Faculty Alliance
Jan 22, 2010
Minutes

Agenda adopted
Minutes approved as amended
Report from Chair
Reviewed minutes – four major issues; academic master plan, legislative audit, new Hex form and thepresidential search. Successes

- That the AMP include faculty input from every point
- Life sciences motion meant a lot to the Board of Regents
- Parnell mentioned that UAF life sciences was his priority
- That the Bor agreed to have one meeting per year at each major academic unit
- SAC continuity

Coming up:
AMP: to be or not to be
Distance ed Monahan is actually moving forward
Background check process
Make sure governance has its own shared spot on the regents agenda than having to do it under public testimony.
Build bridges with the BoR – invite Regent Jacobson to an Alliance meeting in the near future.
Presidential Search – makes the Alliance very nervous. Pres search advisory committee met once and never again. Good to think about a plan of action. Very large pool of applicants, about 30 applicants. Very strong feeling they have already made their decision. Leaning toward a long term Alaskan that is a business person.

SAC meeting – John Petraitis fair amount of time devoted to distance ed especially health related distance education. Karen Perdue and her team did a survey of key people re of all, which are the things we should do first; came up with a way of trying to tackle the de audit re health;
Statewide partner ships re health
System barriers to registration
Ensure optimal learning via distance
There are some things they can do more quickly than other things.
Sandberg met several times with Sally re behavioral health, priorities were voted on by faculty. As well as Allied Health Alliance.
4. Ensure technical support for course delivery not just Banner and IT and whether or not faculty have the training
5. Program evaluation
6. Implications of de for general education stuff –offer more general ed courses by distance.
P20 something about the Alaska Education Council MOA betwwn k12 and UA
Academic Master Plan – Dan is frustrated and has three mouths to feed; pres council, sac and the alliance. The faculty are in agreement on the big sticking point; SAC will get consensus so you can have minority veot. Charge doesn't mention pres cabinet until very end after SAC gets consensus with SAC and senates then it goes to pres cabinet. Pres cabinet is taking the position that it is not inconsistent with the charge.

Everything is broken; no consensus on the plan; out of compliance with the timeline; out of compliance with the pres cabinet.

Options for pres cabinet

- New charge; new plan
- Keep existing charge; do a new plan. Hendricks put together a summary with four column table; one column program areas, second col: who in charge (one MAU or multiple); 3rd areas of research focus; with things that all MAUs would be doing…where is the grad level work. Not brought up to president's cabine
- Tweakingwhathas been put together so far.
- Shoot it and wait for the new president

Summary Jon from Susan: pres cabinet keep the old charge or wait until the new president comes. On February 10 there will be a joint presidents cabinet/SAC meeting. Apparently we are going to spend the entire day on the AMP. Remember the thing we have been talking about has been process. Very much appreciated the process outlined in the original charge and we want to stick to it. There is no academic in the master plan. It is an administrative master plan. It is not about whether or not anchorage has a phd; it is about the money to support that phd. The actual authority rests with pres office and the Board of Regents. Thye are trying to pass off that authority. If I take this to the senate, I would be torn a new one.
Option 1: shoot it. Each mauhas its own master plan
Option 2: write our own.
We are satisfied with the current process. It's all we need. Write a cliff notes

Doctoral issue, not just professional doctorates but all doctorates.
Transform the Anchorage campus to the research campus and not UAF; somewhere in the academic master plan we would like to rapidly increase our research at UAA which is interpreted as uaa wants to be number one
UAA in engineering phd, the engineering building.

Document as it stands is not helping students. Put this thing out of its misery and don't think it's going to be Dan. Thisis like the DC healthcare plan. If there is a document that hasn't been approved by the senates, Force the issue; send the Phd programs forward.

HRC
ITEC bunchof stuff attached. Prioritized by MUST HAVE and NICE TO HAVE
BC – did meet after many confusing emails and two pieces to pass on. When BC is going to meet. Going to have an executive committee that emets every week Trubacz and the vice chancellors and they will make the decisions and BC
HEA disclosure requirements – we didn't get to that. Two pages, appendix A has a summary of institutional disclosure requirements. Rest of the stuff is recommendations on how to do it. Note that there is further explanations in the appendix. IS THE HEA document being considered by other Councils like SAC or ITEC…pretty widely disseminated SEND TO THE OTHER GROUPS FYI. The document requirements has all the info linked to one web page.

SSC hasn't met.

GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

RECRUITMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS Does this apply to the recruitment of faculty? What type of information is obtained. Are criminal background checks done. Faculty would have different opinions as to what. AT WHAT POINT IS THE BACKGROUND CHECK DONE; upon initial application or after the candidate is selected. HAVE JEANNINE SENECHAL COME TO THE NEXT ALLIANCE MEETING TO EXPLAIN FURTHER. IS THIS THE WAY IT IS NOW OR HAS THIS CHANGED SINCE 3/14/07. HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO FACULTY.

No other old business.
No new business

Senate reports – UAA next meeting is 2/5, second half of tenure document revisions to promotion and tenure document, how to get eboard concerns given it was a task force appointed by the provost. The senate really needs to discuss the things that need to be changed. Task force has been holding forums, one this morning, really get the feeling that it is like the health plan forums where the plan is defended; got the feeling it was a fait accompli.

UAF first meeting 2/1; just had adm committee; amp will come up; Hamilton will be invited to speak before his departure. Electronic bookstore, popup bookstore has certain core books that is getting us through this year. Follett has actually offered to have a brick and mortar bookstore and asked faculty to go over the contract. Decided accreditation themes. Marsha will send them out to the Alliance. Senate reapportionment; changing bylaws to include four more senators than current and represent research better. Offered services to retain the presidency for another year. . Reason is to have continuity through pres search, amp and transition.

UAS - vetting the three finalists for provost
Guy from small college in pa, HE'S OKAY.
A woman from Weaver State coming up from next week
Rick Caulfield end of next week.
Wants list of finalists with strengths and weaknesses.

Arts and sciences doing telephone interviews
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Had accreditation visit last fall; accreditors voted a week ago, won't find out for another two weeks.

What do we want to say to the regents. Keep heads down about the academic master plan.

MOTION: The Faculty Alliance moves to encourage the Board of Regents to allow testimony at a distance from a single site at any UA campuses provided the UA campuses give at least three business days written notice to the Board of Regents together with a list of testifiers. This action is effective January 22, 2010.

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