1. 1:00 to 1:20: Welcome to the Academic Chairs Council – St. Laurent
   - Introductions – all
   - ACC History, Mission & Goals (see next page)
   - Summer Updates

2. 1:30 to 1:50: FAAR (Faculty Activity & Achievement Reporting) update (Dan Kain, Vice Provost, Academic Personnel)

3. 1:50 to 2:30: Results of the COACHE survey (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education): Discussion Part I (Dan Kain & Laura Sujo-Montes) – handouts will be provided at the meeting

4. 2:30 to 3:00: Discussion with Laura Huenneke, Provost & Vice President Academic Affairs
   - Academic Affairs priorities and goals for Academic Year 2014-2015

Upcoming dates:
- ACC Exec Comm. meeting: Wednesday, 3 September 2014, 1-2pm, Adel Math 109
- Next ACC meeting: Wednesday, 17 September 2014, 1-3pm (duBois – Fremont Room)
ACC History, Mission & Goals (available at http://nau.edu/Academic-Chairs-Council/)

PREAMBLE

Northern Arizona University chairs first came together in 1996 in a grassroots effort to create a forum for chairs to discuss their common experiences and challenges. Over time, administrators and other policy-makers sought out the advice and opinion of the assembled chairs concerning proposed policy changes at the University.

The Academic Chairs Council that organically developed from these roots does not have a formal role in the faculty governance structure of the University. The formal voice of the faculty is expressed through the duly constituted Faculty Senate. The Academic Chairs Council makes no policy, has no formal authority, and enacts no binding decisions, but rather advises and makes proposals to faculty committees and the administration. It serves as the collective voice for department chairs and other academic unit directors, expressing the departmental perspective on university policies and procedures.

ARTICLE I: TITLE, MISSION and GOALS

Section 1: The name of this organization is the Academic Chairs Council (ACC).

Section 2: The mission of the Academic Chairs Council is to:

   a) improve the ability of chairs and directors of academic units to accomplish their administrative responsibilities;
   b) enhance communication with other university constituencies; and
   c) advise university policy makers on issues relevant to chairing departments and other concerns within academic affairs.

Section 3: In fulfillment of its mission, the primary goals of the Academic Chairs Council are to:

   a) ensure that members receive timely information regarding issues and developments affecting Northern Arizona University;
   b) provide chairs with a forum within which to discuss their common experiences and to exchange useful information about strategies for best serving their respective departments;
   c) facilitate communication between faculty, chairs, and administration;
   d) facilitate and improve working conditions for chairs;
   e) provide a supportive forum for discussion of challenges facing chairs at Northern Arizona University;
   f) initiate proposals on issues of concern to academic departments and department chairs to faculty governance committees.