UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

Faculty Alliance

Monday, May 12, 2008, 4:30pm – 6:00pm by audio conference
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Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Introduction of New Members

Outgoing Members:

Bogdan Hoanca, 2007-2008 Chair of the Alliance and
Immediate Past President, UAA Faculty Senate
Chuck Craig, 2006-2007 President, UAS Faculty Senate
Shirish Patil (*absent, excused)*; 2006-2007 Chair of the Alliance and
UAF Faculty Senate President

Continuing Members:

Ann Bridges, 2008-2009 President, UAA Faculty Senate
Genie Babb, (*absent*) 2008-2009 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
Marsha Sousa, 2008-2009 President, UAF Faculty Senate
Jon Genetti, Immediate Past President, UAF Faculty Senate
Jill Dumesnil, 2008-2009 President, UAS Faculty Senate
Cathy Connor, Immediate Past President, UAS Faculty Senate

New Members:

Patricia Sandberg, Chair, UAA Faculty Senate Graduate Academic board
John Dehn, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate
Jonathan Anderson, President-elect, UAS Faculty Senate

Staff/ex-officio: Pat Ivey, Executive Officer, System Governance/Faculty Alliance

Guest: Gwen White, Director, Statewide Institutional Research

2. Adopt Agenda

MOTION: passed without objection

"The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the May 12, 2008 meeting. This action is effective May 12, 2008."

3. Approve April 14, 2008 minutes

MOTION: passed without objection

"The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the minutes for the April 14, 2008 meeting. This action is effective May 12, 2008."

4. Report from the Chair – *Bogdan Hoanca*

The chair waived his report to allow discussion of item 6.1 to occur first.

4.1 Internal Administrative Review Status
Latest Memo
March 26, 2008 Memo from President Hamilton
http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/2008-03-26.memoadvisorygroup.pdf
Previously Distributed –Original Transmittal Memo and MacTaggart Report
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-02-13.MacTaggart-trans.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-02-12.MACTAGGART-STUDY-FINAL.PDF

The Alliance chair reported that when the advisory committee met this morning and spent a good deal of time talking about tuition in its meeting this morning. A differential tuition is being proposed by President Hamilton (http://gov.alaska.edu/Coalition/2008-04-15.pdf), with a lower tuition increase for lower division courses and a higher increase for upper division courses. The rationale is that while UA tuition rates are currently very reasonable for upper division courses, they are very high for lower division (community college) courses. Also, as the university increases the number of high demand programs, "we are going in the hole" budget-wise. Most of the tuition revenue is at the lower division level and a one percent increase in tuition rates only brings in $850,000. Additionally, competitors for our students are the high demand employers where students take a few courses and get snapped up by employers before finishing.

The advisory council also reviewed the administrative recommendations regarding the MacTaggart report in depth and only approved one as written. The advisory committee believes it is critical that the key criteria be adhered to, i.e., that the roles, especially those of the president's administrative councils be clarified and that MAU/SW collaborative decision making be improved.

The Alliance discussed the roles of the president's advisory councils and whether or not faculty liaisons to those councils should have a vote. The original intent of the faculty liaisons to these groups was to give input and report to the Alliance and the senates on the activities of those groups.

It was also mentioned that whenever "governance" appears in the report, that this refers to "administrative governance" and not faculty, staff and student governance described in Regents' Policy 03.01.01.

5. Old Business

5.1 Facilities Survey of Faculty Use of Classroom And Research Space

SAC and RAC have not discussed this but current reports of faculty use of classroom and research space do not meet reality. Research faculty are apparently using teaching space and the university's overhead cost recovery rates are greater for research space than teaching space. There was also some discussion about an increase in indirect cost recovery rates.

5.2 Mandatory Student Survey

The mandatory student survey roll out in Banner will not occur for a while yet because some Banner problems have to be fixed.

5.3 UAF Interim Chancellor Update
http://www.uaf.edu/news/headlines/20080425111500.html

Brian Rogers was appointed interim chancellor for UAF. The UAF Faculty Senate understanding was that the search for a permanent chancellor will begin next spring and that the interim chancellor is welcome to apply.

6. New Business

6.1 Partnership and Outreach Measure – *Gwen White*
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-05-05.outreachmetric.pdf

The Alliance chair expressed concern that this measure was being tabled by institutional research after two years worth of work and Alliance endorsement of the metric. White explained that there was nothing left to do until SAC acted on the issue. SAC has a meeting tomorrow. After SAC approval, the measure would then be placed before the Board of Regents for action.

MOTION: passed without objection

"The Faculty Alliance moves to request that the Partnership and Outreach metric already approved by the Alliance. This action is effective May 12, 2008."

6.2 Board of Regents Meeting June 18-19, 2008 Anchorage

The outgoing and incoming Alliance chairs will attend the Board of Regents meeting in Anchorage where the outgoing chair will introduce the incoming chair.

6.3 Chair Election

Jill Dumesnil, President of the UAS Faculty Senate was nominated and elected chair of the Alliance for 2008-2009. Her term of office begins July 1, 2008 and continues to June 30, 2009.

7. Reports - Administrative Councils

7.1 Systemwide Academic Council - *Hoanca*
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.htm

The Systemwide Academic Council meets tomorrow.

7.2 Human Resources Council - *Dumesnil*

The Human Resources Council has not met since the last Alliance meeting.

7.3 Ed Tech Team - *Hoanca*

ETT has not met pending SAC weighing in on its distance education report and SAC meets tomorrow.

7.4 Instructional Technology Council - *Sousa*
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/meetings/index_docs/ITC_2008_04_Notes.pdf
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/meetings/index_docs/ITC_2008_05_Notes.pdf
Schedule of Meetings
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/schedule/

ITC met May 1 and minutes are posted on the web.

7.5 Research Advisory Council – *Genetti*

RAC has not met since the last Alliance meeting.

7.6 Business Council – *Connor*

The May Business Council meeting was cancelled.

7.7 Student Services Council - *Sousa*

7.8 Student Goal Achievement Steering Committee - *Hoanca*

7.9 Retirement Committee – *Genetti*

The Retirement Committee met with consultants regarding the consultants report.

7.10 Reports from Campus Level Student Success Task Forces

UAA – The UAA task force inventoried student success activities and conducted an extensive review of advising. Results of both endeavors are posted on line. Contact Gary Rice at angar@uaa.alaska.edu for more information.

UAS – the campus-wide task force meets monthly and will continue to meet over the summer. The subcommittees are organized around priorities 1, 2 and 3 and will not meet during the summer

UAF – formed a committee under the UAF Coordinating committee because faculty, staff and student governance had no role in the initial stages at UAF. This committee strongly recommended that the results of the NSSE survey be incorporated and that the core curriculum be enhanced.

8. Senate Reports UAA UAF and UAS

UAF – The final senate meeting was fast paced. The senate passed a student success motion requesting more full time tenure track faculty per NSSE recommendations, Brian Rogers addressed the senate and said he wanted to participate in all Faculty Senate meetings.

UAS – The senate aligned the calendar with United Academics and tightened up the liberal arts degree and distributed faculty awards in teaching, research and service.

UAA – the UAA Faculty Senate dealt with the usual end-of-year issues, passed constitution and bylaw changes and invited the president of the Union of Students of UAA to speak. Ann Bridges plans to continue the practice.

9. Agenda items, date and location for next meeting

The next meeting will be in on-site in August at a date and time to be determined by the incoming chair in concert with members' schedules.

10. Other Items of Interest

There were no additional items of interest.

11. Comments

Cathy Connor thanked Bogdan Hoanca for his outstanding leadership this year. Jon Genetti said an Alliance resolution is being prepared to be read at the Board of Regents meeting.

12. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00pm.

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Attachments

3. Minutes – April 14, 2008
http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/Minutes/2008/04-14.pdf

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7.1 SAC web
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.htm

7.4 ITC Council Meetings April 3 and May 1, 2008
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/meetings/index_docs/ITC_2008_04_Notes.pdf
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/meetings/index_docs/ITC_2008_05_Notes.pdf
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http://www.alaska.edu/itc/schedule/