**NAU Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* September 14, 2015**

*From notes taken by Kate Ellis (CAL Vice President). These are "quick notes." For detailed minutes, check the Senate BbLearn shell after the next meeting.*

**Announcements**

* Open Enrollment of Employee Benefits will begin October 26th and close November 13th.
* ABOR will meet September 23-25th at NAU.
* Bruce Fox, Chair of the Arizona Faculties Council (AFC) will preside over the AFC meeting which will take place on Thursday September 24th during ABOR’s lunch recess.
* ABOR President Klein will be at the December 7th Senate meeting to discuss the Enterprise model.
* The new Executive to the Yuma Campus is Michael Sabath.

**Approved Action Items**

* Natalie Cawood was elected Senate Treasurer.
* Brooke Whitworth and Phil Mlsna were elected to serve on the Rights and Responsibilities Council

**Provost Coleman**

The engaged with the faculty in a wide-ranging conversation with the following highlights:

* He is focusing on learning about the campus culture;
* Pres. Cheng has a list of priorities for him, many are around faculty.
* He is looking at hiring process with the goal of and streamlining it including more timely notice of when we can hire;
* Reviewing the COACHE survey with the goal of improving the working environment, employing our resources on the academic side as efficiently and effectively as possible. Wants to look at raises and exemplary performer (Note: Dan Kain will be examining the exemplary performer program with the objective of making it as effective as possible to meet the goals of the program).
* When asked, Provost Coleman’s offered up his major goals as provost:
* Bring faculty together to step back.
* Student success: Look at the profile of our students when they enter NAU and how they look when the go out/graduate.
* Strategically allocate resources for research capacity and ability to teach students.
* Only way he knows how to manage people is to set up clear goals and develop relationships with Deans and Faculty.
* Noted that the humanities are the life blood of a University. He says he cares about this deeply and views it as essential to the life and health of the university as the sciences/research dollars.
* He asked the Senators what their topic priorities are for him
* Centralization of IT and coming layoffs: more to come soon on this topic

**Committee Reports**

* Bylaws Committee Chair Eric Yordy reported that they proposed revisions will be presented soon so they will be able to be implemented prior to spring elections.
* ACCA presented their goals for the coming year that include a revision in the university policy regarding syllabi.

**Presentations**

* Eva Putzova, Director for Planning and Research, presented material on NAU’s upcoming strategic visioning process. She is in the process of disseminating the information on this process and gathering feedback.
* Associate Vice Provost Laurie Dickson spoke to the strategic efforts for this academic year to prepare NAU for accreditation.
* Interim Director of the Center for International Education (CIE), Liz Grobsmith announced the search for a Director of CIE has been launched and the search consultants will be on campus October 4th – 6th. The complete schedule can be found on the FS webpage.