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Minutes
System Governance Council

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Audio: 1-855-280-1855

(Please mute unless speaking.)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members:

Kara Axx, Chair, Staff Alliance, AY18S SGC Chair

Chris Fallen, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance

Colby Freel, Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders

Kolene James, Vice Chair, Staff Alliance

Jessy Post, Manager, UAS Alumni

Kate Ripley, Director, UAF Alumni

Ex Officio Members:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Members Absent:

Nathan Grilley, Vice Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders

Lisa Hoferkamp, Chair, Faculty Alliance

2. Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

3. Review of February 15 Notes

The minutes were approved without amendment.

[Reference 1](#)

4. Public Comments

None given.

5. Chair's Report – Kara Axx

Nothing major to report. Has met with President Johnsen a couple times; biggest takeaway is the budget and legislative session. Also discussed the low high school graduation rate in Alaska, and the lowest college-going rate in the nation—this is an opportunity for increasing enrollment at UA.

Kate – how to relay to leadership in a constructive way – need leadership to talk more publically about the good that UA is doing for the state and what we do well now – better marketing for the good things that are happening at our university. A lot of the negative things have been around for a while and are outside of the university’s control (i.e. the budget situation, low college-going rate, etc.). Kara noted she agreed and has mentioned during her meetings with President Johnsen and Chancellor White. Agrees focusing on positive messaging would be useful and could be improved on in the future. Chris agreed that he has seen this as well, and noted that

6. New Business

6.1. BOR recordings available online

[Reference 2](#)

See also Johnsen response to Faculty Alliance

[Reference 3](#)

Members discussed the response from President Johnsen. Overall, they did not feel the reasons listed were sufficient to discourage the posting of meeting recordings. Noted nuance of meetings are hard to get from minutes alone, hard for staff/students/faculty to attend the entire meetings, might help increase engagement with the Board. Members agreed to vote on the resolution by email.

6.2. Call for Open Resources at UA

[Reference 4](#)

The Coalition of Student Leaders did not pass this resolution but plan to take it back up at their summit in the fall. Chris noted that faculty overall seem to be supportive of this initiative, however, there may be other issues playing into textbook selection that should be reviewed prior to endorsing the students’ position.

7. Ongoing Business

7.1. Adding Faculty and Staff Regents at UA

Does not look like this will move this session. No new updates from Justin Parrish, who had agreed to sponsor the bill (Parish is not seeking re-election either). Adam Wool indicated his caucus was not supportive so he was not going to introduce the bill at this time.

7.2. Meeting Requirements

[Reference 5](#)

MOTION: Chris moved to approve, seconded by Kate.

VOTE: 5-0

OUTCOME: Motion carries

7.3. Public Testimony at BOR meetings

[Reference 6](#)

Members reviewed the list of suggestions and agreed to have the chair send a memo to the Board with their recommendations. Kate suggested that having an after 5pm call-in time was still useful for people who couldn’t call in during work hours.

8. Member Updates

8.1. Alumni

Kate reported she was leaving UAF Alumni and that she has greatly enjoyed serving as the executive director and serving on the System Governance Council. She noted they hope to hire a new executive director later this summer.

Jessy noted UAS Alumni has a few more events planned for this spring/summer. Annual golf tournament that is one of their biggest fundraisers. Also planning an event in Seattle in June. And then the scholarship committee is working on the current awards cycle and have started using Academic Works to help evaluate applicants.

8.2. Faculty

Chris reported the Faculty Alliance is wrapping up for the year. He will transition to chair for AY19. They are working to finalize a few resolutions and recommendations to the administration. The Faculty Innovation Fund is accepting proposals and will begin evaluating those shortly. The Alliance is also involved in recruitments of the new CITO and the VPASA. Have also provided feedback on the development of an online UA Portal. Faculty still have concerns about potential outsourcing of distance education.

8.3. Staff

Kolene reported UAS Staff Council is getting ready to hold elections for the next year. Kolene will be transitioning out of governance at UAS, and plans to go back to school next year (yay!). They are preparing for their annual staff development day; they are going to include faculty in this year's event. The Staff Alliance recently passed a resolution requesting staff governance be included on executive recruitment committees, and are still considering a resolution in support of increasing non-exempt layoff notice to three months.

8.4. Students

Morgan reported the students had a successful legislative conference in Juneau in March. Over 30 students met with close to 60 legislators over two days. The students developed their own personal story to share during meetings and overall received very positive feedback about their advocacy for the university.

9. Information from Reports/Roundtable/Announcements

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.