



UNIVERSITY
of ALASKA

Many Traditions One Alaska

Minutes
System Governance Council
Thursday, February 15, 2017
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Audio: 1-855-280-1855

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Quorum was not reached at the meeting. Members in attendance opted to hear updates from the two scheduled guests, and to discuss the draft resolution regarding publically posting recordings of BOR meetings.

Voting Members:

Kara Axx, Chair, Staff Alliance, AY18S SGC Chair
Chris Fallen, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance
Lisa Hoferkamp, Chair, Faculty Alliance
Kate Ripley, Director, UAF Alumni

Ex Officio Members:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Members Absent:

Colby Freel, Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders
Nathan Grilley, Vice Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders
Kolene James, Vice Chair, Staff Alliance
Jessy Post, Manager, UAS Alumni
VACANT, UAA Alumni Relations

Guests:

Miles Baker, Associate Vice President for Government Relations
Mary Gower, Chief Title IX Officer

2. Adopt Agenda

3. Approve November 20 Minutes
Postponed to the next meeting.

[Reference 1](#)

4. Public Comments
None given.

5. Title IX Update – Mary Gower (2:10-2:30)

[Reference 2](#)

Mary gave a quick review of recent TIX activities: UA has completed the first year of the voluntary resolution agreement (VRA), which included several mandates and hard deadlines from the Office of Civil Rights (OCR). Policies and procedures are now in place ([Chapter 01.04](#)) and submitted to OCR (no response received yet but one is anticipated and may include additional direction and new changes to policy). One recent development is the 2011 and 2014 Dear Colleague letters, which have given universities direction on how TIX is enforced, were rescinded in fall 2017 by Secretary DeVos's administration. UA expects to see the new proposed regulations/guidance sometime in March. There have been significant training efforts for both had to create structures for reporting and communication for students internally and externally across the university as part of the training (so they would know who to turn to or where to go to report an incident). UA currently has MOUs with law enforcement on when UA would stand down. UA also issued a climate survey in October 2017. Student committees formed at each university for feedback and review. There were also 20 cases OCR had requested continued review and UA has looked into them and worked to define and address the root of those issues. UA is conducting a case file review from 2014-15 and 2015-16 to ensure the university has taken appropriate action and, if not, remedy the situation. UA also supplies every case file submitted under Title IX to OCR for their review/tracking.

In spring 2018, UA will proceed with Sexual Misconduct Training (through Haven) for students, which will be offered both online and in-person. There will be a penalty registration hold for non-compliant students (only for the two week period of 'priority' registration). On the employee side, they have integrated training with myUA/PageUp through EverFi's Bridges module, which is a slightly shorter training (60 min v. 1.5 hour) than last year's; employees will only have to complete a refresher course in subsequent years (20 min). Employees will need to take the full training one more time (regardless of whether they took the full training last year) and then will only have to take the refresher course after that.

Lisa noted she had met with Mary earlier in the week and they discussed a training developed by UA faculty (in-house), as well as having faculty taking a second look at some of the policies in 01.04. and suggesting new edits. Lisa also asked about the campus committees and the level of faculty and student representation; Mary noted she was working to increase participation from the rural campuses.

Chris noted he had put together a committee of faculty and staff at UAF who are interested in working on TIX issues; they have worked with EEO Director Margo Griffith and are willing to review policy and provide feedback on procedures and guidelines.

6. Chair's Report – Kara Axx

Kara noted she was snowed in and didn't have her notes. Asked members if they were okay with reviewing the business items—there were no objections.

7. Legislative Update – Miles Baker (2:45-3:15)

[Reference 3](#)

Miles reported the budget process had started in the House three weeks ago, and they have had six meetings so far. VC for Research Hinzman is in Juneau this week and will present on how

research solves Alaska's real world problems and increases the quality of education on UA campuses. UA's current approach in pitching budget was to break it into strategic goals established by the Board of Regents. Those goals include contributing to Alaska's economic development, providing Alaska with a skilled workforce, growing Alaskan research, and increasing degree attainment. For those goals, UA has requested \$15M in strategic investment; as well as \$10M in fixed cost increases, which accounts for the increase in budget from last year. AVP Saichi Oba will give a presentation on education attainment. Next week, the subcommittee for higher education will entertain amendments to UA budget and then will close out the House budget on Thursday. Miles noted he was hopeful there would be an increase from the governor's budget (\$317M). The Senate side started their process this week. President Johnsen gave a presentation, also on operating and deferred maintenance (how the list is developed and prioritized).

One other big push that UA is making in Juneau this year is support for extension of the higher education tax credit (private sector businesses received a tax credit when they make donations to higher education institutions). The sunset clause on this bill goes into effect on Dec. 31, 2018. Several sectors of industry (especially mining) are supportive of renewing/continuing the bill. UA gets the bulk of donations under this tax credit, although there are other vocation schools who receive some as well. Having first hearing in House Education Committee on their version of the bill.

Next week there is the Alumni Fly-In, with all three alumni associations, in Juneau. Also next week, the Juneau Economic Development Corporation (JEDC) will host an innovation summit (for the fourth or fifth year)—and lots of UA folks will participate in that—several from ACEP and OIPC at UAF will attend. Miles noted he is trying to leverage the fact they are in town and has worked to arrange some hearings in the Capitol so they can get as much exposure for UA as possible. This year, UA is really working to explain why and how research is so integral to Alaska—because a lot of legislators don't really know about it.

Miles noted members could reach out to him at any time.

8. New Business – Postponed to the next meeting

8.1. BOR recordings available online

[Reference 4](#)

Members present reviewed the draft resolution and suggested edits; they also asked questions about capacity (bandwidth, etc.), how long recordings should be kept online.

9. Ongoing Business – Postponed to the next meeting

9.1. Faculty and Staff Regents at UA

9.2. Meeting Requirements

[Reference 5](#)

9.3. Public Testimony at BOR meetings

[Reference 6](#)

Chris asked if he could distribute the GDoc to people outside the Council; there were no objections.

10. Member Updates – Postponed to the next meeting

10.1. Alumni

10.2. Faculty

10.3. Staff

10.4. Students

11. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Any business not addressed today.

12. Information from Reports/Roundtable/Announcements

Morgan will send a doodle poll to determine the next Council meeting—likely in late March or early April.

Please share the draft resolution and the public testimony suggestion doc with your respective governance groups for feedback.

In an effort to reach quorum at each meeting, please remember that you can delegate your vote to another member of your organization.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

DRAFT