

UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA

System Governance Council

<http://www.alaska.edu/governance/sgc/>

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, by audio conference

Fairbanks Audio Site: Butrovich Bldg Room 212A

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Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Juella Sparks, Chair, System Governance Council and President, UAF Staff Council

Julia Martinez for Kimberly Stanford, Past Member, Staff Alliance;

President, UAA Assembly

Paloma Harbour for Jason Davis, Member, Staff Alliance; President, Statewide

Administration Assembly

Jill Dumesnil, Chair, Faculty Alliance; President, UAS Faculty Senate

Marsha Sousa, Member, Faculty Alliance; President, UAF Faculty Senate

Anne Bridges, Member, Faculty Alliance; President, UAA Faculty Senate

Brandon Meston, President, Associated Students of UAF

Ruth Griess, President, Kenai River Campus Student Union

Stephanie Ashley, President, United Students of UAS, Juneau

Keni Campbell, Coordinator, UAS Alumni Association

2. Adopt Agenda

MOTION: passed

“The System Governance Council moves to adopt the agenda for the November 25, 2008 meeting as amended. This action is effective November 25, 2008

3. Approve October 21, 2008 minutes

<http://gov.alaska.edu/council/minutes/2008/10-21.pdf>

MOTION: passed

“The Faculty Alliance moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting. This action is effective November 25, 2008

4. President Hamilton

President Hamilton spoke with a number of groups and outlined where the university is going. Commissioner Larry LeDoux is meeting with the governor

tomorrow. This is very exciting, very unique in the nation. Any day now OPEC will meet and discuss oil prices.

5. Advocacy and Budget Outlook – *Pete Kelly*
Board of Regents October 31 agenda
<http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2008/081031agenda.html>
Budget Outlook and New Planning Process
<http://www.alaska.edu/swbudget/budget-planning/>
Budget Planning Group Leads
<http://www.alaska.edu/swbudget/budget-planning/fy10-statewide-planning/PlanningGroupLeadsAndFacilitatorRevised.pdf>

Pete Kelly shared that governor will apparently release the budget on the December 15. There is a pretty good indication fixed costs will be covered minus about \$350,000. It seems like we will get the energy piece. Commissioner LeDoux will talk to the governor and advocate for the K12 outreach. Pete's briefing papers should be up on his web site today.

6. Clarification of the Definition of Governance
Regents Policy and University Regulations
<http://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy-regulations/>
See especially 03.01.01, Faculty, Staff and Student Governance
MacTaggart Report – references to governance
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-02-12.mactaggart-study-final.pdf>

General consensus is to have the Council chair send a letter to President Hamilton to formally respond to the Council on the MacTaggart recommendations relating to administrative system councils, how many are there, who they are by title, mission and organization, what are their roles, how do they relate to the UA organization structure. SAC meets separately on other business and meets with RAC on the AMP but there is no plan to merge the two.

The draft letter should be scheduled for the Council meeting in February.

7. Chairs report

The following items are recommended for inclusion in the agenda for the next System Governance Council meeting: The formal announcement of APEA to organize the staff of the University of Alaska, and the other item is non-retention. Each of the main campuses is affected by this policy. The decision whether to non-retain or terminate with cause rests with UA general counsel. The question is the treatment of staff and what statement does it make to the employees left behind. What can we do? We can very clearly state our concerns about the reputation of the university. No matter how you play it, non-retention means you the employer don't have to give a reason for termination and it also means that the non-retained employee is subject to a police escort off campus.

Marsha Sousa recommended drafting a strongly worded resolution that should come back to the Council for the next council meeting.

Chancellor Rogers is taking the lead in developing options for childcare. One option is to take a portion of the supplemental and divert it to child care.

8. System Governance Reports

8.1 Coalition of Student Leaders

<http://www.alaska.edu/governance/students/>

The Coalition met last Friday regarding what we are going to do in February in Juneau. The Coalition formally endorsed the reintroduction of the Alaska Advantage Incentive Program for need based financial aid.

8.2 Faculty Alliance

<http://www.alaska.edu/governance/faculty/>

Faculty Alliance has worked very hard with SAC on the academic master plan. At the BoR they talked about keeping the three MAUS in lanes. The Alliance worked very hard with SAC on coalescing the charge and the result was approved by SAC with very few adjustments. The final version is out and can be shared with the Council. Keep in mind this is just the charge, not the academic master plan itself. The first meeting to develop the academic master plan is January 6 in Fairbanks.

8.3 Staff Alliance

<http://www.alaska.edu/governance/staff/>

The Staff Alliance talked about the role of governance. Several members were absent and many of the advisory councils had not met so it was a very quiet meeting.

8.4 Alumni Associations

<http://www.uaaalumni.org/>
<http://www.uaf.edu/alumni/index.html>
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/alumni/>

Keni Campbell was selected to represent the UAS alumni association on the Council.

9. Local Governance Reports

9.1 UAA

<http://www.aa.alaska.edu/governance/>

Everything concerning UAA governance activities is on the website

9.2 UAF

<http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/>

UAF Faculty Senate is looking at GERs at the baccalaureate level and looking again at all the transition team reports and tracking them, and is forming a faculty research committee.

UAF Staff Council is beginning discussions with UAF interim human resources director on staff handbook. Chancellor Rogers supports the establishment of a mediation program. The Council is working on a staff development day and using UAA as a model (community day).

9.3 UAS Attachment 9.3

<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/gov/student/>
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/staffcouncil/>
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/>

Stephanie Ashley said USUAS-JC is working hard on the student legislative affairs conference. USUAS-JC is also working with dining services to get rid of all the Styrofoam and implement paper or biodegradable products. Still working on the TRIO program; looks like USUAS will get the grant. Raffle tickets can be purchased from student government.

Faculty are up in arms regarding low morale and lack of support for faculty governance. UAS has a new vice chancellor for student services. The interim provost and an executive team are making decisions and issuing edicts which don't sit well with faculty. The senate passed three motions regarding governance and appointed an ad hoc committee to monitor governance issues on campus. Chancellor Pugh has publicly stated that he has no problem following policy but believes the senate constitution is invalid. Governance groups met with Hamilton and shared their views to come.

9.4 SW
<http://gov.alaska.edu/saa/>

SAA had nothing to report.

9.5 Alumni Associations
<http://www.uaalumni.org/>
<http://www.uaf.edu/alumni/index.html>
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/alumni/>

No reports were given.

10. Initiatives

10.1 Advocacy

Pay attention to advocacy papers. The Staff Alliance has an ad hoc advocacy committee that has been expanded to include faculty, staff, students and alumni headed by Paloma Harbour.

10.2 Sustainability

No reports were given.

10.3 Community Service and Awareness – All

No reports were given

10.4 Need Based Financial Aid – *Coalition of Student Leaders*

No reports were given.

10.5 Student Success – *Megan Carlson, J. Dumesnil, D. Julius*

The group hasn't met this semester

10.6 Academic Master Plan - *Faculty Alliance*

This item was discussed above.

10.7 Child Care

President Hamilton touched on this item above. There was no further discussion.

10.8 Other Initiatives

RIAA – explain – will the university support employees who are not to blame. An employee had to settle even though they were not to blame because RIAA sued. UA is working on developing procedures and IT is being inundated with RIAA requests.

11. Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

12. Date, Time and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

A Doodle poll will be taken to determine the date and time for an additional Council meeting in late January.

13. Comments

There were no additional comments.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm.