

ACC members:

Reminder that we have scheduled an ACC work session on Chair's issues for Wednesday October 1st from 1:00 to 2:30pm in the University Union Havasupai A/B.

The Executive Committee reviewed the top ranked issues by ACC vote from the list distributed 10 days ago, and has placed these into 5 groups for discussion on Wednesday (listed below in no particular order):

1. The first half of item I (**University budget priorities**), and item L (**Department operations budgets: should there be some restoration of funds here, how should these funds be distributed (fairly) across departments? Should there be a consistent, cross-college approach to this?**)
2. The second half of item I (**Growth in upper administration**), and item J (**Balance in growth of faculty lines in the non-tenure track (lecturers / instructors) vs. tenured & tenure-track lines.**)
3. Item B (**Updating the ACC 2002 Chair Compensation Report.**)
4. Item D (**Impediments to recruiting and retaining faculty & staff (e.g., salaries, parental leave policy, partner assistance policy, faculty & staff housing – rental and purchase, childcare.)**)
5. Items A (**Revising and strengthening the University Academic Dishonesty Policy**) and T (**Policies concerning student-employees of the university and their access to academic buildings.**) Note: Item T was not a top ten issue, but insofar as it fits in with Item A, the Executive Committee thought it made sense to combine them.

Please note that this list of items to be discussed at our work session on Wednesday does not preclude interested chairs/directors from working together on other items that interest them.

The format for Wednesday will be a brief review of this list, then attendees will be asked to choose which of 5 groups (one for each of the above) they wish to participate in, to begin discussing how the ACC might tackle the issue(s) at hand. Discussion will be for about 60 minutes, then we will reconvene as a committee of the whole to report back on the individual group discussions (20-25 minutes).

Hope to see you there!

Roy St Laurent

Academic Chairs' Council Potential Priorities
17 September 2008

During the discussion at the ACC meeting on 17 September 2008, the items below were identified as possible priorities for the group to address in the current academic year:

- A.** Revising and strengthening the University Academic Dishonesty Policy
- B.** Updating the ACC 2002 Chair Compensation Report
- C.** Discussion of distribution of state-funded graduate assistant positions (report from the Graduate Assistant Task Force forthcoming)
- D.** Impediments to recruiting and retaining faculty & staff (e.g., salaries, parental leave policy, partner assistance policy, faculty & staff housing – rental and purchase, childcare)
- E.** Suggested practices on the use of individual electronic devices in the classroom
- F.** Astra course scheduling software and associated policies
- G.** Report of the Task Force on Evaluation & Merit (expect white paper from Provost this Fall)
- H.** Discussion of University peers w/ Pat Haeuser
- I.** University budget priorities, growth in upper administration
- J.** Balance in growth of faculty lines in the non-tenure track (lecturers / instructors) vs. tenured & tenure-track lines
- K.** Engaging the administration in a discussion of student retention efforts: what goals are realistic for an institution like NAU?
- L.** Department operations budgets: should there be some restoration of funds here, how should those funds be distributed (fairly) across departments? Should there be a consistent, cross-college approach to this?
- M.** Issues of university structure, budgeting and responsibility particularly at the interface between Academic Affairs and Distance Learning
- N.** A mechanism to provide constructive evaluation and feedback to new university administrators (deans and above) early in their tenure
- O.** An update from the Ombuds office on how things are working out
- P.** Discussion of the relationships between NAU-Flagstaff and NAU-Yuma, with regard to curricular, programmatic and faculty governance issues
- Q.** Streamlining the faculty hiring process; eliminating steps and oversight that indicates a lack of trust in the local hiring authority
- R.** Personnel processes and policies and impediments in working with Human Resources
- S.** Comparison to peer institutions of NAU stipends for state-funded graduate assistants
- T.** Policies concerning student-employees of the university and their access (keys) to academic buildings
- U.** Developing university policies on faculty appointments in interdisciplinary programs – to protect faculty who have shared appointments across multiple units