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Minutes
Special Meeting
Faculty Alliance
Thursday, August 1, 2019
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/231765338>

Audio: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 231 765 338

Members

xSine Anahita, President, UAF Faculty Senate
xHeather 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 4:02 p.m. and quorum was met.
2. [Chair's Report](#)
Maria noted she was at the BOR meeting in Anchorage. She noted it was her belief faculty supported the consortium model they worked with the chancellors on the previous week. Sine noted she disagreed because the Faculty Alliance did not vote on the issue. Scott pointed out the FA sent a letter to the board that endorsed a three university-hybrid model, rather than the single accreditation model.

3. Recap of July 31 UNAC Meeting - [Recording](#)

4. UA BOR Decision to Move to a Single University
 - a. Faculty Alliance Response
 - i. Recent communication to the BOR and UA Leadership
 1. [Faculty Alliance Resolution 2020-01](#)
 2. [July 12 Letter to BOR re: Financial Exigency](#)
 3. [July 13 Letter to UNAC from Maria Williams](#)
 4. [July 16 Letter to UA Leadership re: Budget Planning](#)
 5. [July 22 Faculty Alliance Statement of Solidarity](#)
 6. [July 24 Letter to BOR re: Decoupling Budget and Structure](#)
 7. [Faculty Alliance Chair July 30 Statement to BOR](#)

 - b. Faculty Inclusion in Next Steps in areas of : a) curriculum in planning process
 Maria has solicited input from the three undergraduate curriculum boards and the graduate academic boards on how to best engage the faculty in developing the new university structure. Sine noted UAF is considering postponing its upcoming NWCCU site visit until from September 2020 to help accommodate the structural revision.

 - a. Recommend that each Faculty Senate President invite President Ramaswamy and Mac Powell to their respective meetings for a Q&A
 - b. UAA Update: Affirmation of support for all three Chancellors and support of the Consortium model. Single accreditation should not be discounted - but be examined more carefully. Issues of financial exigency - grievance process
 - c. UAS update:Emergency Faculty meeting - financial discussions, faculty are adamant about maintaining their own identity; maintaining their place-based courses, i.e. Alaska Native studies, marine biology, etc.
 - d. UAF update: Postponing their site visit - since they might move to single accreditation. 2 ‘all hands on deck’ meetings with chancellor and vice chancellor and UNAC; ad com meeting is in planning - acceptance of a one accredited model is not there
 - e. FA should invite President Ramaswamy and Mac Powell to our next FA meeting
 - f. Maria will draft a letter to the president and the Board to ask for more faculty involvement (and offer faculty cooperation through evidence-based decision making) and to consider options outside of single accreditation.

5. System Governance All-Hands Meeting - Friday, August 2 - 10am
 - a. Discuss initial points of discussion

6. Fall Retreat

Members agreed to postpone to after the September Board meeting.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.