UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

Faculty Alliance

Friday, May 8, 2009
2:00 – 3:30pm
Juneau video conference site: Egan 115
Fairbanks video conference site: Butrovich Building Room 212B
Anchorage video conference site: GHH 101 (Gordon Hartley hall)
Audio conference: Bridge # 1-800-893-8850, pin 2151251

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introduce New Members

2008-2009 Chair: Jill Dumesnil
2009-2010 Chair: Jonathan Dehn (term begins July 1, 2009)

Present:

UAA: Anne Bridges, Past President
Genie Babb, President
John Petraitis, 1st Vice President
Hilary Davies, UAB Chair for Diane Erickson, GAB Chair
UAF: Jonathan Dehn, President
Catherine Cahill, President-elect
Jon Genetti, Past President, 2007-2008
UAS: Jill Dumesnil, President
Jonathan Anderson, President-elect (becomes President in August)
Sherry Tamone, Incoming President-elect

Pat Ivey, Executive Officer

2. Adopt Agenda

MOTION: passed

"The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the May 8, 2009 meeting as amended to reflect that Jonathan Anderson is Human Resources Council instead of Genie Babb. This action is effective May 8, 2009."

3. Approve Minutes

MOTION: passed
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/minutes/2009/01-23.pdf

"The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the January 23, 2009 minutes as amended to reflect that Jonathan Dehn is president-elect of the UAF (not UAS) Faculty Senate and to reflect that Anne Bridges, President of the UAA Faculty Senate, was present. This action is effective May 8, 2009."

MOTION: passed
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/minutes/2009/02-13.pdf

The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the February 13, 2009 minutes as amended to change the spelling of Monaghan to Monahan, to change MOION to MOTION and under senate reports, to reflect that J. Dehn had an extended email communication with Representative Fairclough. This action is effective May 8, 2009."

MOTION: passed
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/minutes/2009/04-10.pdf

"The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the April 10, 2009 minutes as amended to correct spelling of Jonathan Dehn's name, to eliminate the last paragraph of item 5.1 and change the spelling of Monaghan to Monahan. This action is effective May 8, 2009."

4. Report from the Chair – *Jill Dumesnil*

Please send input to Jill Dumesnil for inclusion in her final report to the Board of Regents in June. At the June Board of Regents meeting, the new chair will be introduced, Dumesnil will make the annual Alliance report to the Board of Regents and say goodbye to the Board. The Systemwide Academic Council was supposed to meet yesterday but was cancelled.

5. Old Business

5.1 Academic Master Plan Status

UAS is just beginning to develop its UAS master plan.

5.2 Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

6. New Business

6.1 Faculty Legislative Advocacy

This item will be placed on the August retreat agenda for further discussion.

The Alaska Volcano Observatory budget was cut 80 percent of its federal funding, and after May 17 there will be no more volcano monitoring other than web cams pointed to it.

The Alliance advocacy should focus on reflecting campus priorities and activities outside as well as during the legislative session. The university constituents apparently do not do any advocacy until spring when call comes from statewide to call legislators. A system of identified faculty, staff, administrators, students, alumni and other supporters is needed to develop relationships with legislators and their staff over the course of the year.

6.2 Other New Business

7. Administration Advisory Council Reports

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

The May 6 meeting was cancelled. Version 12 of the AMP was distributed yesterday. It is uncertain when SAC will meet next. Several degree programs were approved by email for Board of Regents' action.

7.2 Human Resources Council – Jonathan *Anderson*

HRC did report on a statewide executive evaluation. But as Fairbanks and Anchorage already have processes in place that has faculty input so the statewide process is stalled at the moment. The UAS Faculty Senate is calling upon UAS to do same and the chancellor was amenable. HRC discussed background checks for hiring. HRC decided that it was up to HR to do the background checks and when it was necessary. Also, if background checks are done, what information should be passed along to the hiring committee? Anderson believes the hiring committee should make the decision as to whether or not the background check has relevance. On the other hand, the potential for abuse is huge. HR needs to put forth a set of guidelines that follows the law and is demonstrably pertinent to the position. . Anderson will be happy to continue on the HRC next year if that is the will of the alliance. What are the criteria and are there better guidelines.

MOTION: passed

"The Faculty Alliance requests access to or development of policies or guidelines pertaining to providing background check information to hiring committees. This action is effective May 12, 2009."

7.3 Instructional Technology Council/ITEC
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-05-06.itec-ag.pdf

ITEC has seated the Alliance as an ex-officio member.

7.4 Research Advisory Council – *Jonathan Dehn*

There is no new information.

7.5 Business Council
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-05-06.buscouncilag.pdf

All the councils apparently met today to talk about the FY11 budget.

7.6 Student Services Council – *Genie Babb*

The Student Services Council had a brief meeting on April 21. Melissa Hill spoke about Alaska teacher Placement report the legislature requested under SB 241. Babb will send a copy of the report to the Alliance. Pat Jacobsen gave the report to the legislature but Melissa wrote it.

7.7 Retirement Committee – J*on Genetti*

No meeting has occurred since the last Alliance meeting. Main thing the Retirement Committee is looking at is VEBA.

8. Senate Reports

8.1 UAA
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-05-09.uaasenatereport.pdf

A written report was provided. Anne Bridges is now the past president of the senate and Genie Babb is now president. Bridges said the senate had an extremely productive year, identified six goals and achieved them all.

8.2 UAF
http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/08-09_senate_meetings/index.html#159

Dehn reported that many goals were not met, has taken over as senate president. First, UAF is still suffering from budget fallout. Capital budget was cut and UAF is having trouble keeping buildings open. One building is condemned. Students taxed themselves $20 per head to make UAF a sustainable campus and the chancellor matched the funds. The senate is reapportioning its senators to better reflect numbers of faculty in the departments. Senate is looking to help the vice chancellor for research meet the needs of faculty.

8.3 UAS
http://www.uas.alaska.edu/facultysenate/index.html
Last senate meeting of academic year was just held, and a new president elect was elected, but president takes over at first meeting of fall which occurs in August. The

senate had a very difficult year regarding the provost issue. Robbie Stell is coming back as provost pending search and hire of a permanent provost. Stell had retired as provost but is on contract to assist with accreditation. The dean of arts and sciences search failed after phone interviews. Senate passed motions on shared governance which were vetoed by chancellor. That kicked off reconciliation recommendations unanimously approved by the senate and not vetoed by the chancellor. The plan is to have a joint executive leadership and senate retreat in August prior to convocation. Everyone is cautiously optimistic.

9. Election of the Chair
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/constitution/2007-12-14.constitutionapproved.pdf

MOTION moved by J. Anderson, seconded by C. Cahill passed unanimously

"The Faculty Alliance moves to elect Jonathan Dehn as Alliance Chair for 2009-2010. This action is effective May 8, 2009."

Term of office begins July 1.

RESOLUTION:

"The Faculty Alliance resolves to thank Jill Dumesnil for her outstanding service as chair for 2008-2009. This action is effective May 8, 2009."

The Alliance directed Pat Ivey to prepare a plaque to present to Jill during the Board of Regents meeting in June.

10. 2009-2010 Calendar
http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/calendar/default.html

MOTION: passed

"The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda as amended.
August 27-28, 2009, on site, Anchorage
Friday, September 18, 2009, 2:00-3:30pm by audio conference
Friday, October 16, 2009, 2:00-3:30pm by audio conference
Wednesday, October 28, 2009, on-site, Fairbanks (President's Retreat)
Friday, November 20, 2009, 2:00-3:30pm by audio conference
Friday, December 11, 2009, 2:00-3:30pm by audio conference
Friday, January 22, 2010, 2:00-3:30pm by audio conference
Friday, February 19, 2010, 2:00-3:30pm 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
This action is effective May 8, 2009."

11. Agenda Items for August on-site Alliance Meeting

Send agenda items to Jonathan Dehn and Pat Ivey at least ten days in advance of the meeting.

12. Other Items of Interest

Dehn is very impressed with unity of the faculty among the three MAUs and hopes that continues. Anderson concurred.

13. Comments

There were no additional comments.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:35pm.