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## Minutes

### **Faculty Alliance**

February 28, 2020

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

Zoom: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/9074508042>

Audio: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 907 450 8042

### Members

xMaria Williams, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance  
xHeather 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  
xRobin Gilcrist, Past-President, UAS Faculty Senate  
xJak Maier, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate  
David 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 (2:30 p.m. for 30 minutes)

1. Roll and Call to Order
2. Adopt Agenda  
Members reviewed the agenda, and it was approved without amendment.

3. Guest: VP Layer @ 2:30pm
  - a. Review of the chancellors' recommendations following the Expedited Academic Reviews (special UAF Faculty Senate meeting on March 16) - UAA just came out and he is waiting on UAF and UAS; UAF review included confidential recommendations from the deans to the review committees--they will be released next week; VP Layer noted the universities are on different timelines (despite his efforts otherwise) but March 23 is a common deadline for submitting recommendations to his office for review by the Academic Council; will want to review cost savings and teach out (especially how will those cost savings be recognized if they have teach out requirements); what happens in FY22--these numbers are for FY21--do the cuts help reach the budget target set forth in the compact with the governor; ultimately, are we doing enough to reach the FY22 budget target and whether we need to start looking at alternative funding cuts and funding sources; BOR will be under a lot of pressure from the public so VP Layer wants to ensure the information delivered to the Board will make them confident in the review process and feedback from the community so they will not second-guess the decisions made at the university level; VP Layer and CHRO Patin are meeting with UNAC regularly so they will understand any impacts to the CBA and faculty contracts; VP Layer is trying to stand back from the university/campus reviews so they can develop their recommendations independently; asked to join FA at its retreat on Saturday afternoon to hear their thoughts on the recommendations so he understands the direction they will take prior to the April 1 Academic Council meeting (especially possible collaborations or other options that avoid outright deletion of programs); to better understand what they are seeing in the recommendations;
  - b. VP Layer was in Washington DC earlier this week to advocate for EPSCoR along with a potential Ted Stevens safety facility; several bills in Legislature right now (dual enrollment, TVEP renewal (including a slight distribution re-calculation); resolution for chancellors to report directly to the BOR; Read Alaska (SB6) - could impact schools of ed with regard to K-3 reading skills and pedagogy;
4. Approve [February 14, 2020](#) minutes  
Scott moved to approve, Jak seconded. No objections. Minutes were approved without amendment.
5. [Chair's Report](#)
6. Spring Retreat

- a. Location: Juneau
  - b. Dates: March 27 and 28 - please send your preferred flights to Morgan **asap** to get good prices on flights.
  - c. [DRAFT Agenda/outline](#) for March retreat
7. Faculty Senate Updates
- a. [UAF](#)
  - b. [UAS](#)
  - c. [UAA](#)
8. Ongoing Business
- a. CCC proposed changes - feedback due by Feb. 28
    - i. [UAA Inter-University Course Sharing: 2 Proposals](#)
      1. [Current Schedule](#)
    - ii. [UAF Inter-University Course Sharing: 2 Proposals](#)
      1. [Current Schedule](#)
    - iii. [UAS Inter-University Course Sharing: 2 Proposals](#)
      1. [Current Schedule](#)
  - b. Title IX update
9. New Business
- a. Identify two faculty representatives to participate in the committee to review proposals for the Digital Transformation Readiness Assessment
    - i. [RFP Process](#)
    - ii. [RFP draft email](#) (includes proposed schedule and membership)
    - iii. Review period: March 2-17
  - b. Memo to Chair Buretta and President Johnsen asking for them to respond to Governance resolutions (cc NWCCU) - [DRAFT MEMO](#)
    - i. Members reviewed the draft memo, agreed on a few edits, and approved the memo without objection. Morgan will put on letterhead and distribute to the Board and President Johnsen (with a copy to VP Layer) on Monday.
  - c. Memo to Legislature in support of Faculty Regent (2-year term) - [DRAFT MEMO](#)
    - i. Members reviewed the draft memo, agreed on a few edits, and approved the memo without objection. Morgan will put on letterhead, have Maria review, then share with AVP Baker and VP Layer for their feedback and guidance before distributing to the Legislature.
  - d. Memo to Legislature regarding support of UA BOR Policy audit - [DRAFT MEMO](#)

- i. Members reviewed the draft memo, agreed on a few edits, and approved the memo without objection.
  - ii. Proposed replacement [letter to legislature on the role of statewide and our universities](#) (rough draft only, comments/changes welcome!)
- e. Open Educational Resources (OER)
  - i. Has DOODLE been set up?  
Morgan will contact current members to set up the first meeting.
  - ii. Have additional UAA and UAS members been identified?  
No additional members will be solicited at this time.
  - iii. Proposed [OER/AER committee charge](#)  
Members will review at the next meeting.
- f. Propose to highlight Faculty Research at upcoming BOR meetings

10. Public Comments (if any)

11. Adjourn

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- March 4, 2020 - Special Meeting of the Governance Subcommittee on Presidential Performance (Zoom if not all in executive session)
- March 27-28th - Faculty Alliance Retreat (Juneau)
- April 13 & 14 - Academic and Student Affairs (Anchorage)
- MAY 13 & 14 - Academic and Student Affairs second program review meeting (Zoom)
- June 4 & 5 - Full UA BOR meeting (Anchorage)