**QUIK NOTES**

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Monday November 7, 2016**

**NAU President’s Report**

* Searches:
  + On-campus interviews for Vice President of Capital Planning and Campus Operations during week of November 7. Rich Bowen has been selected as the Interim VP until the position is filled.
  + The search for a Vice President for Research has begun. Dan Kain will chair the search committee.
* Other items
  + The President is meeting with the Deans about their budgets.
  + This month the Native American Cultural Center is sponsoring Heritage month (more commonly known as Native American Heritage Month) with a variety of programs which can be found on their [website](http://nau.edu/na-cultural-center/)
  + ABOR has selected a new Regent representing Northern Arizona, Lyndel Manson. She will replace LuAnn Leonard. Ms. Manson is a former investment banking analyst and market analyst with an extensive philanthropic and non-profit background.

**Provost’s Report (presented by Dan Kain)**

* Part-Time Faculty salary increases are being discussed within the President’s office. They are working on a phased plan.
* Personnel:
  + Candidates for the position of Dean of Health and Human Services were on campus last week. The search committee is currently reviewing feedback prior to making its recommendation.
  + Dan thanked both Wolf Gumerman and Dean Childrey for their outstanding work on the Honors College proposal.
  + ABOR has established a committee to look at quality in general education programs (NAU’s liberal studies program). That committee meets next Thursday. Laurie Dickson and Jeff Berglund will attend this meeting via phone.
  + A search for a Vice Provost for Academic Personnel is underway. Forums will be held next November 15 and 16 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with both candidates--Roger Bounds and Tim Behrens.

**Senate President’s Report**

* Next month the Senate will return to the Kaibab Room of the University Union.
* He urged everyone to vote tomorrow.
* Student recitals are coming up and he urged everyone to attend if they can.

**Honors College Proposal**

* Dean Cynthia Childrey and Wolf Gummerman presented an overview on the proposal for an Honors College and answered questions. A background video for the presentation is available on the Senate’s BbLearn shell.

**Required Qualifications for Instructional Faculty**

Vice Provost Laurie Dickson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the policy (background video and a copy of the policy both available on the Senate’s BbLearn shell.) After discussion an amendment to the policy was proposed to add laboratory instructors to section 3. The Senate approved the policy as amended.

**Student Feedback Survey Working Group Report and Recommendations**

Denise Helm and Robert Horn gave a brief recap of the student feedback survey working group’s report and recommendations. (Available on the Senate’s BbLearn shell.) This item will come back to the Senate for a vote in the near future.

**Announcements**

Faculty Senate Treasurer, Natalie Cawood, announced that the Senate dues will remain at $20 this year. Letters will go out to all faculty tomorrow.

The United Way campaign is underway and will run through the second week of December. Paper forms for contributing can be found in the President’s office or you can contribute online at: <http://nau.edu/united-way/>

The Senate adjourned after which they held a discussion for interested faculty members on the topic, Academic Freedom at NAU. At the close of this discussion it was decided that there was much to discuss and there was a need to get input from the greater faculty. Therefore, Gioia Woods was asked to work with the Senate Council on Rights and Responsibilities to see where we go from here.