**NAU Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* October 6, 2014**

*From notes taken by Susan Harris (Senate Secretary) and Kate Ellis (CAL Senator). These are "quick notes." For detailed minutes, check the Senate BbLearn shell after the next meeting.*

**Announcements**

* The SETE Evaluation Committee, chaired by faculty member John Tingerthal, and the COACHE Advisory Committee, with faculty representatives Steven Barger and Eric Yordy, will both report at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
* There will be increases in our 2015 health insurance premiums and for select co-pays. You can offset some of the increases by participating in HealthyU, NAU’s Wellness Incentive Program, that provides the opportunity to earn a $10.00 per pay period credit toward your health care contribution (for BCBS). Deadline to participate in HealthyU for next year is October 15, 2014. Details: <http://nau.edu/Human-Resources/Benefits/HealthyU/>
* This year, you will have to re-enroll in more than just the usual plans. Please make sure to check the brochure: <http://nau.edu/Human-Resources/Announcements/2014/10/Benefits-Open-Enrollment-Starts-October-27th/>
* **Diana White** (Manager, NAU Bookstore) presented the new textbook adoption system developed by Follett. You can contact Diana to arrange for a demo at your department meeting. Spring 2015 textbook orders are due October 15.

**Astrid Klocke,** Faculty Senate President, reported from the breakfast meeting with ABOR on September 26. This was the second year in a row that NAU faculty had the opportunity to talk with regents. 15 colleagues from across campus demonstrated to the regents how we deal with differences of opinion. They presented programs such as Philosophy in the Public Interest, the Martin-Springer Institute, and the Compassion Project to illustrate how we facilitate discourse and engage faculty, students, and the community in a variety of topics that go beyond partisan ideology.

**Provost Huenneke** lead a discussion about the implementation of the exemplary performance reward system over the last two years. Huge variety how this was done in different units. Not all followed intended program objectives. The program will continue this year and then be re-evaluated for future years.

**Gerald Wood** (COE),chair of the Advisory Council on Curriculum and Assessment (ACCA), reported on the implementation of the Curriculum and Assessment proposal (approved last year): the group is working on templates for different colleges re: characteristics of degree program expectations, purposes, outcomes, curriculum design, assessment, and use of assessment towards improvement and strategic course design. The implementation is on track.

The Senate approved a resolution to endorse the proposal for the Tobacco-free Policy, a campus-wide ban of tobacco products, presented by the **Student Health Advocacy Committee (SHAC)**.

**Paul Gazda** presented a report from the Sustainable Environmental Practices Action Team (SEPAT) on herbicide-free campus initiatives: trials and research show improved soil health on plots without herbicide use. The full presentation is available on video in the Senate’s BbLearn shell.

*All faculty (not just senators) now have access to the Faculty Senate’s BbLearn shell. Meeting handouts, draft proposals, draft minutes, etc. will now be housed within the shell rather than on the Senate’s webpage. In addition to automatically enrolled faculty, anyone with NAU credentials can request access to the shell (admin and staff). In addition, student government representatives will have access. The website will now only serve as a public “face” of the Senate, rather than as a* document sharing site. Please contact [elc-help@nau.edu](mailto:elc-help@nau.edu) *if you have technical questions about accessing the Senate’s BbLearn shell. Contact* [*Pam.Lynch@nau.edu*](mailto:Pam.Lynch@nau.edu) *with all other questions.*