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Minutes
Special Meeting
Faculty Alliance
Monday, July 22, 2019
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/350370272>

Audio: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 350 370 272

Members

xSine Anahita, President, UAF Faculty Senate
Heather Batchelder, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate
xDonie Bret-Harte, Past-President, UAF Faculty Senate
xScott Downing, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
xRobin Gilcrist, President, UAS Faculty Senate
xJak Maier, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
xKelly Smith, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
xMaria Williams, President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance

Staff

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

1. Roll and Call to Order
Meeting came to order at 1:35 p.m.
2. Chair's Report
Maria noted she asked to be able to speak at the meeting, in order to have some faculty input, however, she was not able to. She also asked for a cost benefit analysis from President Johnsen. His response was to focus on structure and not on dollars. She will follow up with an email to Chair Davies requesting more faculty input. She also sent a message to the chancellors to asking for them to include at least two faculty on their budget planning committees.

Sine noted UAF is using a budget data management tool to help determine the cuts. Donie spoke with Chancellor White and Provost Prakash and her takeaway was they don't feel there are any good options at this point. White seemed to think the market should determine what remains (i.e. if the state can support two schools of engineering, it should).

Maria noted she wanted to keep focus on accreditation and wants to draft a very clear rubric of how faculty are involved with respect to accreditation. She noted if a restructure to a single accreditation is the chosen option, she doesn't think NWCCU will be able to act as swiftly as she has heard admin say they will.

Maria suggested a survey of faculty senates opinions of the current three options, as well as other options (the Oregon model, etc.).

Supporting the chancellors and provosts and their decision-making rubrics, examining de-coupling budget cuts and restructuring and allowing for them to be addressed at separate times to allow for more thoughtful planning for restructuring (although there was not unanimous consent on this).

Next steps:

- Highlighting faculty input
- Looking at all options--centralizing and decentralizing
- A letter drafted by the Alliance to Chair Davies to say we are rolling up our sleeves, have ideas and solutions and want to be a part of the process but also want to slow down the restructuring discussion.
- An Alliance developed survey for them to share with their faculty senates.
- System governance meeting with students, staff and faculty - next Monday, July 29

3. UA BOR Declaration of Financial Exigency

4. Adjourn