The ASU University Senate has a busy schedule starting this Fall Semester. We have conducted one Senate meeting thus far and will have our second from ASU West. In the past month, I have recently had the pleasure of meeting with several ASU colleges. It is so exciting to meet with such diverse and motivated groups who are working hard to support ASU. As such, I want to encourage you to take a few minutes from your busy schedules to engage with your new colleagues or academic professionals. This simple exchange can open the door to a conversation where you may provide needed information or insight on transitioning smoothly into a new position and meeting new colleagues.

I am also happy to report that all but one of the Senate committees are staffed and have begun meeting. The committees are working on the initiatives that you have brought to our attention. As such, I want to remind all of you that the Senate is here for you as a resource for any university-wide concern.

In the Senate:

Documentation Requirements for Health Insurance
The Senate Personnel committee reviewed the State of Arizona health insurance requirements for documenting dependents with different last names and expressed that the current practice is unfair to certain subsets of the employee population. ASU administration agreed and sent a request for relief from this requirement to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA).

Click link to read the letter: https://bit.ly/2Naolo4

Military Students and Missed Class Assignments
Building off Senate motion 2016-40 the Senate recently finalized language to provide a new policy for handling missed assignments for military students who miss class for line-of-duty activities. The Provost approved this policy recommendation and it can be reviewed at the link below.

Click link to read the policy: https://bit.ly/2Dh2FCz

Dean of Students
Helping Students In Times of Need
As the semester ramps up, so do the stresses on our student body. The office of the Dean of Students is a critical resource for faculty members. If you have a student in distress, consider contacting the Dean of Students on your campus, who can assist with most any issue that arises. Contact information for the Dean of Students on each campus can be found at the link below.

Link: https://eoss.asu.edu/dos

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