

UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA

System Governance Council

Minutes

Monday, April 15, 2013

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

via audio conference

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members Present:

Faculty:

Robert Boeckman, President, UAA Faculty Senate

Jennifer Reynolds, 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:

Ayla O'Scannell, UAF, Senate Chair

S. Denise Reeve, UAA Mat-Su, President

Alumni:

Joe Hayes, Spokesperson, System Governance Council; Executive Director, UAF Alumni Association

Rachel Morse, Interim Director, UAA Alumni Relations

Staff:

LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance

Joseph Altman, Coordinator, System Governance

Guests Present:

Paula Donson, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

Michelle Rizk, Associate Vice President of Budget, and Interim Chief Human Resources Officer

2. Adopt Agenda

Denise motioned to approve agenda, Jennifer seconded.

3. Approve Minutes from February 4, 2013

Attachment 1

Gwenna moved and Denise seconded. The February 4, 2013 minutes were approved.

4. Chair's Report

At the next meeting, discuss the elections in September 2013 for council members.

5. Strategic Direction Initiative Status –Paula Donson

The February moved SDI into phase three. The work starts now. Deans and directors will be meeting with Dana Thomas three times in the next two weeks, and on May 31 they will meet with Terry McTaggart. Effect statements will be coming out from each campus soon.

6. Health Care Update

Gwenna – JHCC did not meet in March. Open enrollment started today. New plans are available. Three plans: 750, HDHP, SDHC with the HAS (Health Savings Account) available July 1, 2013. Everyone should receive a packet in the mail. Contact the your HR office with any questions. Rates dropped some but there is an increase with 3 or more children. Pharmacy will be through Blue Cross Blue Shield and include in the same health card. Cost decreased a little to employee's out-of-pocket expenses.

7. Legislative Report – Michelle Rizk

End of session report from Chris Christensen coming up soon. Session ended yesterday. University did okay. 2.5 million in general funds more than governor gave. Salary increases funded, million facilities and repair, life sciences facilities. 3.25 increase for staff. High demand program requests – 6.2 from board – governor did not include, but got one million and a half – 400 for advising, 200 for ELearning, MAPs program out of statewide and other programs. Capital budget 15 million each for engineering buildings – covers work for this fiscal year. 30 million for deferred maintenance, 2.5 million for energy and power, Juneau Campus mining workforce development, continue with cold climate project. No money given for UAF Power Plant.

8. Policy and Regulations Review

Tabled until next September

9. System Governance Reports

9.1 Coalition of Student Leaders

Graduation plans occurring along with the events. Legislative Advocacy trip in February to Juneau went well. More student input will be coming regarding the differential tuition increase in the School of Management. Trying to get a feeling from students at large.

9.2 Faculty Alliance

There was a robust discussion about Massively Open Online Courses (MOOCs). Strict branding of online courses offered usually for free and no assessment of what students have learned. Faculty are not recommending accepting MOOC courses due to the dynamic venue and type of quality. Another issue is about the BOR policy focusing on academic integrity and misconduct revision: the language in the revised is overbroad and would create a burden to both faculty and students.

9.3 Staff Alliance

Spring retreat last month. Reviewing grievance policy and regulations – put forward proposals for discussion. Leave accruals, longevity. Another issue with President Gamble came up regarding bullying in the workplace. It might require a marketing campaign.

10. Local Governance Reports

10.1 UAS

Mike Stekoll – Revised faculty handbook and sent to their Senate for review and hoping to have it approved next month. Asked to make files electronic. Approved an associate science degree. Aligned transfer credits with UAA and UAF. C minus and D minus transfers.
Gwenna Richardson – Closed on staff excellence award and got it in place. The winners will receive award May 15. Graduation plans are underway. In the midst of elections for new vice president and secretary.

10.2 UAA

Faculty Senate - Robert– see Faculty Alliance notes. Working on constitution to include research and also the faculty evaluation process. Training the trainers will take place for faculty. They are moving ahead on E-portfolios at an integrated level.
Denise – UAA held their elections last week for fall and they have many volunteers working on graduation.

10.3 UAF

Faculty Senate – Jennifer – approved a new BA in secondary education. The teacher training and topic training will be together. Strategic Plan will be finished this summer. They approved a centralized location for expanded course descriptions. The main purpose is to provide information for advising.

Staff Council – Juella – A lot of turnover with committee members, but added many new members in January. Just finished Staff Makes Students Count Award. Working on staff development day.

Student Council - Ayla

Student advocacy trip took place in February. Looking into differential tuition rate. Elections coming up this week for president and vice president. Hosting students

10.4 SW

Staff - Monique Musick – Erica explained in detail the changes to the health care plan at the last meeting. Elections end today. Changes to bylaws regarding the person SAA reports to. Will be formalizing the changes at the next meeting.

10.5 Alumni

Anchorage – Rachel – Host UAA alumni leader meeting. Working on UAA staff and faculty club. UAA development day info will be available. Will be a new director at the next council meeting.

Fairbanks – Went to Juneau legislative session. Held an event with UAS in Juneau. There was an alumni meeting in Houston last year. Will have a party for graduates at the pub. Will have new board members elected soon. May 3 and 4 will be alumni meetings.

11. Other Items of Concern

11.1 Calendar planning for 2013-14

11.2 Proposed changes to the Constitution from November 2011 Attachment 2

The deadline for suggested changes to the constitution, send to LaNora by May 10, 2013.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Items to add for the September 2013 meeting: elect the new spokesperson, amend the constitution, and invite the president to attend the next meeting.

13. Comments

14. Adjourn

Joe moved to adjourn. Denise seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.