



Minutes
System Governance Council

Monday, March 6, 2017

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Video: [Google Hangout](#)

Audio: 1-855-280-1855

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting came to order at 3:04 p.m.

Voting Members:

Kate Ripley, Director, UAF Alumni and Council Chair

Nate Bauer, Chair, Staff Alliance

Colby Freel, Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders

Lisa Hoferkamp, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance *joined at 3:35 p.m.*

Kolene James, Vice Chair, Staff Alliance

Rachel Morse, Assistant Vice Chancellor, UAA Alumni Relations

Jessy Post, Manager, UAS Alumni

Ex Officio Members:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

James R. Johnsen, President, University of Alaska

Members Absent:

Samantha Hoffman, Representative, Coalition of Student Leaders

Tara Smith, Chair, Faculty Alliance

2. Adopt Agenda

Colby moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Nate. No objections.

3. Discussion with President Johnsen

3.1. FY18 Budget – Guttenberg is willing to submit an amendment to the Governor's Budget to move it up to the Regents' level (from \$325M to \$341M) and the president is in Juneau to advocate for support of this amendment. These funds are necessary for the university to maintain current activities (research, recruitment, etc.). The Senate is still indicated a 5% reduction, although, there is some support for the university in the Senate. He noted they will need to move quickly to raise support for this amendment. Also, there is overall support for land grant issue.

3.2. Strategic Pathways Phase II

Presented options to the BOR and he agreed with mostly all of the feedback he had gotten so far. There were some areas that warranted further exploration on cost and

effectiveness. The Board indicated they would like clear tracking of the implementation of Phase 1 actions. Phase 3 meetings are underway, the second meetings were held last week. The Phase 3 options will be presented to the president in early April. There will be a full round or two of meetings on the campuses before sharing thoughts with the Board, or making any decisions, which may include a slowdown over the summers.

3.3. Summit Team Changes

The president noted he was considering expanding the Summit Team to include governance leaders, among other key stakeholders. However, this will change the charge of the Summit Team from a decision-making body to an information sharing group. The president noted he hope this will help breakdown communication issues and departmental silos that he has seen all over the university.

3.4. April Budget Meeting

The president noted there may be a mid-April Regents' meeting to discuss the budget. The meeting won't include any action but discussion of FY18 budget issues facing the university, especially if the budget drifts south of the current Governor's proposal. Members asked Morgan to invite SW administrators to discuss the Change TiteForce campaign and the Foundation Giving Campaign, and provide a written status update for members to digest ahead of time. Members also requested Morgan invite Mary Gower to a Council meeting to discuss staffing, investigations, reporting, scorecard, organization changes, etc.

4. Chair's Report

Kate noted she didn't have much to report and had been eager to hear the updates from President Johnsen. She did report the alumni held their legislative fly-in in mid-February, coinciding with the students' fly-in. Unfortunately, this year it is an uphill battle with the budget and there may not be much advocates can do to sway legislators.

Kate also noted the biggest issue she is struggling with is how the Council can provide benefit to governance on top of the three system groups and the many local groups. Colby noted he thought the Council will be useful in coordinating a response to the Board on their questions regarding shared governance at the university. Members engaged in a discussion of how to coordinate feedback from the Council and on what issues. There were different opinions on how the Council should respond to issues, especially Strategic Pathways options. Some felt the Council should facilitate and coordinate responses rather than craft a response of its own.

5. New Business

5.1. Request for Governance Feedback

Reference 1

Members agreed, after discussion, they would go through their respective groups to provide feedback on SP Phase 2, share their recommendations with the Council, and Kate will draft a message to Vice President White.

6. Member Updates

6.1. Faculty – The Alliance held a retreat in January and has recently focused on SP Phase 2 response, a draft regulation on Minors on Campus, and proposing changes to the

Common Calendar. They also noted recently at the Board meeting there was a concern about lack of process concerning the Strategic Pathways initiative.

- 6.2. Staff – The Alliance held a retreat in January and discussed compensation, staff health care, and options for SP Phase 2. He also noted the UAF Staff Council was working on a resolution to create a staff volunteer day. Kolene noted UAS was recognized nationally as a LGBTQ friendly campus (both online and in person). The UAS campus is also working on a student success task force, to help address issues that came out of Strategic Pathways.
- 6.3. Student – The Coalition’s legislative fly-in was held in Juneau in mid-February; the students spoke with legislators about support the UA budget request, the APS scholarship, the Alaska Higher Education Tax Credit, and increasing the land grant for the university. Colby also noted the Coalition had conducted a survey on athletics at UA in the fall and had set it aside when the issue seemed to have died before the Board; they are now planning to take it back up and send out results to a wider community.
- 6.4. Alumni – The UAA alumni are in the month before commencement and working on events they support around the ceremony. The UAS alumni are working with members to encourage them to testify to the legislature and informing them of UA issues like the OCR report; they are also planning for a local auction at UAS. UAF Alumni was unable to give an update due to technical difficulties.

7. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

8. Information from Reports/Roundtable/Announcements

9. Adjourn

Due to technical difficulties, members opted to end the meeting before addressing agenda items 7 and 8.

Rachel moved to adjourn, seconded by Kolene. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.