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Minutes

Faculty Alliance

January 10, 2020

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

[Zoom Recording](#)

Members

xMaria Williams, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance
Heather Batchelder, President, UAS Faculty Senate, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance
Sine Anahita, President, UAF Faculty Senate, ON LEAVE
xOrion Lawlor, UAF Representative for President Anahita
Donie Bret-Harte, Past-President, UAF Faculty Senate
xScott Downing, President, UAA Faculty Senate
Robin Gilcrist, Past-President, UAS Faculty Senate
Jak Maier, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
xDavid Noon, President-Elect UAS Faculty Senate
xKelly Smith, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

Staff

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

Paul Layer, Vice President for Academics, Students and Research

1. Roll and Call to Order
The meeting came to order at 2:34 p.m. and quorum was met.
2. Adopt Agenda
Members reviewed the agenda and had no additions.
3. [Chair's Report](#)

4. Discuss logistics for January 16-17 BOR meeting in Anchorage
Members reviewed the BOR agenda and timing of presentations and governance reports.
Due to Maria's teaching schedule, it was decided Scott would provide the Faculty Alliance report on Friday.
5. [Chair's email/letter to Chair Buretta and President Johnsen requesting a Faculty Rep to UA BOR](#)
6. Guest Comments
 - a. Paul Layer - VP Layer provided updates on the upcoming BOR meeting and engaged in a discussion on the legislative bills proposing a faculty regent.
7. Faculty Senate Update
 - a. [UAF](#)
 - b. UAS
 - c. [UAA](#)
8. Ongoing Business
 - a. Academic Council - the meeting times are excluding Jak - solutions?
Members were disappointed the Academic Council was having trouble finding a time when all three faculty representatives could attend. Discussion with VP Layer will continue until a satisfactory resolution can be reached.
 - b. Common Calendar discussion - how has this been received by our respective Senates? This is important - can we get a sense from UAF, UAS and UAA Faculty Senates how this is rolling out at your respective Senates?
Members discussed how the CCC can best move forward with its recommendations and decided to invite its chair, Megan Buzby, to the Jan. 24 meeting.
 - c. Issues on the Alaska College of Education - ramifications for UAA SOE (Scott Downing) VP Layer visited UAA on 12/12/19 to meet with SOE faculty.
 - i. System Governance Council - Heather Batchelder, chair. Updates
 - d. Administrative Reviews? What is happening at each university?
9. New Business
 - a. OER - Exploratory group is formed What are next steps - should we set up a meeting? Maria will work with Morgan on setting up two meetings for this group

to explore the issue further. Orion suggested drafting a charge for them to provide a framework for their efforts.

- b. Issues Faculty workloads - Maria will invite Abel and Cyndee to the 1/24/20 FA meeting to discuss how best we can deal with this.
- c. Student Tuition - Does UA faculty support a 5% increase? Should the Faculty Alliance support System Governance Council's draft resolution?
Members discussed the proposed tuition increase and agreed they did not support it and would rather focus on student retention.
- d. Propose to highlight Faculty Research at upcoming BOR meetings
- e. Spring Retreat - location Juneau - proposed Dates: March 27 and 28 or March 28th and 29th. We will be spending several hours (2?) on reviewing Chancellor recommendations on their expedited Academic Reviews
 - i. Topics and presentations?
 - ii. Members were asked to complete the poll so the date can be finalized at the January 24 meeting.

10. Public Comments (if any)

None given.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.