Minutes
Faculty Alliance
September 20, 2019
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Zoom: https://alaska.zoovm.us/j/9074508042
Audio: 1-669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 907 450 8042

<u>Members</u>
xMaria Williams, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance
xHeather Batchelder, President, UAS Faculty Senate, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance
xSine Anahita, President, UAF Faculty Senate
xDonie Bret-Harte, Past-President, UAF Faculty Senate
xScott Downing, President, UAA Faculty Senate
xRobin Gilcrist, Past-President, UAS Faculty Senate
xJak Maier, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
xDavid Noon, President-Elect UAS Faculty Senate
xKelly Smith, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

<u>Staff</u>
Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

<u>Guests:</u>
Rick Caulfield, Chancellor, UAS 3 p.m.
Dan White, Chancellor, UAF
(UAA Chancellor Sandeen is on travel.)
Nicole Misarti, Interim Director, Water & Environmental Research Center, INE, UAF (about 3:30 p.m.'ish)

1. Roll and Call to Order
   The meeting came to order at 2:33 p.m. and quorum was met. Maria asked that guests be allowed to participate; there were no objections.

2. Adopt Agenda
   Sine moved to amend the agenda to move public comment to the end of the agenda, seconded. No objections. Agenda was adopted with amendment.

3. September BOR Debrief and Discussion
   Maria thanked Scott and Sine for attending meeting in person, even though they don't live in Anchorage.
   a) Expedited review process
   b) Chancellors roles (discussion w/Dan White and Rick Caulfield)
   Has there been a discussion between the president and the chancelllors on the different models? Chancellor White said no, they had met as executive council but did not discuss the different options the Board requested at the September meeting. They discussed the benefits of consolidation and the risks associated with it. Noted that the 'other models' had not yet been well defined and he was requesting more guidance from the president. Noted the consortium model grew out of the week that the chancellors and other university stakeholders had to develop a plan that wasn't maintaining the status quo, however, the term 'consortium' has been used to mean a lot of different things. White is looking into some other name for the model so it doesn't end up being confused as an umbrella term for all things status quo.
   Maria asked when the chancellors will be able to weigh in on the committee reviews. White noted they will get a chance on Oct. 11 when the committee chairs make presentations to the BOR subcommittee on restructuring and then again on Oct. 28 at the Executive Council work session (8-12). Maria reiterated the faculty's desire for the chancellors to be in the lead on the recommendation to the Board.
   Use of the term program review - White noted he also thinks a different term should be used since it is a very different process from what typical program review is understood to be.
   Chancellor Caulfield noted they were holding the CTE program review on Monday, Sept. 23. Noted everyone was struggling with the compressed timeline.
   Thomas report on single accreditation - Chancellor White noted the change in leadership at NWCCU and that there is more support for consolidation now than before. Jak noted the Thomas report noted that moving to single accreditation would not save money--so why now, even though the budget situation is more urgent, would we consider something that still will not save us any money?? Caulfield noted that it appears the Board and president want to know if that is still the case and there may be evidence that under current conditions it could help with reductions and savings. Sine noted the Thomas report didn't look at large reduction of staff and faculty as cost savings measures--but that is the case now.

Caulfield noted he wasn't sure how that would play out under current conditions and that is what the program review teams are being asked to look at.

Chancellor White also noted UAF has begun another level of expedited review within its programs and units.

General concern of the student:faculty ratio and how UA will be compared to peer institutions/national averages--Caulfield noted that was a question he had for UA Institutional Research.

4. UAF Research Collaboration Team concept with Nicole Misarti

   Nicole noted UAF's Research Advisory Committee thought it would be to have a research advisory team composed of members from each of the universities. It would be all research, not just research faculty (due to the different nature of the bi-partite and tripartite assignments). Want this to be bottom up, very different from the Research Council chaired by Paul Layer. Would like better ways to track research that takes place and manage the research functions at the university. How to better connect research and advocate for research activities.

5. New Business

   a. [Resolution in support of the Recommendation of the UA Restructuring Committee for the Arts, Humanities, and Natural and Social Sciences](#)
   b. [Resolution in support of UNAC's request for detailed budget analysis and to follow University specific program review procedures](#)
   c. [Resolution Recommending Slowing down Consolidation Processes in the area of Administrative Services](#)

6. Ongoing Business

   a. Retreat Date - [update on possible dates](#)

      Members reviewed the poll responses and agreed on Oct. 19-20 for the retreat in Anchorage.

   b. Update on Common Calendar Committee - [Sept. 16 Meeting Notes](#)

      i. [CCC Bylaws](#)
      ii. [CCC Update to FA](#)
      iii. Course block alignment - Who should lead?

           Several Alliance members agreed they were comfortable with CCC taking on this review but that it wouldn't hurt to expand the membership to ensure adequate representation and share of the workload. Sine noted she would prefer to form a task force specifically to address course block alignment. Jak noted her support for a compromise and trying to align start times.

7. Public Comments (if any)

Mathew noted he was concerned about market adjustments for staff and that they will not receive any across the board increases if they are approved.

8. Agenda Items for next FA Meeting - and getting back on our normal schedule
    a. Discussion of retreat agenda and ideas - [draft](#)

9. Adjourn

Academic Review Process Timeline [As of 9/17/19]
9/9 Discuss Academic Review process and committee structure with Chancellors
9/10 VP Layer contacts Student, Faculty and Staff Governance groups for representatives to serve on Academic Review committees
9/12-9/13 Board of Regents approve motion on Academic Reviews
9/17 Academic review committee charge sent to Academic Review Chairs
9/20 Academic review committee members named 9/23 Review committee begin work/meeting
10/10 Academic Review Chairs Turn in Reports
10/11 Academic Review Chairs present to BOR subcommittee on structure, President and Chancellors
10/10-11/7 Public Input on Reports (including public testimony to Board of Regents)
10/11 Faculty Alliance Regular Meeting (2:30-4:30pm; Zoom)
10/14 Executive Council meeting
10/14-10/17: Virtual Town Hall meetings. The town halls will be by specific area and will be filled in as they are scheduled. There also will be two town halls that will focus on UA structure and will be for general participation.
Oct. 14
8:00-9:00 AM Virtual Town Hall #1
1:00-2:00 PM Virtual Town Hall #2
2:30-3:30 PM Virtual Town Hall #3
4:00-5:00 PM Virtual Town Hall #4
Oct. 15
8:00-9:00 AM Virtual Town Hall #5
9:30-10:30 AM Virtual Town Hall #6
11:00 AM-12:00 Noon Virtual Town Hall #7
1:00-2:00 PM 1 st Virtual Public Town Hall on UA Structure
2:30-3:30 PM Virtual Town Hall #8
4:00-5:00 PM Virtual Town Hall #9
Oct. 16
9:00 – 10:00 AM Virtual Town Hall #10
10:30-11:30 AM Virtual Town Hall #11
1:00 – 2:00 PM Virtual Town Hall #12
2:30 -3:30 PM Virtual Town Hall #13
4:00 – 5:00 PM 2nd Virtual Public Town Hall on UA Structure
10/17 Executive Council meeting (8-12) to discussion town hall feedback

10/21 No Executive Council meeting
10/21-10/25 Drafting of recommendations
10/25 Executive Council work session/Anchorage
10/25 Faculty Alliance Regular Meeting (2:30-4:30pm; Zoom)
10/28 Executive Council meeting to review recommendations
10/28 BOR subcommittee on structure meeting
10/31 Post materials on the Board of Regents website
11/7 Board of Regents Meeting