**Faculty Senate *Meeting Quick Notes* October 7, 2013**

*From notes taken by Susan Harris (Senate Secretary), Charlie Balch (Senator, Yuma), and Kate Ellis (Senator, CAL). These are "quick notes;" for full minutes, please check the senate website after the next senate meeting.*

Announcements

* The COACHE Survey has been launched. Please make sure to complete it! (You will receive an email message with a link to the survey.)
* The Faculty Senate will host a panel discussion at SILT, October 24-25. Please go to the eLearning website to register and to see the full conference schedule: <http://www2.nau.edu/d-elearn/events/detail.php?EVENT_ID=173>

**The handouts and materials for the following points can be found on the senate web page:** [**http://nau.edu/Faculty-Senate/Meeting-Handouts/**](http://nau.edu/Faculty-Senate/Meeting-Handouts/)

Presentations

* CAL senator, **Kate Ellis** presented an overview of the review process that the SETE student survey tool went through at NAU. Her PowerPoint has been posted on the faculty senate website. Two other documents were also posted: The SETE information handbook for University of North Texas faculty and the first SETE task force report.
* Chair of the UAC, **Rob Till** presented a proposal: "Enhancing Excellence in Teaching and Learning." Senators were asked to take the proposal to your constituents. Please bring feedback to the next senate meeting.
* VP for Finance and Administration, **Jennus Burton** presented update on capital projects
* The **Student Health Advisory Committee** presented a proposal for "Tobacco Free NAU." To learn more and also to provide input for planning please contact Alexa Krueger
* Contact Melissa Welker for information on Student Learning Centers and tutor and SI services they can provide for your classes.

Report from the Provost (Laura Huenneke)

* ABOR Breakfast was very successful, good introduction of the regents to faculty. Presentation of business plan: regents were attentive. ABOR approved the guidelines for the presidential search. Made it clear that we are unique in the state and that we are doing really well.
* Public Affairs: preview of Thursday the 17th, participating in a statewide emergency alert and drill. Testing emergency notification alert system (on computer/cell phone, etc…). Blue emergency phones are equipped with speakers that can project. Sign up for NAU Alert—important communication tool.
* We are proceeding with the planning for faculty raises, as human resources is proceeding with the planning for staff raises. Annual reviews need to be complete in a timely manner and we are continuing the exemplary performer.
* Proceeding with the "academic planning framework"—four working groups and a number of senators, had an initial meeting. Will have opportunities for feedback. Trying to establish a shared understanding of how we make informed decisions on campus.