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Faculty Alliance

Friday, November 20, 2009 via audio conference
3:00-4:30pm
Bridge # 1-800-893-8850, pin 2151251
Originating from Fairbanks site: Carter Conference Room 204, Butrovich Building

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

   Jon Dehn, Chair of the Faculty Alliance and President, UAF Faculty Senate
   Jonathan Anderson, President, UAS Faculty Senate
   Genie Babb, President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Cathy Cahill, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate
   John Petraitis, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Marsha Sousa, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate
   Sherry Tamone, President-elect, UAS Faculty Senate

2. Adopt Agenda

   MOTION: passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the November 20, 2009 meeting. This action is effective November 20, 2009.

3. Approve Minutes October 16 and 19, 2009

   Approval of the October minutes was postponed until December 11.

4. Report from the Chair – *Jon Dehn*
   Written Governance Report to BoR
   http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-11-17.govreport.pdf
   Board of Regents agendas
   http://www.alaska.edu/bor/
   http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2009/nov-30/
   http://www.alaska.edu/swbir/budget/budget_planning/documents/fy11/Oct_30_2009_BOR_Full.pdf

The System Governance Council chair is Joe Hayes, the first alumni representative ever as head of a governance group. Dehn will attend the regents' meeting November 30 in Anchorage and wants to meet with Anchorage faculty.

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee is still trying to see candidate list before the final candidates are announced but chances are slim. The System Governance Council plans to write a letter about that too.

5. Administration Advisory Council Reports

5.1 Systemwide Academic Council/RAC – *Jon Dehn/John Petraitis*
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.htm

SAC discussed the distance education legislative audit and the academic program approval hex form. Regarding the distance education audit, Sally Mead has been present for the past six attempts to fix distance education and says this one has the best chance of succeeding. SAC is not focusing on how faculty teach classes but rather focusing on getting the administrative end, including Banner, straightened out. The most disturbing thing about the hex form is that Alliance had no input whatsoever into the development of the hex form but since it looks okay, Alliance representatives didn't push it. SAC is putting together a list of programs that are dead and dying which is exposing the failings of the Banner system.

5.2 Human Resources Council – *Jill Dumesnil*
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-11-17.HRactive-projects-phaseB.pdf

No report was given.

5.3 Information Technology Executive Council/ITEC – *Marsha Sousa*
http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/itec/agenda-and-meeting-notes/
October 13, 2009 ITEC meeting notes
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-10-13.itecnotes.pdf
November 17, 2009 ITEC agenda and attachments
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-11-17.itecag.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-11-17.acasfy10.pdf

ITEC met for four hours on Tuesday and divided up the priorities to work on. ITEC is considering getting rid of the MyUA portal but not sure if they really mean it. ITEC has a list of 30 projects they are trying to prioritize.

5.4 Business Council – *Jonathan Anderson*

Business Council didn't meet; no report.

5.5 Student Services Council – *Genie Babb*
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-10-29.ssc.pdf

SSC was supposed to meet yesterday in Anchorage but Babb received no agenda or notice of the location and time. At the last SSC meeting, the following were discussed

- the governors performance scholarship
- questions about residency and R.O.T.C
- the next Board of Regents meeting
- Doing another Noel Levitz survey. UAA has to do something anyway because of the accreditation.
- Concerns about ITEC looking at Student Banner work teams and where ITEC gets its authority. The student Banner work teams have focused on the student have things working running fairly well and should not be under ITEC. ITEC should focus on the human resources and financial side of things, i.e., grants reporting and electronic activity reports.
- The ITEC process is very convoluted. There is going to be a face to face meeting in Anchorage in February, and a new Banner 8 implementation on March 4.

5.6 Retirement Committee – *Sherry Tamone*

The retirement committee either hasn't met or Tamone hasn't been notified of any meetings.

6. Old Business

6.1 Academic Master Plan
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-08-28.AMP-markup1.pdf

SAC discussed the Academic Master Plan yesterday. Alliance membersa re not encouraged by the results. The last draft was not what the president's cabinet was looking for so SAC suggested the report be split into two parts, a two or three page academic plan vision and the second part would be the SAC program approval criteria that is good to write down but not necessarily something to send to the Board of Regents. The president continues to insist that at this time, Fairbanks is the only PhD granting institution. This caused concern among the chancellors and SAC. Vice President Julius made an attempt to describe how the 2-3 page document would look but to no avail.

Yesterday, there was a lot of concern about making a document that would be shot down at the president's cabinet. Then it was thought the 2-3 page thing should have some of the criteria in it. We perceive this document can be used against us and people are nervous. We have to remain flexible and be able to capitalize on new priorities. Then the AMP became five or six pages and the president won't like it. It was thought that if SAC and the Alliance don't finish the Academic Master Plan, President Hamilton will do it for us or the president's cabinet will

Anderson responded for the record that the UAS faculty will not comply with an academic master plan it had no part in developing, adding that if the Academic Master Plan not brought to the faculty senates, the plan will fall flat.

There is also a huge concern that even if this president pushes one through, the new president may do it all over again.

UAA is also not going to participate in the development of a master plan that puts universities into lanes and constricts growth.

The Faculty Alliance moved to approve the following resolution relating to the Academic Master Plan by electronic vote, to engross it into the minutes of the November 20, 2009 meeting and that it be delivered to the Systemwide Academic Council, President Hamilton and the Board of Regents.

MOTION: passed by electronic vote.

"Whereas, the original Academic Master Plan charge contained a process for Faculty Alliance and senate input to the AMP before submission to the President's cabinet, and

Whereas, the original process has not been followed, and

Whereas, the faculty cannot endorse an Academic Master Plan that did not involve their participation, and

Whereas, an academic master plan that does not include faculty will have serious accreditation impacts,

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Alliance moves that the Statewide Academic Council provide the Faculty Alliance and senates with a revised timeline and process for the Academic Master Plan that allows sufficient time for faculty participation in the plan, so that accreditation, program and degree standards are maintained to fulfill the University's missions of teaching, research and service.

This action is effective November 26, 2009."

6.2 Distance Ed Legislative Audit Status

See discussion under Item 4.

6.3 Electronic Activity Reporting
Electronic Timesheets Discovery Proposal
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-10-13.ITEC-Attachment5electroniTimesheetsDiscoveryProposal.pdf
Faculty Time and Effort Reporting Discovery Phase PM Charge, September 2, 2009
http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/itec/itec-communications/FacultyTimeandEffortDiscoveryCharge.pdf

Electronic Timesheets Discovery Phase PM Charge September 2, 2009
http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/itec/itec-communications/ElectronicTimesheetsDiscoveryCharge.pdf
Electronic TimeSheet Committee Memo
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-10-16.electronictimesheetappointment.pdf

The electronic time sheet is intended to replace all the paperwork out in order to get paid. The activity reporting is so faculty don't have to keep track of each quarter hour but so that faculty can report that generally over the quarter on what they worked.

6.4 Academic Program Report
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/BORPolicyPartX_10-04.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-10-28.hexform.pdf

The program action request does have a delete function so now you can either create or get rid of a program. The new form is two pages and includes all the things the Board said they wanted. One thing missing is the narrative. This does not represent in any way a change in Board of Regents policy. Right now, we only list new programs or program deletion. We don't send course changes to the Board of Regents. A program change only goes to the BoR if it involves lots of new money (a financial change of greater than X dollars per year. Workforce courses change based on national standards, shifts in workforce needs and a host of other things that don't' involve money. Sousa will review this in detail and send notes to the Alliance.

7. New Business

7.1 Request Support for UAF Life Sciences Classroom & Lab Facility – *Cathy Cahill*
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-10-30.fy11capitalsummary.pdf

The Faculty Alliance moved to approve the following resolution relating to the UAF Life Sciences classroom and lab facility by electronic vote, to engross it into the minutes of the November 20, 2009 meeting and that it be delivered to the President Hamilton and the Board of Regents.

MOTION: passed by electronic vote.

"Whereas the Faculty Alliance has in the past supported capital projects that promote the university's mission of teaching and research and

Whereas, the greatest need for facilities to carry out the university's missions in the FY11 budget is the UAF life sciences classroom and lab facility, and

Whereas enrollments across the UA system are likely to grow in the future as more students from Alaska's high schools remain in state for college, putting more pressure on classroom space,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Alliance supports the UAF Life Sciences Classroom and Lab facility as the highest priority in the FY11 capital budget.

This action is effective November 26, 2009.".

7.2 Other New Business

8. Senate Reports

8.1 UAA Faculty Senate passed changes to grades to add no basis as a grade option following UAF and UAS example. Also passed changes to policy about regarding how many credits underage students can take and raised it from nine to 19 credits. The senate received a report on plagiarism and on student harassment of faculty which is published on iTunes U.

8.2 UAF Faculty Senate discussed raising the number of credits allowed for high school students. Plagiarism at UAF is grounds for dismissal. The senate continues to discuss the impacts of going to multi-mesters. The senate approved accreditation themes, modified again and again to eliminate boundary between arts and sciences but the UAF Provosts' Council wasn't keen on eliminating that boundary. The senate research committee is investigating the disconnect between the office where the contracts go out and the office where the money comes in. The distance education news is turning positive. IT will be on deck for the next senate meeting over the switch to Google Apps and the fallout from that. Visitors from electronic bookstore came to campus and were accommodating and helpful. Some 100 and 200 level books will be available on campus, are expanding to include the first taught chapters program and over 700 books on that program coming up, and are willing to make a common gateway for rural campuses. There is still no plan to have one copy of each book on campus. Only 34 percent of undergraduate students and 16 percent of graduate students use the online bookstore.

8.3 UAS – The UAS chancellor says we need to do more of this. The provost search and the search for the new dean of arts and sciences are moving along and a search for a replacement for the vice chancellor for student services is in the initial states. The senate is looking at administrative evaluations with significant faculty input. Last month, the accreditation report was discussed. The report sounded pretty normal although UAS won't get the official report until January. In terms of hiring of deans, the arts and sciences faculty are adamant their dean have tenure.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting, December 11, 2009

Send agenda items to pmivey@alaska.edu.

10. Comments - There were no additional comments.

11. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.