UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

Faculty Alliance

Friday, April 10, 2009 via audio conference
2:00 – 3:30pm, Bridge # 1-800-893-8850, pin 2151251
Fairbanks site: Butrovich Building 208A1

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

   Pat Ivey, Executive Officer

2. Adopt Agenda

   MOTION: passed as amended

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the April 10, 2009 meeting as amended to postpone approval of the February 13, 2009 minutes until the May 8, 2009 Alliance meeting. This action is effective April 10, 2009."

3. Approve February 13, 2009 minutes

   This item was postponed until May 8, 2009.

4. Report from the Chair – *Jill Dumesnil*
   http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-03-25.jad-legistestimony.pdf

   Jill Dumesnil did not have an opportunity to attend the February Board of Regents meeting but did testify before the Alaska State Senate Finance Committee in support of the university budget. Dumesnil has attended every SAC meeting. Anne Bridges commended Dumesnil

for her testimony to the Senate Finance Committee; that testimony is available as an appendix to these minutes.

5. Old Business

5.1 Academic Master Plan Status

John Dehn and Jill Dumesnil are now able to distribute the AMP to the Alliance at some point. Originally the plan was to get senate input and Board of Regents' action in June but the schedule has been amended. The draft AMP version eleven without edits was sent to Alliance members. It is not ready for senate or public distribution.

Dumesnil and Dehn are interested in Alliance feedback on the likely reaction from senates but urged members to not send it to senates yet. Dehn is concerned about the lack of faculty involvement from Anchorage on SAC. By virtue of the combination of SAC with Dumesnil as member, and RAC with Dehn as member, UAS and UAF have representation on SAC but UAA does not. Anchorage refuses to go with it if the AMP says Fairbanks is the primary doctoral-granting institution. Anne Bridges has not been involved with any of it but the UAA Faculty Senate president meets regularly with the UAA provost who gave her a copy of the AMP for her eyes only. The provost said that by end of April, he would meet with Bridges and incoming UAA Faculty Senate President Genie Babb about this document.

Some members of SAC are concerned that some constituencies could get it before all constituencies get it. Problems happen when constituents get drafts that are not final and get incensed over the drafts. Dumesnil and Dehn feel that we are coming to an impasse where two versions are likely to go to the president, or there might be one draft forwarded with dissenting opinions. The AMP committee will continue working over the summer.

5.2 Distance Education Status

No verbal report was given. A draft plan from John Monaghan was presented to SAC and will be forwarded to the Alliance.

5.3 Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

6. New Business

6.1 Executive Evaluation Process
Self – http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/2009-02-12.execeval-self.pdf
Supervisor – http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/2009-02-12.execeval-supervisor.pdf

Jonathan Anderson sent a message that the SSC is developing an executive evaluation process for executives down to, and including, the dean level. Alliance encourages adding a component for faculty input. There is an executive evaluation process in place at UAA that does include faculty and staff input. If there is faculty

input, there should be feedback from the next level administrator. Include previous evaluations in next evaluation. Jonathan will tell HRC that this new process should not supersede processes already in place, and that the new process has to include where the evaluation goes and what happens to it.

6.2 Health Care Costs – Information Item
http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/2009-04-08.healthcarecosts.pdf

This was an information item. No action is required.

6.3 Other New Business

There was no other new business.

7. Administration Advisory Council Reports

7.1 Systemwide Academic Council – *Jill Dumesnil*
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.html
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/SACMtgSummary3-4-09.pdf
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/SACMtgSummary2-20-09.pdf
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/SAC_RAC_1-6-09.pdf

SAC approved some programs that will go to the June Board of Regents meeting, including a M.Ed. in special education. A major point of discussion at SAC is to formally merge with RAC and invite RAC to be part of the SAC. Both the RAC seat and SAC seat will continue to exist for faculty governance. The seats will be the Alliance chair and a research representative.

7.2 Human Resources Council – *Jonathan Dehn*

The next HRC meeting will be April 13, 2009 from 1-4pm.

7.3 Instructional Technology Council/ITEC – *Marsha Sousa*
http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2009/apr-8-9/090408ref15.pdf

The IT Council has been disbanded and has been replaced with three councils, A CITO, PMT and ITEC which is the lead council. Sousa has met with the ITEC head and requested faculty and staff seat on ITEC. Jill Dumesnil said that Mike Driscoll had reported that ITEC has decided not to have governance representation but ITEC would be happy to come and give reports to governance. The other two councils are subcommittees of ITEC. President Hamilton met with Juella Sparks and promised to fix that. Hamilton told Jon Dehn the same thing. The meetings would be open meetings and anyone could call in and listen. It will take a motion to get President Hamilton to change it.

MOTION: passed.

"The Faculty Alliance moves that a representative of the Faculty Alliance be seated on ITEC effective immediately. This action is effective April 10, 2009."

7.4 Research Advisory Council – *Jonathan Dehn*

The combining of SAC and RAC means that RAC becomes defunct but since research is an MAU prerogative, that's okay. Combining SAC and RAC will mean that more research gets discussed and will impact the SAC meeting agendas.

7.5 Business Council – *Cathy Connor*
http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2009/apr-8-9/090408ref17.pdf
http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2009/apr-8-9/090408ref17.pdf

Either Business Council hasn't been meeting or Cathy Connor has fallen out of the agenda distribution loop.

7.6 Student Services Council – *Genie Babb*

SCC was cancelled for March but will be meeting next week.

7.7 Retirement Committee – J*on Genetti*

Fidelity gave an update. For next year, make this somebody's second assignment because not much happens. If the ORP issue goes to court, everyone in Tier I will be included in a class action suit. Governor cut the PERS/TRS debt settlement in half which will make it interesting this fall. ARM board only has to do an assessment every three years. ARM is more invested in the stock market than the Permanent Fund. Genetti hopes UA settles.

8. Senate Reports

8.1 UAA
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-04.uaapresreport.pdf

Tomorrow UAA is having its first Day of Service via Obama call to Service. Anne Bridges is going to serve lunch at Bean's Café. The senate is sending a ballot to faculty to vote on constitutional changes. One more senate meeting remains. John Petraitis is the new first vice president of the senate.

8.2 UAF
http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/08-09_senate_meetings/index.html#158

UAF Faculty Senate has one more meeting and passed a degree in ethno botany.

8.3 UAS

http://www.uas.alaska.edu/facultysenate/index.html

The UAS Faculty Senate appointed a committee for local academic planning. Its first meeting is this afternoon.

9 Agenda Item for Next Alliance Meeting May 8, 2009, 2:00-3:30pm.

Send agenda items to Pat Ivey at least ten days in advance of the meeting

10. Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

11. Comments

There were no additional comments

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm