UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

System Governance Council

Monday, April 6, 2009
3:00pm – 5:00 pm, Fairbanks and by audioconference
Bridge # 1-800-893-8850, conference code *8266781*
Fairbanks site: Room 212A, Butrovich Building, Fairbanks Campus

Draft Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Juella Sparks, Anne Bridges, Joe Hayes, Brandon Meston, Paloma Harbour, President Hamilton, Rep for Beth Behner, Dan Julius, Heather Swanson, Kate Ripley, Keni Campbell, Tara Ferguson (SWHR for Beth Behner), Jill Dumesnil, Jason Davis,

2. **Adopt Agenda – passed**

3. **Chair's Report**

Met with Hamilton on the 20th; same budget and salary increase as president hamilton revealed just now. Talked about no governance representation on ITEC. Talked to Jim Durkee about this. Want letter to Hamilton requesting seating on the ITEC. Faculty and staff will do the same. Hamilton labeled the admin councils admin councils and not governance. Hamilton is in support of nonretnetion but wouldn't go beyond that. Explained reasons for memorandum. He is supportive of nonretention but wouldn't comment except he didn't think police escorts were inappropriate. Sparks said nonretention is useful but shouldn't be used in lieu of termination with cause. There is a lawsuit regarding nonretention. Juella recommended that the Council stay aware of the lawsuit, be in communication with Beth Behner on its use in the next academic year. An individual was nonretained and is suing on constitutional grounds.

Advise chair meet with Hamilton at least once per semester. Summarizing the year, enjoyed it and urged you to contribute and communicate what is going on. If we are going to advocate for the university, we need alumni and hopes UAA alumni has someone on the Council soon. By breaking up our appropriations, makes it political. Be an advocate, be informed, and while I understand regionalism but in the end. Pushing any one of us forward at the expense of the others. Will work with Pat to summarize issues so next fall the Council will hit the ground running.

Re ITEC, governance should really have a seat at the table.

The compensation committee is now taking input from general staff directly instead of through govenrance and that might prolong the decision date. Jeannine was supposed to have it back to us for a vote but now delayed. Was supposed

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Academic and Student affairs will discuss tuition at the Board of Regents April meeting. Dan encouraged Stephanie to get with Saichi Oba. Kate said President Hamilton's tuition memo comes out the week after the Board meeting. Stephanie said President Hamilton is relooking at the tuition for FY10. Marsha Sousa said that at the UAF Faculty Senate chancellor rogers said the Baord willl be revisiting the FY10 tuition rates with an eye toward raising the FY10 tuition rates. Instead of 4 and 7 percent for FY10 may be looking at 5 and 10. April 19 is the last legislative day. The other reason Brandon is going down is that the nonretention policy to include sexual identities etc. (call Brandon for explanation).

4. **President Hamilton**

Budget – Best way to say it; pay salaries and keep the lights on; difficult to complain about the budget given other state agencies may not have done as well as we have. Funded salary piece with a 400,000 hold back and directed executive salaries be frozen; will probably do that, beginning July 1. About a million for health and a million for energy, health on house energy in the senate. We thnk they will leverage each other and agree to both of them. Lots of nickle and dime stuff—will have to do a lot of scrutiny across the board. For a relatively significant period of time we got a good amount of money at the system level and try to get the campuses on general fund and fund SW on soft money through interest income etc. That has always been very easy and secure (interest income) because we invested in securities which don't pay now because b anks couldn't pay it. We are increasing the tech fee from $2 to 4 to begin to recoup; charging for positions we formerly could afford without recharge. Last year we gave $7 million in interest income to the campuses but can't do it now. Don't think we will get capital enough to make a difference. WE need to break ground on something like this or it will affect the overhead recovery rate. The stimulus package is interesting; the bulk of the biddable money is energy climate, outreach and lots of things we are in position to bid if only the agencies would figure out the playing field and rules. No money for expansion of workforce development. Have a multiple appropriations scenario (senate side); legislature has chosen to not trust the BoR. Cuts down on budget prep because we need the same things next year as this year, except we need K12 and have to figure out how to fund that. Need similar look at capital. Need health sciences building once advertised as BIOS; had it on the budget for six years with no takers; no brainer, self sufficient but no takers. Will recovent the budget planning groups to look forward beyond next year. Will add one this year for the arts and humanities to talk about the citizenship piece. The short answer is there is nothing to be afraid of; will continue along the way we have. For statewide in particular, will see more and more introspection about hiring people or additional service because SW budget won't increase. Took away "$750,000 last year, $400,000 this year (executive salary freeze only yields about $150,000. Had six vice presidents and won't replace two; pitney and jim johnson.

Person opinion is that Alaska missed the gas pipeline. LNG pricess won't justify. Supply of natural gas is very remarkable and coming on line: indonesia and Sudan. Oil will go back up to $75 bbl and $4 for gas. Long term outlook isn't wonderful for Alaska. This could be good for AK; need to deal

with energy price stability internally within the state. Take our gas and run it to Fairbanks; convert to LNG and use it internally; gives us something to offer industry. Why don't we bargain with energy price stability. Should have had Exxon build us two refineries in exchange for EO going aground and call it even. We would today be stable and selling our own resources to attract industries that can replace our dependency on natural resource extraction. Even if we had the gas pipeline, we would have extended same problem out 30-40 years. Geothermal is a big exciting factor. Lots of people outside think Nome is the capital. Chena Hot Springs is also exciting can produce electricity for all of Chena Hot Springs. PHS can satisfy electronic needs of Nome. Will continue to fight against layoffs but will be very tight on additional hires and services at statewide; because hard to predict a sustainable budget when you are living off interest income. Things will be tight at statewide until the situation eases, couple of years. Absurd to think SW can do more with less; our people work very hard. It is very difficult to let go of a services that is needed and appreciated. End result is that people devote a lot of time doing it anyway.

5. Board of Regents Meeting April 8-9, 2009 Attachment 5.

See above.

6. Legislative Update

Hawker, Crawford and one other appointed to conference committee from the House.

8. System Governance Reports

8.1 Faculty Alliance Attachment 9.1

Faculty Alliance meets on Friday

8.2 Staff Alliance Attachment 9.2

Nonretention, healthcare, SMSC, health risk assessments are now open; go back to groups and communicate, WIN doing the assessment now; not Summex.

8.3 Coalition of Student Leaders Attachment 9.3

Coalition of Student Leaders will have a summit in June; elect 2009-2010 chair. Didn't have quorum so had an informal discussion. Saichi was there to talk about the tuition increase; AAIP status-most likely no further action until next session because of stimulus package; discussed retreat.

8.4 Alumni Associations Attachment 9.4

Keni Campbell said when UAF alumni had their flyin; had a joint meeting between all three campuses; shared where struggles on each campus; how we can help each other; next day Joe held a reception and had UAS alumni there too. Feeling really good about working togetyer; had the spring auction and dinner; actually surpassed previous years; from auction sales netted $14, 200 for scholarships; very proud of that. Student alumni association aprticipating in day of caring; golf tournament and baseball on June 20 to meet in Seattle at the Mariners game.

9. Local Governance Reports

9.1 UAA Attachment 10.1

Anne Bridges reported that April 3, President Hamilton talked to the senate same stuff as today; Trubach talked about the financial situation. On April 11, UAA is having first day of service; UAA at

Bean's Cafe in accordance with Obama call for service. We have revamped constitution and bylaws; ballot going out to faculty this week.

9.2 UAF Attachment 10.2

UAF Senate just finished its faculty senate; new faculty president-elect Kathy Kahill, a certificate in ethno botany at Kusko and master of science in mech engineering. Wanted Terry MacTaggart to do UAF like he did statewide and he got as far as Seattle and stopped by Redoubt. Skarland Hall will have to be closed because plumbing cannot be repaired. The old Upark building, one wing of it will have to be torn down because the heat tunnels have collapse. Houses a lot of community stuff, nursing, police academy etc. (get list from Marsha). WE are getting some deferred maintenance in capital and stimulus package.

UAF Staff Council revamping constitution; involved in staff appreciation day May 11 and just opened president-elect process; elections May 11. Individuals involved in forming a UAF PAC. Very excited about staff appreciation day.

Brandon reported freshmen that would have been housed at Skarland will now be housed in lower dorms which doesn't sit well with grad students. Scared situation will extend to Moore Hall which means 700 beds total lost and we lose are residential status. AAIP is hosting an AAIP march on April 10 that may extend past West Vally and Hutch. Recycling plastics from vending machines. Going to Valdez for BoR issue and nondiscrimination policy. Go over the budget; had an increase but didn't get it in on time for catalogs so can't initiate it until next year. Student interest in renewable energy; every semester students will pay a $20 fee to go to energy efficiency projects. Fee would be for a ten year period and review for another ten years. The new student regent is Ashton Compton.

9.3 UAS Attachment 10.3

Heather reported still has senator issues with losing Senator Elton. Tish Griffin is retiring, has been here about 25 years; we will miss her. The AS dean search is down to three candidates; will start to do final interviews. Some remodeling has been done; computer lab is opened, ordering new furniture for cafeteria. The cafeteria has a new manager who is trying hard to improve service and food quality. Community Day at end of May; bowling for kids last Saturday, 45 faculty and staff participated; staff development day is May 15.

Ashley reported USUAS_j winding down from conference and doing the budget; leaving for Valdez tomorrow. Community council meeting today; bridge access is still in the works; hear good thngs about dining services management. Have a $5 student fee increase effective ths spring which got us out of the hole; looking very good for next year. Looking forward to commencement because Smashley graduating.

9.4 Statewide Attachment 10.4

Paloma reported SAA is working on everything SA is working on. Elections final today. Last Friday outstanding employee award deadline. Participating in heart walk some building issues.

10. Other items of interest

Juella is thanked for her leadership. Her term of office ends June 30. As a matter of tradition, a plaque is prepared for the outgoing chair.

11. Comments

12. Adjourn

References:

1. **Members**
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5. **Board of Regents April 8-9.2009 meeting**
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8.1 **Faculty Alliance**
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8.2 **Staff Alliance**
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8.3 **Coalition of Student Leaders**
http://www.alaska.edu/governance/students/

8.4 **Alumni associations**
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9.1 **UAA Governance**
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9.2 **UAF Governance**
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9.3 **UAS Governance**
http://www.uas.alaska.edu/gov/student/
http://www.uas.alaska.edu/staffcouncil/
http://www.uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/

9.4 **Statewide Administration Assembly**
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