, *Compliance Sheriff*, will help faculty make initial checks to identify areas for improvement in their courses. New Usable Materials Center will help with evaluation and conversion of materials.

**Chairs of the LGBTQIA Task Force, Matthew Tombaugh and Ángel Verdugo**, presented the projects of the task force to support services for diverse groups of students, faculty and staff. The main goal is to improve recruitment and retention of students and faculty. Data shows that most LGBT students have experienced harassment because of their gender identity. As a consequence, they are more likely to struggle in their studies. What can faculty do to help? Check out the resource sheet (on the senate webpage) provided by the task force.

**Report from Provost Huenneke:** Two new working groups: 1. Develop guidelines for faculty about religious holiday accommodations for students. 2. Develop policy and guidelines for chairs and deans on assigning levels to part time faculty, for compensation purposes.

**Matt Tantau** presented the NAU **United Way Campaign**. Give Now > <http://nau.edu/united-way/>