

Minutes
Faculty Alliance
February 11, 2022
3:30 - 5:30 pm

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David Noon, Past-President, UAS Faculty Senate

Andrea Dewees, President, UAS Faculty Senate

Jennifer Ward, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate

Staff: Kelly James

Noel Romanovsky

Possible Guests: **VP Paul Layer**, **Juella Sparks**, Shanone Tejada, **Ashley Carrick**

- I. Call to Order - Jak Maier 3:30 - 3:40
 1. Approve Agenda
Andrea motions to approve. Jennifer seconds.
 2. Approve Meeting Minutes from [28 January 2022](#)
Andrea approves. Ian seconds. No objections to approving minutes
- II. New Business 3:40 - 5:00
 - A. [Chair Buretta Memo](#) to appoint Interim President Pitney as permanent president
 - a. [UAA Faculty Senate resolution](#)
 - b. [UAF Faculty Senate resolution](#)
 - c. UAS Faculty Senate endorses UAA Resolution #020422 and requests that the Board of Regents keep Interim President Pitney in the interim role for such time as is needed to gather input from the various governance groups and other partners across the UA system.

- d. [UAF Staff Council memo](#)
- e. [UA Systems Governance Council resolution](#)

Shared government policy is getting input from all the constituents of the university. It has nothing to do with President Pitney or her ability to lead. It is the process by which the Board of Regents has engaged in the decision to remove the Interim label.

UAS Faculty appreciates that Interim President Pitney supports UAS as a separately accredited institution and her ongoing support in that way is important. UAS Faculty is of the opinion that Interim President Pitney is doing a good job and that a resolution opposing the process wouldn't make a difference in the Board of Regents decision. The previous president wanted to absorb UAA into UAF, so Interim President Pitney's support is an improvement. UAA had similar discussions.

Moved to endorse the resolution from the Systems Governance Council.
Gökhan seconds.

- B. Faculty Alliance retreat: location, timing, agenda
Ian moves to meet in person in Juneau. Andrea seconds. Unanimously approved.
Andrea motions to meet March 17 - 20th. Ian seconds

- C. Proposal for FA to create an ad hoc committee to create a "Shared Governance award."

Andrea motions to approve. Ian seconds. None opposed.

- D. Has Alliance or Senate been made aware of any UA work/consultation on HB S32: 1 "An Act establishing the Alaska middle college program for public school students; relating to the powers of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."?

The bill was introduced by Senator Stevens two years ago. It was passed by the senate and advanced to the House this year. It was discussed with the Academic Council. This bill requires schools to report on dual enrollment. The schools can use their basic student allocation funding to support the College program. It requires the university to enter into agreements with schools, if they will utilize a middle college program which is happening with 40 districts in the state right now. There is a provision in the bill that states if a class is being offered off site and not at a UA facility, the instructor must meet the requirements that would be required by the department or program if it were an adjunct instructor teaching the class. This already is in effect when a high school teacher is approved to teach a class. It is not to hire an adjunct, but the teacher must meet the same departmental/program requirements as an adjunct.

Generally, members of the Faculty Alliance agree it is a good program.

- E. HB 21 update - Ashley Carrick:

At the moment the bill is still in the House. It passed out of the House Education Committee and is now going to the House Finance Committee. All bills that have a fiscal note must pass through the Finance committees. There is a lot of support for the university in the House Finance Committee. The timing is challenging because the committee is in the middle of the budget process. We believe that it will be out of the finance committee after the first week of March. At this point we don't anticipate anyone calling in to oppose the Faculty Regent bill. It is not an issue that extends outside of the university system. There will be public testimony when the bill comes up in House Finance. If five to ten people would give public testimony it would be tremendously helpful. Please have people contact their legislators and e-mail members of the House Finance Committee in particular. It is possible to ask Tom Begich or Senator Keel to potentially write a companion bill and carry it into the Senate, although the deadline for submitting a new bill is Friday, February 17, so it may be too late for that. If anyone ever has any questions or issues in navigating the website for any bill, Ashley is willing to offer assistance.

F. Statewide Office Mission Statement - Ian

It is still in development with meetings bi-weekly. There will be an extensive public feedback period.

- G. [Faculty Initiative Fund](#) Who can work on a bulleted list to help rank proposals? Comments and feedback from the reviewers should be professional and civil. Although the reviewers had a rubric to work with, it would be good to offer another tool for deciding on proposals that rank closely.

III. Old Business

5:00-5:30

A. [General Counsel memo on shared governance](#)

- a. [AGB perspective on shared governance](#)
- b. [AAUP perspective on shared governance](#)
- c. [AFT perspective on shared governance](#)
- d. [AChowdhury - perspective](#) on role of unions in shared governance
- e. [Bucklewetal2012](#)
- f. [How unions strengthen governance](#)

Proposed Faculty Alliance response to GC memo in three parts.--Andrea
The Faculty Alliance did not officially vote on this topic but the general consensus was to wait on a response to the General Counsel's memo until later.

B. [Statement regarding Covid response](#) - Jennifer Ward
[UAS letter](#)

- C. Response about the institutional support expenditures data point for Goals and Measures. On January 4th I asked David Bishko if there was a more expanded

definition for what that encompasses or if it matched a specific entry in the yellow book or IPeds reporting. Andrea Dewees

D. Goals & Measures

- a. [GM summary](#) - 12/08/2021; [GM summary - 1/14/2022](#); [GM report - Feb 2022](#)
- b. [GM worksheet](#)

--Andrea

- E. [Resolution](#) asking the Faculty Alliance Chair be made a non-voting ex officio member of the Board of Regents. [Response](#).
- F. Potential FA message to Pitney re: “pain points,” exec admin reviews, and financials. The C&S has requests for FA that will be available for Alliance members. –Andrea

IV. Senate Reports

- A. [Faculty Alliance Chair Report](#)
- B. UAA
- C. UAF
- D. UAS

V. Adjourn

Gökhan motions to adjourn. Ian seconds.