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Faculty Alliance

Monday, April 14, 2008, 7:00pm-8:30pm by audio conference
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Draft Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Bogdan Hoanca, Chair, Faculty Alliance and President, UAA Faculty Senate
Jon Genetti, President, UAF Faculty Senate
Cathy Connor, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Chuck Craig, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
Jill Dumesnil, President-elect, UAS Faculty Senate
Anne Bridges, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
Marsha Sousa, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate

Pat Ivey, Executive Officer, System Governance
Dan Julius, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Fred Villa, Associate VP, Workforce Development

2. Adopt Agenda

MOTION: passed

"The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the April 14, 2008 meeting as amended to move item 7.2 to the beginning of the meeting and to include an opportunity for Dan Julius to speak. This action is effective April 14, 2008."

3. Approve March 31, 2008 minutes

<http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/Minutes/2008/03-31.pdf>

MOTION: passed

"The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the minutes for the March 31, 2008 meeting. This action is effective April 14, 2008."

4. Report from the Chair – *Bogdan Hoanca*

The chair has distributed information since last meeting including items from the administrative review.

4.1 Dan Julius, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dan Julius said the Alliance was the major reason he was able to devote time and money to the student success initiative. A lot of what is going on in academic affairs

include responses to the MacTaggart Report, the budget for FY2010 and the shakeout from the passage of the FY2009.

There is a consortium on climate change research and looking at doing an inventory on climate change and energy research to facilitate grants in those areas. The summaries of SAC are online at <http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.htm>.

Much less opportunity to get RAC together because of everyone's schedule.

Regarding China, UA is trying to have agreements with 10 or 12 Chinese universities to bring graduate students and some undergraduates to UA in high demand areas. Quinjiang University is setting up a Confucius Institute at UAA. We already have a PhD candidate from China. It is possible he can start in the fall. Some of these universities have anywhere from 8,000-30,000 students. If done correctly, this could open up lots of possibilities. Perhaps some of the logistics issues can be solved by examining the programs we have with the Russian Far East. The Chinese want a face to face meeting. There are trust issues involved and everyone is courting China at the moment. Additionally, regulations are much tighter after 9/11. Alaska has not been on the Chinese radar before.

We have a number of exchange agreements with universities around the world. We started a joint agreement with France recently. We have to talk about internationalizing the curriculum in the very near future and this discussion will certainly involve the Alliance in determining how to involve faculty in these very serious conversations.

Regarding electronic reporting, UAA has decided not to move forward. Jim Everette at UAS is the new provost as of May 1 but the outgoing provost has invested money in the software as ~~perhaps~~ has UAF.

Distance education has been a moving target. Legislative budget and audit is auditing UA but has not been able to give us a scope of the program except to look at broad brush items, what the structure is and how we spend the money. Meanwhile the distance education team is recommending what the vision should be within the UA and the auditors have asked to sit in on the conversation. The auditors are looking at one aspect of DE and we are looking at the future of DE. Julius hopes DE will be decentralized but certain system issues have to be addressed such as who gets credit for the courses, who gets the money, etc.

5. Internal Administrative Review Status
<http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/2008-03-26.memoadvisorygroup.pdf>
<http://www.alaska.edu/oit/cito/recommendationssummary.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/2008-02-29.DRAFTExtRevExecExpec.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-02-29.DRAFTExtRevSWtoAnc.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/2008-02-29.DRAFTExtRevHR29Feb09.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-02-13.MacTaggart-trans.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-02-12.MACTAGGART-STUDY-FINAL.PDF>

The Steering Committee met last week and the revised advisory committee met again today under the aegis of Carol Griffin who looked at the report, developed a grid and established three subgroups to look at portions of the report and then come back together as a whole to compile final recommendations for forwarding to the president. The main concern is the

division between centralization and decentralization. The intent is to have final recommendations by May 11.

The Faculty Alliance and Staff Alliances have not formally responded to the MacTaggart Report mainly because they are represented on the Advisory Committee.

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6. Old Business

6.1 Facilities Survey of Faculty Use of Classroom and Research Space

This item came out of the Business Council and presented by the UAA facilities lead related to classroom and research. The question is whether or not this has been to RAC and SAC. Hoanca will talk to Bill Spindle and Hoanca and Julius will visit with Jim Johnsen at the Board of Regents meeting.

6.2 Mandatory Student Survey Model - Comments

The deadline has passed for comments. The development team wanted to roll out the survey a few days ago. The survey still does not have any weight in that students do not have any incentives to report true goals, but it is better than before when we had no information. Cathy Connor suggested offering Amazon certificates for every 100th students who fill out the form but Hoanca said the question is can we give an incentive that will cause a student to report correctly and to convert non degree seeking students into degree seeking students.

6.3 UAF Interim Chancellor Update

Jon Genetti said there are two finalists and public forums will be held on Tuesday and Thursday. Faculty, staff and students will provide input to President Hamilton who intends to select a candidate by May 1. A national search would begin in the fall according to President Hamilton's latest memo.

Comment [BH1]: Can we please post the memo and link to it?

7. New Business

7.1 UA Budget Update

<http://www.alaska.edu/state/>
<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/25/Bills/HB0310F.PDF> pages 42-44
<http://www.alaska.edu/state/fast-facts/Operating-Summary-4-11-08.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-04-14.FY09UA-CapitalBudget.pdf>

Pat Ivey gave a brief budget update, stating that the operating budget contains seven separate appropriations and a mandate for quarterly reporting of to Legislative Budget and Audit. The capital budget contains everything but the kitchen sink and BIOS.

7.2 Workforce Development – Fred Villa

<http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/wp/>

Fred Villa has made presentations to the Faculty Senate. He referenced career clusters, saying he took all the programs, matched them to jobs and sequenced

courses to the jobs. He invited comment on the workforce development web page. There is operating budget planning group for engineering and career and vocational-technical to get cross-collaboration across the MAUs, particularly on the two-year programs and less. Bernice Joseph, Karen Schmidt, Renee Carter-Chapman and Villa are part of that group. They will examine career pathways, helping communicate pathways and industry standards, opportunities for training and matching them to community and state needs, and high demand jobs as identified by Department of Labor and the Workforce Investment Board. They have not attached any dollars to the general program areas but will be obtaining more program details bringing in deans and faculty to develop priorities for FY10 and beyond. The pipeline and AGIA training is going on now. Perkins grants will be available in the coming year and systemwide compilation of the five year plans that have to accompany grant requests will be done systemwide so every grant application can use the same five year plan.

The Faculty Alliance can assist by supporting and communicating the information found on the web site and ~~to~~ by facilitating input from faculty regarding web site, ideas, opportunities for programs and whether or not a program or idea would fall in line with the workforce development categories.

The career clusters are also being used at the high school level by the counselors. Villa has also brought in the Department of Education to assist.

Healthcare programs, teacher education, and construction management have their own working groups, separate from the rest of workforce development.

Regarding Perkins grants, Villa will not prioritize Perkins grants because that takes the autonomy away from the campuses. Additionally five year plans can stay at the program and campus level but if aligned with statewide budget and priority programs and/or assistance with the development of a five year plan, Villa can alleviate some of the money and time by assisting in the development of a five year plan.

Bonnie Nygard continues to work on a contract basis with UAA on the career clusters under Renee Carter-Chapman.

- 7.3 UA System Administration Compared to Other University Systems
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-04-14.UAsystemcompare-MPAstudy.pdf>

This was an item of information

- 7.4 Board of Regents Meeting April 17-18, Ketchikan
<http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/agendas.xml>

This was an item of information

- 7.5 Other New Business

There was no other new business.

8. Reports - Administrative Councils

- 8.1 Systemwide Academic Council

<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-04-09.DE-status.pdf>
<http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/SACMtgSummary3-18-08.pdf>

A meeting was held on March 18 and the next meeting is April 16.

8.2 Human Resources Council

<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-04-07.HRCagenda.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-04-07.gradstudent-employment.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-04-07.volunteeragreement.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-04-07.volunteerexpenses.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-04-07.VOLUNTEERSERVICES-rev3-26.pdf>

Michele Pope made an extensive presentation on student employment and is preparing guidelines on hiring student workers. Several faculty were upset that they have to put temporary student employee job descriptions into the paperless system.

Some faculty might be interested in the guidelines for the use of volunteers. Apparently, UA does qualify to use volunteers in some very specific situation and there is at least one department in Fairbanks that wants to use volunteers again.

8.3 Ed Tech Team - no report

8.4 Instructional Technology Council

The ITC meeting was taken up with the seven IT recommendations in the MacTaggart report, ~~especially whether or not to continue MyUA or get rid of it.~~

There was a distance education survey sent out by Legislative Budget and Audit to every instructor who taught a course in fall 2007. Most of the faculty deleted the email because they didn't recognize the sender of the survey or had any advanced knowledge that the survey was coming out. However, administration felt it could not send out a survey notice without knowing when the survey was coming out and what was in the survey. Julius encouraged Legislative Budget and Audit to consult with the provosts but evidently this did not happen.

8.5 Research Advisory Council – no meeting, no report

8.6 Business Council – meeting focused on responses to the MacTaggart report

8.7 Student Services Council – no report given

8.8 Student Success Steering Committee a.k.a. Student Goal Achievement Committee

<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-04-11.studentsuccessmetric.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-04-10.studentsuccess-status.pdf>

The status report sums up the main points of the discussions. The committee also talked about the metrics and the proposals submitted for funding with carry forward money. The next meeting is May 13.

Day care and family friendly policies were also listed in the status report. Juneau and Fairbanks are particularly hit by shortage of day care sites.

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8.9 Retirement Committee

The Retirement Committee has not met. In the waning days, the TRS bill establishing the rate at 12.55 percent passed. It is not certain whether or not this will be retroactive. This will probably be worked out by the ARM Board.

8.10 Reports from Campus Level Student Success Task Forces

UAA has 80 student success initiatives, and is in the process of combining them in a report and matching them with UAA strategic plans. Some solutions may be of interest to other MAUs. UAA is looking at a student success model that may be used systemwide.

UAS has subgroups working on various issues.

UAF is looking at the NSSE survey results and preparing a report.

9. Senate Reports UAA UAF and UAS

UAA is completing its review of constitution and bylaws. The referendum for making Fran Ulmer the permanent chancellor passed with a ~~70 percent~~ 65% response rate with 90 ~~percent~~ % of respondents in favor.

UAF passed a BA and a minor in fisheries and dealt with the interim chancellor issue.

UAS is revamping the Bachelor of Arts degree, determining who gets the faculty excellence awards (\$1,000 cash and \$500 in travel) and aligning the handbook language, and holding a retirement party for Lynne Shepherd.

10. Agenda items for next meeting, May 12, 2008 7:00-8:30pm

Send agenda items to Pat Ivey. Agenda items will include elections.

11. Other Items of Interest – no additional items of interest.

12. Comments

Dan Julius complimented Hoanca on his leadership and the Alliance for their student success efforts.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.