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**Faculty Alliance
Minutes
Friday, January 17, 2014**
Via Google Hangout
Link will be available at:
www.alaska.edu/governance
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Robert called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

Voting Members Present:

Robert Boeckmann, 2013-2014 Alliance Chair, Past President UAA Faculty Senate
Virgil Fredenberg, President UAS Faculty Senate
Mark Fitch, President, UAA Faculty Senate
Cecile Lardon, President Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
Jennifer Reynolds, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate
Mike Stekoll, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
David Valentine, President, UAF Faculty Senate

Staff Present:

LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance
Joseph Altman, Coordinator, System Governance

Adopt Agenda and Approve Minutes

The agenda was amended and adopted.
Faculty discussed the issue of recording on You Tube and not having it.
December 13, 2013 minutes were approved.

Faculty Alliance Statement on Distance Delivery of General Education Natural Science Laboratory Courses

Robert asked for an advisory vote to see where everyone stood on the statement. Everyone agreed to continue discussing it. They talked about taking it to the senates for advisory. This includes on-line delivery and physical labs for students at home. This is not a policy statement, but principles to follow to better serve the students in the system. Faculty discussed the topic and shared concerns and ideas about implementing this statement systemwide. A concern was to avoid making this a policy. Faculty Alliance will ask the senate presidents to present this document to the senates with an explanation before sending it out.

Action Item: Mark moved to send the document out to the senates in Feb. and report back to the alliance in Mar. The vote was unanimous to send it out.

Learning Managements Systems Issue from Statewide Academic Council

Discussion took place about the issue of postponing the Learning Management System (LMS), an alternative to Blackboard and the need to have strong and diverse faculty input. A plan was to have CIO start on policy issues to guide the process and faculty and others would develop the product selection. An issue: OIT stated that while vetting through faculty senates, technology gets old. The importance of a speedy process was voiced. Faculty Senates should talk to their IT chairs, and have discussions across the system, give feedback to alliance and then send the results to SAC and get it through the process within six to eight months. UAF looked at Desire2Learn, Canvass, and Moodle. A list suggested by OIT. Faculty need to list their requirements and receive suggestions from OIT.

Faculty briefly discussed concurrent enrollment courses with K-12.

Face-to-Face Retreat in February

Robert suggested going ahead with a Feb. 14 meeting to prepare for their retreat in Fairbanks on Feb. 20-21 conjunction with the UA Board of Regents meeting. Robert reports to the board on the morning of Thur. Feb. 20. The BOR reception occurs on Thurs. evening.

- Google Hangout for Feb. 14.
- Attend BOR on Feb. 20 w/pullout for some meetings in the afternoon
- Reception with BOR on evening of Feb. 20
- Start at 11:00 a.m. on Feb. 21
- Work together on Sat. Feb. 22
- Work on minimum standards issue
- Work on Constitution/Bylaws

Meeting Adjourned

Mark motioned to adjourn and all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.