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Faculty Alliance

Friday, December 11, 2009 3:30-5:00pm via audio conference
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Originating from Fairbanks site: Carter Conference Room 204, Butrovich Building

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

   Present:

   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
   Jill Dumesnil, Past Chair of the Alliance and Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
   John Petraitis, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Patt Sandberg. Chair, UAA Faculty Senate, Graduate Academic Board
   Marsha Sousa, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate
   Sherry Tamone, President-elect, UAS Faculty Senate

   Pat Ivey, Executive Officer, System Governance
   Dan Julius, Vice President, Academic Affairs

2. Adopt Agenda

   MOTION: passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the December 11, 2009 meeting. This action is effective December 11, 2009."

3. Approve November 20, 2009 Minutes

   MOTION: passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the November 20, 2009 as amended. This action is effective December 11, 2009."

4. Report from the Chair – *Jon Dehn*

4.1 Board of Regents Meeting, Anchorage November 30 and December 1, 2009
http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2009/nov-30/
http://newsminer.com/pages/full_story/push?article-Despite+pressure+from+Anchorage-+University+of+Alaska+regents+push+Fairbanks+science+building%20&id=4962606-Despite+pressure+from+Anchorage-+University+of+Alaska+regents+push+Fairbanks+science+building
APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET *(includes a 50 cent pay raise for student workers)*
http://www.alaska.edu/swbir/budget/budget_planning/documents/fy11/Approved_FY11_Operating_Budget.pdf
APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET
http://www.alaska.edu/swbir/budget/budget_planning/documents/fy11/Approved_FY11_Capital_Budget.pdf

The meeting was attended the first day by John Dehn and John Petraitis and the second day by Genie Babb. John Petraitis gave an impromptu presentation to the Board which was quite good, informative and pointed out the need to do better public relations about how good UA actually is. The two AMP motions were presented and also the motion in support of the UAF Life Sciences Building. Alliance disappointment in the presidential search process was expressed . Also mentioned was support of the testimony at a distance during Board of Regents meetings. Dehn also requested that the governance groups be allowed to testify separately from public testimony. The next Board of Regents meeting is February 17-18, 2010 in Fairbanks.

5. Administration Advisory Council Reports

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

SAC discussed ITEC and the UA response to the legislative audit on distance education, as well as the academic master plan.

5.2 Human Resources Council – *Jill Dumesnil*

HRC met yesterday but Jill Dumesnil could not attend because of a class conflict. Staff Alliance was invited to attend to hear a report on a staff performance evaluation system critical to the new merit based staff compensation system. Also discussed was the minimum wage increase and JHCC health care efforts. Jill brought up the question about background checks at a previous HRC meeting but got no response. She was asked to bring the issue up again. The question is, are there criteria that determine a background check must occur and who is privy to the report.

5.3 Information Technology Executive Council/ITEC – *Marsha Sousa*
http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/itec/agenda-and-meeting-notes/November-17_ITEC_MeetingNotes.pdf

ITEC meets Tuesday to begin prioritizing the list of statewide projects such as electronic time sheets, electronic faculty time and reporting, a new enrollment management module, and course management.

5.4 Business Council – *Jonathan Anderson*

The Business Council apparently has not met for two months. The Business Council has no web site.

5.5 Student Services Council – *Genie Babb*

The SSC has not met since the last Alliance meeting, but Saichi Oba did have a retreat with the student services vice chancellors.

5.6 Retirement Committee – *Sherry Tamone*

There have been no meetings of this committee. Tamone asked who was on the committee and when they meet.

6. Old Business

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

The charge was approved November, 2008. The draft first came out July, 2009 and held up by the president's cabinet. SAC was told the plan needed to be edited, so the plan has not yet officially gone out. The plan has basically been divided into two documents; one outlining procedures and another that outlines who does what. Vice President Julius wants to meet with chancellors and provosts individually in January to ascertain areas of agreement and disagreement and present findings to the president's cabinet in February. There seems to be a deviation from the original charge (http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/AcadMasterPlan_FinalCharge.pdf) in that faculty are not allowed to be involved in the development of the academic master plan but rather relegated to a role of responding to a completed document.

After a substantive discussion with Vice President Julius about the status of the academic master plan, the Alliance passed the following motion, to be transmitted to the President, the President's Cabinet and SAC after Vice President Julius presents the Alliance's concerns and request to the president's cabinet.

MOTION: passed

"The Faculty Alliance moves to request an emergency meeting with the President's Cabinet and SAC to discuss the Academic Master Plan. This action is effective December 11, 2009."

Senate presidents were encouraged to bring this issue up with their chancellors and provosts and bring it before their senates.

6.2 Academic Program Proposal Form

Policy http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/BORPolicyPartX_10-04.pdf
Form http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/Draft-HEX-Form.pdf

The HEX form latest draft was well received at SAC. The draft looks pretty much like the original form and should come to the faculty senates as soon as approved by SAC.

6.3 Distance Ed Legislative Audit Status

Outline
http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/files/SACmeetings/DE-Draft-Plan-Outline.pdf
Talking Points – Kate Ripley
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-08-11.DEAudit--TalkingPoints--KateRipley.pdf
Distance Education Legislative Audit, May 29, 2009
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-05-29.DistanceEdAuditwithUAresponse.pdf

A plan of action is being developed by a series of UA committees on how to implement recommendations in the legislative audit.

6.4 Other Old Business

There was no additional old business.

7. New Business

7.1 Student Leader Testimony at a Distance

There seems to be some positive reaction on the part of some board members to this student leader request. President Hamilton has some concerns about logistics. The system governance group chairs already have permission to testify at a distance. However, student body presidents would also like the opportunity to testify, particular in the rural areas where the Board does not meet, or at least does not meet very often, and where student governments have limited or no resources to send their leaders to Board meetings.

7.2 Other New Business

The legislative majority has formed a bipartisan caucus in support of the university. The governor releases his budget on Monday morning. Monday afternoon, the System Governance Council will meet with university administrators to discuss the governor's budget.

8. Senate Reports

8.1 UAA

8.2 UAF

8.3 UAS

9. System Governance Council Meeting on UA Budget, Monday, December 14, 2009

See item 7.2.

10. Review Dates and Times for Spring Alliance Meetings.

Dates and times are all okay with everyone's schedule.

Friday, January 22, 2010, 3:00-4:30pm by audio conference

Friday, February 19, 2010, 3:00-4:30pm by audio conference

Friday, April 16, 2010, 2:00-3:30pm by audio conference

Friday, May 14, 2010, 2:00-3:30pm by audio conference

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting, January 22, 2010.

Send agenda items to pmivey@alaska.edu.

12. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.