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Faculty Alliance

Friday, April 16, 2010
3:00pm-4:30pm via audio conference
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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

   Present:
   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, Second Past President, UAS 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, UAS Faculty Senate
   Jonathan Anderson, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate

   Pat Ivey, Executive Officer, System Governance

2. Adopt Agenda passed

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the April 16, 2010 meeting. This action is effective April 16, 2010."

3. Approve February 19, 2010 Minutes
   http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/minutes/2010/02-19.pdf

   "The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2010 meeting. This action is effective April 16, 2010."

4. Report from the Chair – *Jon Dehn*

   4.1 Board of Regents Meeting, April 15-16, 2010
   http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2010/apr15-16/
   http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-04-15.bortestimony.pdf

The meeting was good. Regents hadn't been to Dillingham in a decade. The concept of a faculty senate summit was favorably received. When the new president comes on board, discuss it with him. The academic vice president originally appeared amendable to having three Faculty Alliance representatives on SAC, then reverted to keeping the RAC representative in Fairbanks. Provosts don't have a problem with this.

4.2 Tuition Adjustments
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-04-14.tuitionmemo.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-04-15.WICHE2009-10.PDF
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-04-15.natl2010tuitionfeesreport.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/tuitionhistory1996-2010.pdf
http://measuringup2008.highereducation.org/print/state_reports/short/AK.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-01.WICHE-TUITION.PDF
http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d09/tables/dt09_334.asp?referrer=report

Primary items of concern to the Alliance include tuition. Students held demonstrations against the proposed increases in Anchorage and Juneau.

4.3 Recognition of President Hamilton

A motion was passed regarding a parting gift from governance for President Hamilton to be presented at the June Board of Regents meeting.

5. Old Business

5.1 Academic Master Plan
http://www.alaska.edu/files/research/AMP%20for%20Distribution.pdf

Senates have not provided feedback yet, except for minor wordsmithing at UAS and UAF. It will be taken up again by the UAS Faculty Senate on May 7.. At UAA, the general feeling was not positive. AMP discussions were summed up as the document not being visionary enough, aims at mediocrity, shuts doors rather than opens them, is vague for pages and then specific, focuses on Alaska as a closed system and not recognizing competition from outside. The plan needs to have more of a global sense. The characterization of distance education is simplistic and outdated. Several people on the Kenai are getting masters degrees in psychology at a distance from outside the state. There is a lack of concern for the local needs. The AMP eems to make the assumption that students will only stay in Alaska and not go elsewhere and makes no mention of attracting outside students and also assumes that Alaska students aren't very bright. At UAF, the position is that the vision needs to be rewritten. UAA senators did their homework and came prepared, a subgroup is drafting a response for UAA consideration in May. UAA is also concerned about the PhD prohibition at UAA and questions about the focus on avoidance of "unnecessary" duplication. A lot of what is in the AMP exists in far better wording

in regents policy. The UAA Senate will likely recommend acceptance but that the document be reworded so that the document will not be used to deter growth, and is very concerned that when the regents get it officially that faculty role will be done.

ACTION: The Alliance will draft a summary statement and submit it directly to the Board of Regents as an attachment to the June Board of Regents agenda if possible or simultaneously send directly it direct to each regent and to SAC.

5.2 Role of Distance Education – *John Monahan*
http://www.alaska.edu/research/distance-education/

John Monahan reported that the distance education efforts were going well and the focus now is trying to train faculty to do distance education rather than trying to cram software down faculty throats, and straightening out the coding to standardize delivery systems so it's transparent to the student. Some Alliance members were very emphatic that standardization NOT transmit to pedagogy. Sousa says the more she engages in ITEC, the more comfortable she I, that they are straightening out the Banner mess and offering faculty training.

5.3 Legislative Update

Nobody knows what the outcome will be for the capital budget. Regents are not happy about putting the UAA sports complex on the same level as the life sciences facility.

5.4 Other Old Business

No other old business.

7. New Business

6.1 Administrative Advisory Committees, *changing structures and/or abolishment and the diminishing role of governance in UA affairs.*

MOTION: The Faculty Alliance moves to request an inventory of system wide advisory groups and committees in all areas, budget, IT, HR, academic and research. This action is effective April 16, 2010."

6.2 Motion to Increase Alliance seats on SAC to Three Seats, One from Each MAU

MOTION PASSED

"The Faculty Alliance moves to request that the number of seats on the Statewide Academic Council be expanded from two seats to three seats, one seat for each MAU. This action is effective April 16, 2010."

Distribution: President Hamilton and SAC

Rationale: The Alliance had one seat each on the old Research Advisory Council (RAC) and the Statewide Academic Council (SAC). When RAC was absorbed into SAC, so was the RAC seat for the Alliance, the idea being that the teaching and research sides of the house would both be represented. However, over time, and especially through the Academic Master Plan process, it has become evident that the faculty voice from all three MAUs was more important, and would be met most effectively by having three faculty seats on SAC, one from each MAU to ensure all three MAUS are represented. There are three provosts and given that new programs come through the senates, having the senate presidents speak to the programs would be most efficient.

6.3 UAF Resolution Relating to Leave Sharing
http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/2010-03-05.CSW-Leave-ShareSupport.pdf

ACTION: Alliance members will take the resolution to the senates and put it on Alliance May 14 agenda.

6.4 Family Medical Leave Regulation Changes
http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/2010-04-10.FMLreg-changes.pdf

The changes relate mostly to wordsmithing and veterans.

6.5 Statewide Faculty Senate/Alliance Summit

The Alliance chair reported that the regents are favorable to the idea.

6.6 Governance Budget

Develop an Alliance budget for action at the May meeting.

6.7 Other New Business

Regarding introductions to the new president, UAF governance leaders are going as a group and suggested a similar tactic on the other campuses. By the same token, the system governance leaders should go together.

7. Administration Advisory Council Reports

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

Rick Caulfield will join SAC at the next SAC meeting.

7.2 Human Resources Council –
http://gov.alaska.edu/saa/2010-04-14.openenrollment.pdf
http://gov.alaska.edu/saa/2010-04-14.employee-charge-history.pdf

The HRC meeting next week was cancelled for some reason. Open enrollment is now through May 14. Insurance is going up, co-pays are going up, and information has been made available to employees.

7.3 Information Technology Executive Council/ITEC – *Marsha Sousa*
http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/itec/agenda-and-meeting-notes/
http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/2010-04-01.oit-cmt.pdf

MyUA vanishes in about a month together with Luminis. Next week's meeting was cancelled meeting for lack of business and ITEC is getting better at limiting scope to things effecting all three MAUs. Jon Dehn will replace Marsha Sousa on ITEC.

7.4 Business Council –

The Business Council met March 24 and Jonathan Anderson sent out a report to Alliance right after that.

7.5 Student Services Council – *Genie Babb*

After a dry period with no meetings SSC had two meetings since Alliance met last. The first meeting concerned the Board of Regents wanting to write transfer policy themselves. Also, one of the regents was questioning coed campus housing because there had been an assault in UAS campus housing. Saichi Oba and the student affairs vice chancellors were very upset, saying that the BoR needed to be educated on the complexities. SSC is also talking about the Governor's Performance Scholarship and guns on campus. UAS has no campus police and no longer has the contract with their security people so now there is no security.

Concealed weapons was a hot issue on the Fairbanks campus. There quite a bit of concern about the April 19 a gun waving demonstration. Demonstrators are hoping to get arrested so they can make it a court case.

Tuition surcharge – there has been talk but there will not be a surcharge. SSC talked about the FAFSA frenzy. Faculty who mentioned FAFSA to their students got money for their campuses.

The transfer policy issue has been transferred to people on each campus.

7.6 Retirement Committee – *Sherry Tamone*

This committee hasn't met in years.

8. Senate Reports

8.1 UAA
http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/facultysenate/index.cfm

UAA Faculty is working on a revised PMT document, master plan, and is concerned that the AMP is going to get passed without faculty involvement.

8.2 UAF
http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/facultySenate.html

Jon Dehn was re-elected president and Cathy Cahill as president-elect, both for a second term

8.3 UAS
http://www.uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/

New provost Rick Caulfield attended the senate meeting. The committee dealing with a UAS academic plan was disbanded. Half the administration was there to talk about the budget which really hadn't been passed. A lot of what happened last year had to do with lack of communication so that's why they showed up. There was good discussion on summer school. If there was more support, faculty might offer more programs. UAS faculty are very pleased with the new provost.

9. Agenda items for May 14, 2010, 2:00-3:30pm (via video conference

Agenda items will include but election of the Alliance chair for 2010-2011, approval of the 2010-2011 calendar and approval of the annual Alliance report to the Board of Regents, to be included in the Board of Regents June agenda.

10. Other Items of Concern

There were no other items of concern.

11. Comments

There were no additional comments

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.