

UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA

System Governance Council

Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2013

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Via audio conference

Bridge# 1-800-893-8850, Pin 8266781

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

Voting Members Present:

Joe Hayes, Chair; Executive Director, UAF Alumni Association

Faculty:

Cathy Cahill, Chair, Faculty Alliance; Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

Mike Stekoll, President, UAS Faculty Senate

Staff:

Monique Musick, President, Statewide Administration Assembly

Gwenna Richardson, President, UAS Staff Council

Juella Sparks, Chair, Staff Alliance; President, UAF Staff Council

Coalition of Student Leaders:

Sharon Carter, Representative, UAS - Sitka Student Body President

S. Denise Reeve, President, MSC Student Government Council

Shauna Thornton, Speaker, Coalition of Student Leaders; Past President, KRCSU

Alumni:

Keni Campbell, Manager, UAS Alumni Association

Rachel Morse, Interim Director, UAA Alumni Relations

Staff Present:

LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests Present:

Dana Thomas, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Paula Donson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ann Ringstad, Development Officer, UAF College of Engineering and Mines

2. **Adopt Agenda**

Keni moved to adopt agenda and Shauna seconded.

Change UAA Classified Chair to Connie Dennis.

Agenda adopted with changes.

3. **Approve Minutes**

The location of the last minutes are unknown.

4. **Chair's Report**

Welcome to LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance

5. **Strategic Direction Initiative Status –Paula Donson**

<http://www.alaska.edu/shapingalaskasfuture/>

A large meeting is planned for February 20 to discuss phase 3 of SDI. Sixty-eight people: chancellors, provosts, governance groups etc. are planned to come, along with Terry McTaggart from Maine. They will look at the topics and initiatives to use at UA. All three MAUs will be involved in the selection according to priorities. Handouts of the SDI materials will be available. There are over 10 full pages of 30 or 40 products including videos, Facebook, and YouTube. Advising programs are promoted online and are in place. Paula will send to LaNora a table of all the video clips and accomplishments. They will be available directly on the SDI sites. President Gamble presented SDI before the Finance Committee and then the Academic Committee. Each chancellor will choose the teams to work on the issues.

Clarity about SDI: It is an initiative by the president as a University transformation project. The president will be handing it to the chancellor's on Feb. 20. The chancellor's will be counting on the leadership at each campus.

The metrics assist in measuring the initiatives. The process helps to monitor the health of institutions.

6. **Health Care Forum Update** – Gwenna Richardson, member of JHCC

JHCC met last Friday, staff SHCC met today – RSP pharmacy and medical will be combined – notice of intent was sent to Premera. The VSP has been awarded. The motion has been confirmed to stay with the signature plan. Approximately 300 people attended the health care forums. Two of the motions have been rescinded: the spousal surcharge and the opt out option. The opt out option was the number one motion most talked about and the spousal surcharge was second. The rest of the motions are going forward. There is a decrease in the number of high-class claims. Emergency room visits rose, and it is not driven by the rural areas. Preventive visits are down. The generic brand use through pharmacy increased. Obesity is the driver to some of the chronic conditions. Eighty-four percent of the UA Diabetes Type II population is non-compliant.

7. **Legislative Outlook** - Ann Ringstad

The legislature is deep into the 90-day session that ends on April 14. The governor chose to fund salary increases, but little in the operating budget. House finance is now looking at the budget, but only the governor allotments and not the UA requests. We do not advocate for things not in the budget. It will probably be March before it is finished. There is still time to talk to your legislators. It will be mid-March before we know about the engineering buildings. 250 million dollars will be asked in a few years to cover the power plant. You can find Talking Points online on the alumni association page. The goal is to present a united UA front in Juneau to help sell the UA needs to the legislators. They are looking at less income and energy cost and oil taxes (affects the budget) which are very conservative this year.

Monique mentioned another source: www.Alaska.edu/state

8. **Policy and Regulations Review** - Dana Thomas

The president asked for a review of all policy and regulations and it is under way. SAC has gone through many of the academic policies and proposed changes. They have completed seven of those areas and submitted the material to General Council. Board policies will go before the BOR and the UA regulations go before the president.

There is a spreadsheet listing who is responsible for reviewing what and Dana will send it out.

9. **System Governance Reports**

- 9.1 Coalition of Student Leaders
They are hurriedly getting ready for the Legislative Session coming this weekend February 9 -13. The students had calendars made to give out in Juneau. They are broadening their voice through Facebook and materials.
- 9.2 Faculty Alliance
Projects they are currently working on: students primary cut-scores across English and Math, ELab Task Force, what is the timeline to have science labs on time, SDI metrics, American Association and Colleges Institute retreat focusing on learning outcomes and expectations e.g. transferability.
- 9.3 Staff Alliance
A work survey is now on the staff blog. It shows the discussion items to have with administration. They are encouraging communication on health care and the compensation working group is putting proposals together for a better compensation package.
- 10 **Local Governance Reports**
- 10.1 UAS
Staff - Gwenna Richardson
- getting ready to have a staff council retreat in Sitka.
 - currently preparing a staff excellence award and they are using UAA and UAF's as a guideline.
 - A regional staff development day is in the works.
- Faculty* - Mike Stekoll
- revising the faculty handbook and trying to pin down professional development and online evaluations.
- Alumni* - Keni Campbell
- held their annual meeting last month. They are creating chapters in ANC and FAI.
 - participating in the ice cream social in Juneau
 - April 5 fundraiser; Mary Poppins in Anchorage
 - Tentatively having a golf tournament
 - Alumni suite July 13 with Fairbanks
- 10.2 UAA
Alumni - Rachel Morse
- Thursday seated a brand new board – Feb 25 will be first meeting.
- 10.3 UAF
Staff - Juella Sparks
- preparing for orientation
 - had elections in December and there are new members from rural areas and IT
 - Staff Alliance is starting the Staff Makes Students Count Award process
- Alumni* - Joe Hayes
- Had a board meeting 2 weeks ago
 - Will have elections for new seats in April
 - Feb 16 wine tasting
 - Chancellor's gala raised \$40,000 last weekend
- 10.4 SW
Staff - Monique Musick
- SAA elections coming up
 - working on communication with administration
 - working on compensation

- web time-sheets are up and running and looking forward to online performance appraisals

11. **Other Items of Concern**

None

12. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting** (via audio conference)

Chair elections – might stay with the same ones we have right now

13 **Comments**

Joe Hayes apologized for tardiness of meetings. They were put off because of an empty System Governance Office. It is important for all the groups to meet to give support during this time with serious issues going on.

Gwenna Richardson requested a copy of the agenda of JHCC to be attached to the Systems Governance Council.

Monique Musick said the respective groups are trying to get people getting motivated. This is a good place at this level to discuss how to get people involved.

Cathy Cahill reminded everyone about the SDI meeting on the February 20 and, hopefully, there will be more clarity.

Denise Reeve stated that the students feel very engaged on SDI and it brings a connection to all the groups.

14. **Adjourn**

Shauna motioned.

Denise seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm.