

Faculty Alliance Meeting Notes 3/26/2021

Chad Hutchison provided a state legislative update:

- American Recovery Plan and the Infrastructure Plan may bring funding for broadband infrastructure in Alaska, workforce development, teacher education, and research
- Capital Projects, Land Grants, and House Bills (education, dual enrollment, and reporting) are being addressed
- No movement on Faculty Regent Bill

Paul Layer provided a SW update:

- The teacher preparation revision report was given to the interim president and she returned it asking for revisions, the version should be presented to the education committee members soon
- Paul mentioned the education faculty/provost complaint about spring break alignment with the Fairbanks school district. The common calendar committee worked hard and persistently as well as ethically and professionally on the CCC. The BOR asked the committee to form and collaborate. Faculty requested an update.

Update: During the entire period (6) years that the CC has been in existence, it has not been aligned with school district calendars. No one at UAF has mentioned a conflict before. This actually allows education faculty members to supervise during the university break period. The CC was created after all Universities; UAF included, sat at the table for many months and came up with a collaborative and effective product that satisfied the BOR requirement. Many universities are changing their traditional spring breaks to accommodate students by starting a week later in the fall or adding a week to winter break. A consideration of this type would be appreciate to bring to the BOR. The 52/53 school districts in Alaska are free to change and modify their spring breaks according to their districts wishes. The UA teacher preparation programs serve students across the state at all universities as well as in their communities. UA system students taking classes at more than one university would be impacted if the spring breaks were different. This affects all programs schools colleges at universities not just the UAF teacher preparation program.

- There are four nominations for student regent- appointed by June

Michelle Pope provided an update on the post COVID Workplace:

- Michelle spoke about faculty representation from all universities on all three teams involved
- Remote work is not in BOR policy- hope to have the necessary components to offer flexibility in the workplace r to work remotely and on campus without changing policy but will address policy change if needed
- Faculty expressed concerns for staff

FS Updates:

UAA: Diversity Committee reviewed ANSC Resolution and it is supported, chancellor search is hard work but UAA has some potential candidates- 10 finalists, the admin. review report will be turned in on Friday to the Chancellor

UAS: UAS is working on revising the adjunct form, creating a committee for the Provost search in the fall, Arts and Sciences is searching for a dean currently and the AKCOE is searching for a Director and searching for one elementary and one special education tenure track lines

UAF: Concerns about targeted faculty, program restructure, athletic consultants, and letters of expectations were expressed

Maria Williams provided an update of the ANSC:

ANSC suggested to UA administration that First Alaskans Institute do a study/information gathering -that offer was rejected, a consultant was hired at SW to lead the equity review- First Alaskans will do the work for the ANSC anyway- FS- take resolution to senates and confirm support – support for the ANSC recommendations

Nelta Edwards requested that FA look at letter of inquiry form UNAC regarding the athletic consultants hired at UAF – they want the FA to support the letter- FA needs more information and will seek input from the senates

Kelly James forwarded information form HR regarding the elimination of some temporary employee categories and provided a survey for stakeholder input- presidents will take to their senates

Discussion ensued regarding the sun setting of FA Task Forces