UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

Faculty Alliance

Friday, December 12, 2008
2:00-3:30pm, Bridge # 1-800-893-8850, pin 2151251
Fairbanks site: Carter Conference Room204, Butrovich Building

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

   Present:

   Jill Dumesnil, Chair of the Alliance; President, UAS Faculty Senate
   Cathy Connor, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
   Jonathan Anderson, President-elect, UAS Faculty Senate
   Anne Bridges, President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Genie Babb, Chair, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Patt Sandberg, Chair, Graduate Academic Board, UAA Faculty Senate
   Marsha Sousa, President, UAF Faculty Senate
   Jon Dehn, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate

   Pat Ivey, Executive Officer System Governance
   John Monahan, Director, Alaska Distance Education Consortium

   Patt Sandberg signed off at 2:50pm.

2. Adopt Agenda

   MOTION: passed

   The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the December 12, 2009 meeting. This action is effective December 12, 2009."

3. Approve November 14, 2008 minutes – passed as amended.
   http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/Minutes/2008/11-14.pdf

   MOTION: passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2008 meeting. This action is effective December 12, 2009."

4. Report from the Chair – *Jill Dumesn*il

   Chair's report was moved to the end of the meeting.

5. Old Business

5.1 Academic Master Plan Status
NEW: http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-11-20.AMPchargedraft.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-08-19AMP.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-08-28.trans-motions.pdf

MOTION: passed

"The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the academic master plan charge as presented. This action is effective December 12, 2009."

SAC meets Jan 6 and 9 to work on the academic master plan itself

5.2 Distance Education - Faculty Involvement - *John Monahan*
New: http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/2008.10.16-DE-Core-Committee.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-07-31.de-auditsummary.pdf

SAC put a distance education subcommittee together. Provosts appointed two members from each MAU to develop a leadership plan, administrative guidelines and fiscal review (potential for funding, credit distribution.) The subcommittee has met twice so far by audio, every Tuesday at 6:30. The subcommittee reviewed its charge and is beginning to review 14 years worth of historical documents posted on the ETT web site to figure out where to begin.

The subcommittee meets face to face December 16 in Anchorage. Monahan is pulling together all the recommendations from the data to facilitate the discussion of the structure of distance education. In many of the reports, there are parts and pieces. When John completes his compilation, he will make it available to the Alliance. He will also share the principles of agreement. At this stage the task is to bring to bring everyone on the subcommittee up to a certain knowledge level and until the three MAUs to cooperate, can do anything.

The Alliance advised that when the subcommittee committee comes or does not come to consensus, the faculty and students should be involved.

5.3 Role of Governance – Update

Having looked at the motions made at UAS and there seems to be a disconnect on what the role of governance is. John Pugh invited Dan Julius down to a retreat with faculty to discover what is and what is not shared governance. According to the UAS constitution, when the chancellor vetoes, there is a mechanism for the senate to appoint a reconciliation committee

5.4 Education Summit Report – *Marsha Sousa*

The Education Summit produced a breadth of recommendations would take a huge amount of money. but didn't hear anything new except a 39 percent drop out rate. There were lots of opinions as to why the dropout rate was so high but no hard data. There were 85 UA participants. The Summit was a good base camp and chance to start a dialogue. Good test is what happens with the results. UA needs a better dialogue with k12 on the definition of the drop out rate. The Department of Ed

Commissioner is taking the goals and action plans to the Alaska State School Board. The Commissioner is also supposed to be bringing the report to the Board of Regents in January for input. It might be a good idea to write a letter to the Commissioner requesting UA faculty representation on the task forces where appropriate.

MOTION: passed

"The Faculty Alliance moves to write a letter to Commissioner LeDoux requesting faculty representation on the task forces resulting from the education summit and to invite Commissioner LeDoux to the next onsite meeting of the Alliance in Juneau. This action is effective December 12, 2009."

5.5 Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

6. New Business

6.1 ASTE Conference *per J. Monahan request for input*
http://www.aste.org/

In the past the distance education consortium has been an ASTE supporter. ASTE brings together about 400 members of the technology community who are passionate about K12. A lot of the ASTE topics could be extend to include higher education. ASTE is also interest in expanding their horizons and ask for input. Monahan is bringing the Erate coordinators together. Feds and healthcare people get a lot of money. Telco people are glad no one cooperates so they can get full rates from all of them. So he is bringing all parties together to negotiate bulk pricing.

6.2 Measuring Up 2008 Report Card -Alaska Higher Education
http://measuringup2008.highereducation.org/states/report_print.php.
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-12-02.measuringup2008UAtalkingpoints.pdf
http://alaskadvantage.state.ak.us/documents/NCAN_White_Paper.pdf
http://www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu/Publications/researchsumm/UA_RS12.pdf

This was an item of information. Alliance members wanted to know if there is any data about high school exit scores on science so faculty can get a grant to do something about it.

6.3 Other New Business

There was no other new business.

7. Faculty Alliance Initiatives – 2008 – 2009

7.1. Sustainability – *Jill Dumesnil, Marsha Sousa, Anne Bridge*s

Once Paula Dean comes on board at UAA as the sustainability director, good things will happen. At UAS, the committee has been expended to include community, faculty, staff and students. The UAS committee got NANA to go all green and get

rid of the Styrofoam. At UAF, all the meat waste goes to the dog mushers and the compostible stuff goes to Calypso Farms.

7.2 Need-based Financial Aid - *All*
http://www.alaska.edu/foundation/scholarships/
Loans http://alaskadvantage.state.ak.us/page/234
Grants http://alaskadvantage.state.ak.us/page/233
Current Need Based Financial Aid http://alaskadvantage.state.ak.us/page/276
Proposed Need Based Financial Aid
http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill.asp?session=25&bill=SB302
http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill.asp?session=25&bill=HB397
http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill.asp?session=25&bill=HB403

The System Governance Council has taken this up and the bills will be reintroduced next session.

7.3 Civic Engagement – *Jonathan Anderson*

The metric for faculty engagement died in SAC for lack of interest.

8. Administration Advisory Council Reports

8.1 Systemwide Academic Council – *Jill Dumesnil*
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/SAC_RAC_10-15-08
Main web page: http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.htm

SAC has not met since the last Alliance meeting but meets again in early January

8.2 Human Resources Council – *Jonathan Anderson*

HRC has not met since last Alliance meeting.

8.3 Instructional Technology Council – *Marsha Sousa*
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/
November 6, 2008 meeting notes
http://www.alaska.edu/itc/meetings/

Marsha Sousa has not been to meetings because of classes but has been trying to come up to speed.

8.4 Research Advisory Council – *Jonathan Dehn*

Bob White has been appointed at UAA so that RAC might actually reconstitute itself.

8.5 Business Council – *Cathy Connor*
BC Meeting January 7, 2009 8:30am- 12:30pm
Joint BC/SAC/RAC/ITEC/SSC Meeting January 8, 2009 9:00am-12:00noon
http://gov.alaska.edu/2008-11-11.BizCouncilccsummary.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-08-01.bc-rolesresponsibilities.pdf

The Business Council hasn't met but in January there will be a joint RAC/SAC/BC/ITC/SSC meeting.

8.6 Student Services Council – *Genie Babb*
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-11-06.sscreport.pdf
Alignment Documents
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-05-08.ssc-alignmentdoc.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-01.proposedalignmentbetweenMAUs.pdf

SSC did meet. The student success initiative will go forward in terms of funding,

UA adopted EnSuite software to replace paper student records. UAA has spent. lots of time has been spent in scanning records. Some of the funding may disappear and SSC is pretty concerned about this.

8.7 Student Success Steering Committee – *Jill Dumesnil* Attachment 8.7

This committee has not met since April

8.8 Retirement Committee – J*on Genetti*

TIAA-CREF is in competition for the retiree benefits package. Signatures are being sought for a class action suite re ORP contributions.

9. Senate Reports UAA UAF and UAS Attachment 9.
UAA – **NEW**: http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-12-05.UAApresreport.pdf
Main web page: http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/facultysenate/index.cfm
UAF - http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/facultySenate.html
UAS – http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-11-07.uasfsenate.pdf
Main web page: http://www.uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/
NEW:
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-11-25.uasmotions-trans.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2008-12-03.uasmotions-response.pdf

UAA: Anne Bridges submitted a written report. UAA is having an all-faculty assembly on January 30.

UAF: Marsha Sousa will submit a written report.

UAS: The Senate had a special meeting, special motions were passed Motions and responses were attached to the Alliance agenda. The UAS chancellor vetoed them. There will be a faculty retreat in January. A reconciliation team has been appointed and that team will flesh out the retreat details.

10. Alliance Meeting Calendar Spring Semester

The spring calendar was reviewed and re-approved.

11, Agenda Items for Next Alliance Meeting January 23, 2009

Agenda items should be submitted to pat.ivey@alaska.edu.

12. Other Items of Interest

UAF is being asked to consider a common calendar.

13. Comments

The Alliance discussed having 30 minute strategy sessions two weeks before regular Alliance meetings. Hope was also expressed that UAA changes its Alliance representation to keep their past president on as the third Alliance representative, because every three years UAS takes the Alliance chair with no continuity from the outgoing UAA Alliance chair.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.