UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

Faculty Alliance

Friday, September 12, 2008
2:00pm-3:30pm audio conference. Bridge # 1-800-893-8850, pin 2151251
Fairbanks site: Carter Conference Room 204, Butrovich Building

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
   Members present:
   Jill Dumesnil, Chair, Faculty Alliance; President, UAS Faculty Senate
   Anne Bridges, President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Marsha Sousa, President, UAF Faculty Senate
   Genie Babb, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Jonathan Dehn, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate
   Jonathan Anderson, President-elect, UAS Faculty Senate
   Patt Sandberg, UAA Faculty Senate GAB Chair
   Cathy Connor, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
   Jon Genetti, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

   Pat Ivey, Exec. Officer, System Governance

   Others present

   Dan Julius, Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Mike Humphrey, Director, Benefits

2. Adopt Agenda

   MOTION passed

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

3. Approve August 25-26, 2008 minutes
   http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/Minutes/2008/08-2526.pdf

   MOTION passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the August 25-26, 2008 minutes as amended. This action is effective September 12, 2008."

4. Report from the Chair – *Jill Dumesnil*

Jill Dumesnil reported on SAC activities, noted that the next SAC meeting was September 23, and advised that she had forwarded the August Alliance motions to the president.

5. Emeriti Presentation – *Mike Humphrey*
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-09-08-emeritipresentation.pdf

It is clear that ORP in any version does not have a retirement healthcare provision. The university has been working with Emeriti on ways to provide this. One option is a healthcare savings account that can be used for healthcare costs and create an ORP IV. The other is a combination healthcare savings account and insurance. which allows ORP IV participants to save money and use that money to pay for healthcare not covered by insurance. Medicare and pension will pay about 51 percent and will need tax advantaged savings plan to pay for difference. Emeriti is using Fidelity Life Cycle Funds to fund this and also set up a program with Aetna to manage the program. This would change the ORP IV employer contribution by the amount diverted to Emeriti. This concept will be introduced to the Board of Regents at the September meeting.

6. Old Business

6.1 Academic Master Plan
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-08-19AMP.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-08-28.trans-motions.pdf

Dan Julius thanked the Alliance for reminding SAC how important consultation is and in no way was the academic master plan meant to circumvent that. SAC was hoping to discover which governance groups should be consulted. The concept was that as the development of a master academic plan unfolds, that the provosts would go back to campuses and get input from their groups. He hopes SAC and the Alliance can meet jointly to discuss this further. A face to face meeting would allay fears. The charge was not intended to usurp MAU missions or governance roles.

Point three caught Alliance concern that consultation with the Alliance cannot be construed as having consulted with the entire faculty. The Alliance has to go back to the faculty on their respective campuses and consult with them. Affirmation of faculty consultation means that the Alliance has to go back to the senates. Julius agreed, saying that unless faculty and academic administrators at the MAUs buy into this, it won't be worth the paper it's printed on. That was not to say there won't be tough issues to work through. That is also why we say that there will still be duplication.

From the Alliance point of view, here is also some confusion about the term "governance." Item 4 is meant to address that. Some of the campuses weren't sure what some of these systemwide groups are doing. Julius requested a joint meeting of SAC and the Alliance in mid October to work on this.

Julius said no real guidelines exist for what the system is doing, and everyone is doing their own thing. The budget process is political and what we are trying to address the budget from an academic point of view and an academic master plan is needed to drive the budget process.

6.2 Distance Education Legislative Audit Update
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-07-31.de-auditsummary.pdf

Distance education really is growing by leaps and bounds but without a plan as who is going to do what and where. SAC attempted to gather a group together and decide on some basic principles and did this last May. Jill Dumesnil has a copy and that can be distributed, i.e., incentives for creativity, looking at best delivery methods, shared revenues. SAC laid out a set of principles and haven't implemented them because of the audit. The audit team gave us an oral report and waiting for the management report that puts it on paper. Once the official audit report is received, SAC will set up an ad hoc committee to address the issues brought up in the audit.

Anderson said concept of how to deliver a class gets very close to telling a faculty how to teach the class. To the extent those kinds of pedagogical decisions made centrally make the faculty very nervous. Elements of the technological delivery impact pedagogy, the direct responsibility of the faculty.

Jonathan Anderson will join the distance education group developing the vision. The Alliance considers distance education a big part of academic master planning.

6.3 Electronic Faculty Activity Report Update

Since the Alliance motion was distributed, UAF has cancelled the use of the electronic activity report developed using Digital Measures software for this year, since Digital Measures didn't make the software changes UAF wanted.

6.4 Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

7. New Business

7.1 New Faculty Alliance Initiatives – 2008-2009

7.1.1 Sustainability – *Jill Dumesnil, Marsha Sousa, Anne Bridge*s

Sustainability is high on the Board of Regents list. Larry Foster headed up the effort at UAA. His efforts led to the establishment of an office of sustainability and the hiring of a sustainability director. When director comes on board, Foster will move on to other things. If Alliance is interested in sustainability, Foster will give an update.

Sustainability will be a topic for discussion at the president's retreat.

7.1.2 Need-based Financial Aid - *All*

Securing additional need based financial aid is high on the agenda for the Coalition of Student Leaders. Alaska ranks near the bottom in this department. The Alliance supports the Coalition's efforts.

7.1.3 Civic Engagement – *Jonathan Anderson*

Jonathan Anderson heads up this effort, which has become a national movement through Service Nation.

7.2 Other New Business

There was no other new business

8. Administration Advisory Council Reports

8.1 Systemwide Academic Council – *Jill Dumesnil*
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.htm

SAC has not met since the last Alliance meeting and meets next on September 23.

8.2 Human Resources Council – *Genie Babb*

Jonathan Anderson is the actual lead.

8.3 Instructional Technology Council – *Marsha Sousa*
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/meetings/

UAF and Statewide will be adapting Google APS as the official email server.

8.4 Research Advisory Council – *Jonathan Dehn*

There has been no RAC meeting since Craig Dorman was VPACAD. Dehn wants to make sure RAC stays RAC and doesn't become merged with SAC.

8.5 Business Council – *Cathy Connor*
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-08-01.bc-rolesresponsibilities.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-09-02.draftUAprivacypolicy.pdf

The Business Council met on the first day of classes so Connor could not attend.

8.6 Student Services Council – *Genie Babb*
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-05-08.ssc-alignmentdoc.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-01.proposedalignmentbetweenMAUs.pdf

The attachment came out of meeting last may; something staff came up with in response to DJ asking staff for input. Some of the items could affect faculty. No idea where it stands; lots of problems with a lot of things. JD will email the Banner student team members.

8.7 Student Success Steering Committee – *Jill Dumesnil*

http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-05-08.ssc-alignmentdoc.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-01.proposedalignmentbetweenMAUs.pdf

The last version was the April draft.

8.8 Retirement Committee – *Jon Genetti*

There have been no meetings of late.

9. Senate Reports UAA UAF and UAS
UAA - http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/facultysenate/index.cfm
See also http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-09.uaasenatereport.pdf
UAF - http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/facultySenate.html
UAS - http://www.uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/

UAA – The written report is attached. The Senate developed a set of six goals for the year.

UAF – Buck Sharpton will be guest speaker at the UAF Senate meeting; anticipate Carl Kowalski on Google APS and Museum report.

UAS – The Faculty Senate met last Friday and received reports from chancellor and provost. The main item of business was a GER proposal. Senate will ask the faculty about reevaluating the GERS including the categories. The provost restructured the schools and identified the campus as teaching driven. It is not known but will be investigated how that impacts UAS research. The provost also wants to take active role in search committees to make sure faculty have teaching credentials, and will review all grant applications to see if they fit at UAS.

10. Board of Regents Meeting September 18-19, 2008

This was an item of information.

11. Agenda Items for October 10, 2008 meeting

Agenda items may include but may not be limited to the UAA CAS electronic faculty workload pilot project, sustainability, community service, and distance education.

12. Other Items of Interest

There were no additional items of interest.

13. Comments

There were no additional comments.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.