**NAU Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* March 21, 2016**

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

**Announcements**

* The tenure and promotion process for this year has been completed. There will be a ceremony recognizing these accomplishment April 14th at the High Country Conference Center.
* Assessment Fair March 30th at the High Country Conference Center starting at 3 pm.

**Actions**

* The Senate voted to adopt the proposed Bylaws. The Bylaws will be sent to President Cheng for her review and approval per ABOR policy.

**President and Provost Reports**

President Cheng was in Washington D.C. therefore Provost Coleman spoke to the following:

* Candidates for the position of CITO will be on campus this spring dates to be announced soon.
* Four finalists for Vice Provost of International Education have been selected. Two will visit campus the first week of April the other two will visit campus a few weeks later.
* A search for a Dean of the College of Health and Human Services is moving forward.
* An Extended Campus Transition team headed by Joanne Keene and Christy Farley will meet for the second time this week. The president has asked that they move forward quickly with their recommendations.
* Tuition hearings begin next week. The Pledge program will continue with a slight increase to incoming students. There will be an increase in the IT fee, but many course fees have been eliminated. There are new program fees being brought forward in a few areas which include Nursing and Hotel and Restaurant Management.
* The state budget should be released in the next couple of weeks.
* An internal search for a Coordinator of Advising on campus is underway.
* There is a great deal of effort underway regarding retention of students. There are seven subcommittees each tasked with a different focus.
* Numerous faculty searches are underway with great success to date – at the time of this meeting, negotiations with top candidates have been completed or are in process in19 tenure-track searches and 10 non-tenure track searches. Several other searches are in the process of candidate review.
* Discussion on quality markers with ABOR will continue at their April meeting at the UofA.  A framework for the first set of quality markers has been developed and will be the focus of the ABOR discussion.
* The Budget Office and the Provost’s Office are working on developing materials for a Budget 101 tutorial.
* The Provost would like to honor and acknowledge faculty accomplishments. He urged faculty to let him know of any awards, publications, or other accomplishments.

**Senate President’ Report**

Bruce Fox reported on the following:

* Textbook orders are due March 25th. We are required to do this by the higher education opportunity act.
* ASU has asked to adopt the language the NAU Senate put forth in its RESOLUTION on the gender binary benefits coverage issue.
* ABOR will meet in April at UofA and in June at NAU.
* The Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy will be implemented this summer.

**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 or Bruce.Fox@nau.edu.

**Faculty Senate Scholarship**

* Natalie Cawood, FS Treasurer, announced that the Senate will award a $1,000 scholarship this year. The application and information can be found on the Faculty Senate website.

**ITS Update**

* Ricky Roberts, Interim CIT Officer, gave a brief update on what has been done and what is left to do regarding the changes to ITS.