**Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* January 13, 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**

* President Haeger has approved the Faculty Senate Bylaws changes to include the University College and the Honors Program as voting units. Both units' faculty will now be represented in the Senate, after holding elections.
* Another reminder: The COACHE Survey is still open. Please complete it!
* The Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee will prepare a worksheet for faculty on Intellectual Property questions, by the end of the spring semester.
* The elections for open senate seats and key university committee seats will take place earlier this year to allow more time for planning SOEs and training for committee assignments.
* The regents have hired a firm for the presidential search and will discuss the process for campus and community outreach at their February board meeting. Stay tuned.
* Teaching Day was sold out and a huge success this year!

**President Haeger** discussed implications of the governor's budgetproposal and her call for a flexible, predictable tuition system—which we already have in the form of the pledge program. Facing higher tuition at the three main universities campuses in AZ, students now also have lower tuition choices through our partnerships with community college and online programs. We have a new advertising partnership with the Phoenix Suns at the arena, for outreach and programming. NAU sponsors the national anthem at the game. NAU logo is everywhere.

**Provost Huenneke** reported that faculty and staff raises are taking effect this month. For faculty the compensation increase again included exemplary performers. The process and criteria varied considerably across campus and had some unintended consequences, by units. The university graduate committee has developed a new policy and recommendation for dismissal of students from the academic programs. A working group on fees reported last month: Raised questions about how units might manage fees. How to make sure units are making the best possible use of money that comes in. What can, and what can’t, units use the money for? Update on the SBS dean’s search: One of the finalists received an offer elsewhere. Second finalist will be invited back. Search committee is recommending two additional people for campus visit.

Academic Planning Framework: Four working groups presented at an open house forum in December; presented written material which is being put into a single framework document now. Will be presented soon. Key questions: What are the key issues that we want people to think about in academic program review, for a new program, etc. What kind of vision do we have for our programs, what is the direction they want to move?

**Niranjan Venkatraman** presented an update from the vetting process of the assessment and curriculum proposal: the group of faculty leaders have been visiting with college curriculum committees, as requested by the senate, to received focused feedback. They will be done visiting with all college CCs in February and will then present a revised, updated version of the proposal for a possible vote to the senate. The faculty senate will have another chance to review the revised proposal before any action will be taken.

**Rod Parnell and Ellen Vaughn** presented their annual report of campus sustainability efforts. See full report on senate web page: [*http://nau.edu/Faculty-Senate/Meeting-Handouts/*](http://nau.edu/Faculty-Senate/Meeting-Handouts/)

Ellen is the new Manager of the Office of Sustainability. Contact her for more info on how to get involved: Ellen.Vaughan@nau.edu, environmentalcaucus@nau.edu and visit the web page: <http://nau.edu/green> Faculty Senate will work with Rod on revisiting the Global Learning Initiative.