

Faculty Alliance Report to UAA, UAF, UAS Faculty Senates
from Jennifer Ward, AY24 Chair of Faculty Alliance 10/1/23

The Faculty Initiative Fund is Open!

[See submission information here.](#) The Deadline to submit is November 5, awards will be announced by the end of December.

If you are a faculty member not planning to submit a project, then consider being a reviewer. This university-wide leadership opportunity is a good way to see the types of projects being proposed across the system in this competitive program, and it could help you with your own future proposal writing. The faculty alliance rep at your faculty senate can get you the information about how to apply for the review process. Reviewers will be finalized at the 10/27/23 alliance meeting.

Discussions with statewide leadership on improving practices for evaluation and review of executive leadership.

Faculty Alliance invited President Pitney to our 9/15/23 meeting to follow-up on a series of memos requesting a process for formative evaluation of executive-level administrators. We discussed the importance of accountability to the system and the public, and to have the ability to openly discuss goal-setting for administrators. The Alliance Chair was invited to participate in the 360 evaluation of the VP Academic and Student Affairs position and to comment on the review of the President's performance. President Pitney will invite Chair Ward for more conversations about the VP ASA and President evaluations and what the next steps will be for operationalizing reviews of Chancellors, Provosts, and other leadership positions.

The Faculty Alliance had a meeting on 9/29/23, 3:30-5.

Our first guest was Teri Cothren, Assoc VP Workforce Development. Teri presented to the Alliance on UA Workforce Reports, Career Coach, and Handshake and how they support student success. She is looking for faculty leaders to share these resources through faculty senates and asked what other reports would be useful. We discussed the Biden regulations on career education programs. See the [Chronicle article](#).

Our second guest was Megan Buzby, Professor Mathematics UAS, Common Calendar Committee Chair. Megan shared the role of the committee in the past and the calendar draft that they are proposing to the Academic Council. Chair Ward will follow up with Chair Buzby and the committee about the bylaws as they currently exist and if any changes should be made to it.

The Senates are working on Academic Integrity policies.

Retreat

The Faculty Alliance will have a Retreat on the UAA Campus on 10/14/23, 10am-5pm. University of Alaska Anchorage Library Dean's Conference Room. The retreat agenda is still being finalized.