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Faculty Alliance

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

   Jon Dehn, Chair of the Faculty Alliance and President, UAF Faculty Senate
   Genie Babb, President, UAA Faculty Senate
   Cathy Cahill, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate
   Jonathan Anderson
   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, UAS Faculty Senate

2. Adopt Agenda

   MOTION: passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the February 19, 2010 meeting. This action is effective February 19, 2010."

3. Approve January 22, 2010 Minutes

   MOTION: passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the January 22, 2010 minutes pending final review of the final document. This action is effective February 19, 2010."

4. Report from the Chair – *Jon Dehn*

   4.1 Board of Regents Meeting, February 17-18, 2010
   http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2010/feb-17-18/
   http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-02-18.bortestimony

The first day of the Board of Regents meeting was an executive session. The second day proceeded fairly well. Earlier in the Audit Committee they had turned down borrowing money to build the stand alone portion of the energy building. Later, the Board did vote for the loan.

Jon Dehn passed out a written copy of his testimony. The Board agreed that lack of faculty involvement in the development of the academic master plan was a concern. Regent Jacobsen specifically said that the Board wanted a draft only at the June Board of Regents meeting and made it very clear that faculty have to be involved. Some changes have occurred by the president cabinet and the provosts since the last version seen by the Alliance. Alliance has not been able to meet with the President's cabinet. It is not likely that the official version will be distributed until late March and that means the first time the Senates will see it will be the April senate meetings. The Alliance needs a procedure for review and a timeline for that review. The regents also stated that what they wanted was a prioritized program list and they will not get it through the academic master plan.

Evidently, the academic vice president has a social sciences, arts and humanities support group to raise awareness within the legislature and some ideas were being discussed, including e-portfolios for students. If each MAU had a common set of general education goals such as the LEAP (Liberal Education and America's Promise) goals of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, then maybe each MAU could sign off on the LEAP goals and use them to structure the e-Porfolios. The academic vice president got excited about it and wants to take it to the Board of Regents but was advised that it has to go through the faculty senates first. This should actually be included in the academic master plan. See http://www.aacu.org/leap/goals.cfm.

Several regents did not receive their packets so viewed requests for approval of new programs with a lot of suspicion.

4.2 Presidential Search
http://www.alaska.edu/bor/pres-search/

MOTION: passed

"The Faculty Alliance moves to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect on the university related to the presidential search. This motion is effective February 19, 2010."

When final candidates are announced, Alliance members were asked to obtain input and get it to Jon Dehn before March 4 when the Presidential Search Committee meets.

5. Administration Advisory Council Reports

5.1 Systemwide Academic Council/RAC – *Jon Dehn/John Petraitis*

http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.htm
The next SAC meeting is February 25. Top of the list for Alliance representatives to carry forward include

- Timeline and process for review and approval of the AMP,
- A joint meeting with the president's cabinet, the provosts and the Alliance asap,
- Immediate release of the latest AMP to the senates,
- We do not want the AMP finalized until faculty are on contract.

With the academic master plan, the Alliance really has to take care who will be the second representative in addition to the chair on SAC. Dehn and Petraitis will draft a motion for Alliance email approval for distribution to SAC and the president's cabinet asap so the Senates can receive the AMP prior to their March meetings.

5.2 Human Resources Council – *Jill Dumesnil*

No report was given

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

Next meeting is this coming Tuesday.

5.4 Business Council – *Jonathan Anderson*
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-01-14.buscouncilag.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-11-HEOAbyNPEC.pdf

The vice chancellors of administration and Joe Trubach are meeting every Thursday and making decisions and the Business Council is purely advisory. This follows the same pattern as was established with ITEC being demoted to advisory and an executive group being formed to make the decisions.

5.5 Student Services Council – *Genie Babb*

There will be a meeting next Thursday.

5.6 Retirement Committee – *Sherry Tamone*

No meetings have occurred.

6. Old Business

6.1 Academic Master Plan
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-12-11.draft-ampmotion.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2009-08-28.AMP-markup1.pdf

MOTION: PASSED

"The Faculty Alliance requests that the draft Academic Master Plan (version 21) be distributed to the Faculty Senates of all three MAUs by March 1, and that a revised timeline and clear procedure for finalizing the plan, with input from Faculty Senates of all three MAUs, be developed by SAC and distributed to the Faculty Senates, the President's Council , and the Board of Regents no later than April 1. This action is effective February 24, 2010."

RATIONALE:

An extraordinary amount of time and energy has been put into the development of the Academic Master Plan to date; however, it is still in draft form and has not been distributed to Faculty Senates. The time-line for development of the plan in the original Charge included meaningful participation in development of the plan by the three Faculty Senates. This time-line has not been honored.

Two motions were passed by Faculty Alliance to the Systemwide Academic Council: one requesting a new time-line for distribution of the AMP (November 26, 2009); and the other requesting an emergency meeting with the President's Cabinet regarding the AMP (December 11, 2009). Neither motion received any response from SAC, which strongly suggests that faculty involvement in the creation of the Academic Master Plan is not a priority of the Systemwide Academic Council.

The Faculty Senates, while not privy to the content of the AMP, are concerned about the process. They are aware that the time-line in the Charge has no been followed. The UAA Faculty Senate passed a resolution on February 5, 2010, supporting the Alliance motions outlined above. A similar motion is scheduled for the UAF Senate floor on March 5.

If the AMP is to truly be an Academic Master Plan, and if the AMP is to get buy-in from faculty, substantial involvement of the Faculty Senates is essential. Allowing the Senates to evaluate and contribute to the plan may actually speed up development of the final product. The Board of Regents requested that a draft of the AMP be presented to them by the June Board meeting, and that the plan include the participation of the Faculty Senates.

We must begin that process without further delay.

6.2 Recruitment Background Checks

6.4 Presidential Search

6.3 Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

7. New Business

7.1 Other New Business

This is the time that all the faculty, staff and students need to stand together.

8. Senate Reports

8.1 UAA Faculty Senate discussed the academic master plan process and supported the Alliance motion, and gave an update on the presidential search

8.2 UAF Faculty Senate had a quiet meeting. Chancellor Rogers gave an update on the presidential search, and a report from the committee for education in research and the sciences. The report will be presented to the chancellor then to the faculty.

8.3 UAS Faculty Senate discussed dean search and accreditation.

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm.