UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

Faculty Alliance

Friday, September 17, 2010
3:00pm-4:30pm via audio conference
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DRAFT Minutes

1, Call to order and Roll Call

John Petraitis, Chair; President, UAA Faculty Senate
Genie Babb, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate
Nalinaksha Bhattachayyra, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
Cathy Cahill, President Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
Sherry Tamone, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Jonathan Anderson, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate

Pat Ivey, Executive Officer

Guests: Karl Kowalski, Executive Director of User Services
Peter Finn, Speaker, Coalition of Student Leaders

Absent, excused:

Dan Monteith, President Elect, UAS Faculty Senate (at a conference)
Jon Dehn, President, UAF Faculty Senate (in Iceland)
Jennifer Reynolds, Representative, UAF Faculty Senate (doing research on the ocean)

2. Adopt agenda

MOTION: passed.

"The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the September 17, 2010 meeting. This action is effective September 17, 2010."

3. Approve May and August, 2010

Approval of the May and August minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

4. Report of the Chair

4.1 Board of Regents Meeting September 23 and 24, 2010, Juneau Attachment 4.1

John Petraitis had a meeting with Peter Finn from Coalition of Student Leader regarding tuition increases.

He asked what to say at the Board of Regents meeting. He will be summarizing the SWOT analysis. The objective was to see faculty as an ally. "When in doubt, sound us out."

Nalinaksha Bhattachayyra requested that the faculty should be allowed to testify at distance. The issue has been brought up before with no success, but should be mentioned again.

Sherry Tamone will testify on UAS Faculty Senate and campus activities.

5. Public or Guest Comments

There were no public or guest comments.

6. Old Business

6.1 Academic Master Plan
Board of Regents Agenda September 23-24 Reference 2 – Academic Master Plan
http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2010/sep23-24/

At the August retreat, the Alliance talked about repackaging the academic master plan. Afterward, John Petraitis shared it with SAC but it went nowhere. Dan Julius suggested that the Alliance draft a series of executive summaries based on the Alliance August rewrite. So John Petraitis drafted the executive summary for the Ph.D section and tested it out. He asked if the Alliance had enough time to do it for the rest of the AMP. At this point, it doesn't look like the current AMP will change between now and December. SAC has basically approved what is being submitted to the Board of Regents in September.

It has already been debated in the senates. Leave a paper trail of senate comments so future governance leaders have that documentation. This doesn't have to be decided now because Alliance has a retreat in October.

6.2 Proposed Tuition Increases to Increases Already Approved
http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2010/sep23-24/
Board of Regents Full Board Agenda Item XV, "Report on Tuition and Financial Aid and Approval of Tuition Rates for AY12 and AY13" – See also Item VI. "Student Presentation on Tuition Concerns

The Board of Regents considered recommendations to increase tuition for AY12 and AY 13 at the September Board of Regents meeting.

The Faculty Alliance discussed alternative proposals drafted by the Coalition. The Coalition position is no more increases for AY 12 and no more than 7 percent for AY13. The Coalition looked at the trends over the past ten years and found that tuition increases averages about 7 percent overall. The proposal before the Board of Regents is a another five percent increase in lower division tuition for AY12 and a ten percent increase for all tuition except for graduate students for AY13.

The Coalition doesn't want the Board to exceed the 7 percent trend, especially since the president requested that the FY 12 budget be flat. The Coalition has a problem in that the

Board of Regents approves tuition two years out so students can budget for it, so it seems revisiting 2012 tuition is a violation of contract with students.

Increasing tuition is a tough call because of the lack of need based financial aid, still very much on the Coalition radar as its highest priority.

MOTION: passed contingent upon approval by Jonathan Anderson. *(Note: Jonathan Anderson approved the motion by email after the meeting.)*

"RESOLVED:

Faculty Alliance supports the Coalition of Student Leaders efforts to keep the cost of higher education as affordable as possible for Alaskan students, especially given that the State of Alaska is one of the few states that does not have an adequate need based financial aid program.

This action is effective September 17, 2010."

6.3 Distance Education Report
http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2010/sep23-24/100923ref10.pdf

6.3 Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

7. New Business

7.1 Fisher Group Update

The Faculty Alliance discussed the reactions of those who were interviewed by the Fisher Group. The Alliance will ask the president for a copy of the report.

7.2 Security Risks of Scanners and Printers
http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6412572n

Karl Kowalski reported that OIT noticed a security risk copiers that store images, so got in touch with Surplus and made sure nothing went out with a hard drive in it. Copiers have hard drives and can retain information. Russ O'Hare, the chief records officer compiled what we do at all MAUs. We also contacted printing services regarding copier security. Black and white copiers do not have hard drives. UAA copiers do have hard drives that are watched. We are allowed to buy copiers for $1 at the end of the leases and we pull the hard drives and destroy them. OIT is relatively confident that the copiers UA control centrally are secured. The problem is when departments go out and buy copiers on their own outside of state contracts and do not dispose of them properly.

Procedures will be written up on how to handle equipment that stores data.

7.3 Transfer Report Synopsis
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-08-06.BOR-TransferReport.pdf

This was an item of information. No action was required.

7.4 Higher Education and Career Readiness Task Forces
http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-09-17.leghearings-higheredTF.pdf

This was an item of information. No action was required

7.5 Other New Business

There was no other new business.

8. Administrative Council and Committee Assignments

8.1 Statewide Academic Council
http://www.alaska.edu/research/sac/
Alliance Membership: John Petraitis, Jon Dehn, Jonathan Anderson

Vice President for Academic Affairs has collected comments from President Gamble and the regents and brought a revised academic master plan to SAC. Some regents' comments were accepted and some were rejected. The expiration date was changed to 2014 unless the regents vote to extend it at that time.

8.2 Human Resources Council
Liaison: Dan Monteith, Alternate: Janet Reynolds

No report was given.

8.3 Instructional Technology Council/ITEC
http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/itec/agenda-and-meeting-notes
Liaison: Jon Dehn, Alternates Sherry Tamone, Cathy Cahill

The Maximus Group has been contracted. Information will be emailed to the Alliance

8.4 Business Council
Liaison: Nalinaksha Bhattachayyra, Alternate: Jonathan Anderson

No report was given.

8.5 Student Services Council
http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/2010-08-26.sscag.pdf
Liaison: Genie Babb, Alternate: Cathy Cahill

Genie Babb reported that August 28 was the first time she had heard anything about the Fisher Report and advised that the Fisher Report on Auburn University did not inspire confidence. SSC members echoed Alliance concerns. There will be another Noel Levitz survey (see https://www.noellevitz.com/default.htm?ReturnURL=%2fmyNoel-Levitz%2fMyHome.htm)

8.6 Retirement Committee (Sept 9 TIAA-CREF presentation)

Liaison: Sherry Tamone

The Retirement Committee has not met

8.7 Other Administrative Committees/Councils

There were no other administrative committee or council report.

9. Senate Reports

9.1 UAA

The UAA Faculty Senate has had one meeting, is doing on line course evaluations broken and thinking about how to redo it.

9.2 UAF

The UAF Faculty Senate has had one meeting. The UAF bookstore is back. The senate is considering the UAF budget, accreditation and evaluating its core of general education requirements.

9.3 UAS

The UAS Faculty Senate has had one meeting. The new provost is busy cleaning things up. UAS also has a new dean. The senate is looking at the faculty handbook. There have been lots of changes to the handbook and faculty don't know who is making them. The faculty want a stable document not one that changes all the time.

10. Discussion Topics for October 18, 2010 President's Retreat, Fairbanks

The Alliance will arrive in Fairbanks on Sunday, October 17 in time for a dinner meeting prior to the retreat with President Gamble.

11. Closing Comments

There were no additional comments.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.