

Faculty Alliance Minutes

April 11, 2025

3:30-5:00 pm

[Zoom Link](#)

Members

<u>UAS</u> Glenn Wright, Past- President UAS Faculty Senate, Brian Blitz, UAS Faculty Senate President Ali Ziegler, UAS Faculty Senate President-Elect <u>UAF</u> Jennifer Carroll, Chair, Faculty Alliance, UAF Faculty Senate Past-President Abel Bult-Ito, President, UAF Faculty Senate Leah Berman, President-Elect UAF Faculty Senate	<u>UAA</u> Jackie Cason, President, UAA Faculty Senate LuAnn Piccard, Past- President, UAA Faculty Senate Matthew Cuellar, President-Elect, UAA Faculty Senate <u>Ex Officio:</u> Brian Smentkowski, VP and CAO <u>Support:</u> Sharon Dayton Noel Romanovsky
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1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
Abel approves.
3. Approval of [Meeting Minutes March 21, 2025](#)
Abel approves. Jackie seconds.
4. New Business
 - a. Request for a formal response from the Board regarding DEI
Official date would be May 26th, 2025
Discussion of Town Hall Event with President Pitney
5. Old Business
6. Information/Discussion
 - a. Advising changes (UAF moving to a “no holds” policy, but I hear UAA is moving back to a more structured system?)
 - b. Employee Experience Survey results
 - c. May BOR Report due April 18 - Jackie will deliver this report
 - i. Recap of year?
 - ii. New items
 - iii. AI Institute update report
 1. Possibility of continuing with the the next AAC&U [Institute](#) on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum
 - d. Transition to Jackie as Alliance Chair
 - e. FYI: looking at two actions at UAF

- i. Possibility of creating a “What is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” statement for the Faculty Senate in the manner of University of Oregon’s [“What is Critical Race Theory”](#) statement.
 - ii. UMass Amherst [Resolution](#) to Establish Mutual Academic Defense Compacts in Defense of Academic Freedom, Free Expression, Institutional Integrity, and the Research Enterprise (Sen. Doc. 25-080A)
 - f. Changing the W deadline – [UAF passed a motion](#)
- 7. Faculty Senate Reports
 - a. UAS
 - i. Faculty Senate and Curriculum committee will no longer have administrative support for taking minutes.
 - ii. Faculty evaluated 4 different deans/directors results went to our interim provost.
 - iii. A shared governance committee made up of Faculty, Staff and Administration is determining the DEI language that needs to be changed. Some of it is being considered “Academic Freedom” and will not get changed.
 - iv. Approved a course substitution form to allow campus directors to sign instead of deans. This form will likely get more use because of the Course Program of Study/financial aid situation.
 - v. Approved a Teaching Indigenous Language M.A.T. degree.
 - b. UAF
 - i. Approval of Anthropology Unit Criteria
 - ii. Approval of Fisheries (CFO) Unit Criteria
 - iii. Approval of Community and technical College Unit Criteria
 - iv. Approval of Institute of Northern Engineering Unit Criteria
 - v. Approval of the formation of EAGER GER Assessment Committee
 - vi. Establishment of a template for graduate admissions
 - vii. Approved amendment of the upper-division credit requirement
 - viii. Approval of consolidation of Special Topics into Trial Courses (-94)
 - ix. Approval of clarification regarding minor overlap with major
 - x. Approval of elimination of Bachelor Intended (BI) status and enforcing catalog admissions requirements for baccalaureate students
 - xi. Approval of Blue Book update to include development and use of open educational resources (OER)
 - xii. Approval of sabbatical leave changes to be announced on the Provost’s website
 - xiii. Approval of changing the withdrawal from courses date to the end of the 13th week. This will require approval by the UAS and UAA Faculty Senates and the faculty Alliance Common Calendar Committee
 - xiv. Approval of a resolution that supports the right of faculty to choose whether to accept or deny graduate student admission into their programs
 - c. UAA

AY 24-25 Calendar as of August 2024

Day (Friday, 3:30 to 5 pm unless otherwise noted)	Tentative Agenda Items
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August 23, 2024	Invite Ben Shier to discuss Banner Upgrade
September 13, 2024	
Saturday, October 5, 2024 in Fairbanks	Fall Face-to-Face - identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issues for the year • Prep for FIF • Prep for Thought Leaders Forum
November 15, 2024	
December 13, 2024	Determine Juneau F-T-F dates for February/March
January 10, 2025	
February 14, 2025	
March 14, 2025	
April 11, 2025	
May 9, 2025	

tentative ASA agenda for February BOR meeting:

Action items

UAA academic program requests

UAF academic program requests

UAS academic program requests

Information items

Common Calendar information item

Online Degree Program information item (from November)

Fall enrollment final freeze, spring enrollment report


SIS/Data warehouse modernization.

ACEC update

Idaho Alliance around AI–Resources created

- Idaho AI network–use of AI Fellows, in collaboration with their State Board of Education, produced a lot of meaningful results.

 Encouraging Sensemaking Estrem Vecchione.pptx

-  Fall 2024 GenAI Professional Development (*AI Basics, Ethical Considerations, T/L Tools*).
- OER Guide for Teaching and Learning with AI [A Guide to Teaching and Learning with Artificial Intelligence](#)

- [Idaho Statewide Shared Principles](#)
- [AI Guidelines](#)
- [Privacy and AI - Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) - LibGuides at North Idaho College](#)
- [Best Practices | Idaho State University](#)
- [AI Statement](#)
- [Generative Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) - Guidance on Use and Applicable Policies](#)
- [Managing generative AI in Idaho's public higher education](#)