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**Faculty Alliance  
Minutes  
Friday, December 13, 2013  
Via Google Hangout**

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  
Diane Hirshberg, President Elect, UAA Faculty Senate  
Kevin Krein, President Elect, UAS 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

Guests Present:

Dana Thomas, Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Patrick Gamble, President University of Alaska

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Robert called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Adopt Agenda**

Dianne moved and Jennifer seconded. Agenda was approved with no opposition.

**Approve Minutes**

Jennifer moved to approve the minutes and Diane seconded. The Nov. 15, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved.

**Report of the Chair**

Robert gave a report about the Board of Regents meeting yesterday and the vast public testimony about the tuition waiver benefit and the idea of cutting it in half.

Faculty worked on editing the draft resolution on retaining the tuition waiver benefit in full.

MOTION: The Faculty Alliance unanimously approved the resolution to support retaining the tuition waiver benefit for UA staff.

Discussion took place about the academic freedom presentation by Dana Thomas and Robert Boeckmann at the BOR meeting.

Faculty discussed the need to have faculty on ITEC and technology issues.

### **External Administration Committee/Council Reports**

Action Item: Robert suggested having each committee member send a written report a week in advance of the meeting instead of giving an oral report at every meeting.

Statewide Academic Council

*Alliance Members: Robert Boeckmann, Virgil Fredenberg, Cecile Lardon.*

Student Services Council

*Liaison: Robert Boeckmann*

Didn't meet

Instructional Technology Executive Council/ITEC <http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/governance/itec/>

*Liaison: Mark Fitch*

No announcement of a meeting

Tuition Task Force

*Liaison: Virgil Fredenberg*

Didn't meet

System Governance Council

*Faculty Senate Presidents: Mark Fitch, Virgil Fredenberg and David Valentine*

Other Committees/Councils

### **Task Forces/Subcommittees**

GELO Task Force

*David Valentine and Robert Boeckmann*

Student Satisfaction Survey

### **Google Hangout**

Discussion took place regarding the use of You Tube on Google Hangout. Faculty were opposed to the recording on You Tube and suggested for the minutes' summary without the recording on You Tube.

### **Work on revision of SAC proposed motion for minimum standards for admission to baccalaureate degree programs and draft companion motion**

Robert emailed draft documents for the alliance to review. Both UAF and UAS had minimum standards. UAA needs to create minimum standards. Students not meeting minimums create a whole level of support functions. Extensive discussion took place on this issue and included comments by Dana Thomas.

Action Item: Robert asked everyone to look at the motion proposed and to give Robert feedback.

## **SW Coordination of Policy on Distance Delivery Labs**

Action Item: Robert asked the alliance to email him and give him feedback with the idea to settle it soon. Jennifer asked for it to be put on top of the next agenda along with the minimum standards for admission to baccalaureate degree programs.

### **Comments or concerns**

Robert proposed a January meeting.

### **Discussion with President Gamble and Vice President Thomas**

President Gamble talked about how it helps to keep the big picture in mind. Faculty discussed various issues with the president including the baccalaureate minimums and Shaping Alaska's Future.

### **Adjourn**

Virgil moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

*Minutes taken by LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance*