

Faculty Alliance Minutes

August 22, 2025

3:30-5:00 pm

[Zoom Link](#)

Members

<u>UAS</u> Ali Ziegler, President UAS Faculty Senate Brian Blitz, Past-President UAS Faculty Senate <u>UAF</u> Leah Berman, President UAF Faculty Senate Debu Misra, President-Elect UAF Faculty Senate Jennifer Carroll, Past-President UAF Faculty Senate	<u>UAA</u> Matthew Cuellar, President UAA Faculty Senate Megan Ossiander-Gobeille, President-Elect UAA Faculty Senate Jackie Cason, Chair, Faculty Alliance and Past-President 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
Brian moves to approve. Leah seconds.
3. Approval of [Meeting Minutes May 2025](#)
Brian moves to approve. Leah seconds.
4. Guest: Jeannette Okinczyc, Security Awareness Training, Student Fraud Working Group; Ben Shier, OIT (See Fraud working group documents below)
[Fraud Working Group Power Point Presentation](#)
5. New Business
 - a. Check in
 - b. Updates on administrative leadership searches at UAA and UAF [see Leah's notes below at UAF]
 - c. Review meeting dates and tentative agenda items
There will be a AI Symposium in Fairbanks the weekend of September 20, 2025
 - d. Anticipate September AI Symposium [See July report [Artificial Intelligence and Academic Professions | AAUP](#). You can register for a national discussion scheduled for Wednesday August 27, 4-5pm ET. It will focus on member-based research, recommendations, and resources for enacting more faculty power over ed-tech decisions at their institutions, including artificial intelligence. [Register here](#).
 - e. Policy Updates [[located in shared drive folder](#)]
 - i. Sept. 3 deadline for response. Part IX – Student Affairs Chapter 09.12 – Protection of Minors. [Redline](#). [Clean Copy](#).
 - ii. Sept 17 deadline for response. Regent's Policy P06.02 - Public Records. Revisions are geared toward maintaining principles of public records access in

- policy language while moving and maintaining procedural content into regulations. [Redline](#). [Revised copy](#). [Sectional analysis to proposed changes](#).
 - iii. Emergency Update over summer. Regulation 09.02 re: the definition of hazing, updated to align with federal definitions (which had a June 23 deadline).
 - [W](#) UR Chapter 09.02 Hazing Redline.docx [PDF](#) jun25 reg upd hazing appr.pdf
 - Please offer commentary to Jackie Cason about these policy changes.

6. Old Business

- a. Promote FIF
 - i. RFP Announcements [W](#) UA FIF AY26 - RFP - 4.28.2025.docx (emphasize public facing reports in future). Upcoming FIF Deadline: **5 pm Monday, October 6, 2025**
 - ii. Recruit FIF Reviewers from each campus
 - iii. Review application limitations (e.g. part-time faculty, post-docs, research assistants, payment to community organizations). See evolving [FAQs](#)
- b. DEI Motion: updated follow up response (which has not yet been sent)
 - [PDF](#) 2025-05-01 BOR resp to Faculty Alliance re DEI Motion.pdf ;
 - [PDF](#) Faculty Alliance Letter to BOR re DEI motion.pdf ;
 - [W](#) Follow up to BOR response to Alliance Letter RE 2.21.25 motion.docx
- c. [PDF](#) Faculty Alliance Response to Regents Policy Parts 1 & 4 & 9.docx.pdf Revisions include changes to the following Board of Regents Policies: P01.02.025, P04.02.010, P04.02.012, P04.02.030, and P09.05.024. [[located in shared drive folder](#)]

7. Information/Discussion

- a. Link to the [Common Calendar Committee google drive folder](#)
 - [PDF](#) Bylaws for Common Calendar Committee-signed 11_17_2017.pdf Summer sessions are not coordinated across UA, at least not by the CCC or by Board of Regents mandate. Each university can do what they like in the summer. This includes how people choose to observe Juneteenth - canceling classes or not, perhaps holding classes and providing discussions on the holiday in the class, providing community engagement activities, etc. Indigenous Peoples' Day went through a similar discussion a few years back. The conclusion by the Academic Council and BOR was to keep classes in session with the intention for each university to provide opportunities for discussion/engagement, as opposed to people taking the day off and perhaps not engaging with the holiday in a meaningful way.
- b. [PDF](#) 2025.08.19 Adjustment to FY27 & FY28 Independence Day Observance (final).pdf
- c. Discuss goals and purpose of the Faculty Alliance Thought Leaders Forum
- d. [PDF](#) Faculty Alliance Report September 4, 2025 .pdf
- e. IT Security Documents [PDF](#) 20250822_OIT_Faculty_Alliance.pdf
 - Instructions for enrolling in eduroam are available in the service catalog: <https://www.uaf.edu/nooktech/services/wireless-network/wifi-options/eduroam/>
 - [PDF](#) 2025.07.23 UA Student Fraud Workgroup Meeting.pdf ;
 - [PDF](#) University University Student Fraud Workgroup FAQ 7.22.25_.pdf

8. Faculty Senate Reports and Updates

- a. UAA
 - i. Chancellor finalists announced
 - ii. COH Dean search underway
 - iii. Tuition waivers for employees (see [VCAS report](#))
 - iv. FS Retreat, P&T Celebration, and Convocation all success
 - v. Concern around parking rate increase
 - vi. NWCCU Site Visit for Faculty 10/8
- b. UAF
 - i. UAF's provost and chancellor both announced they were stepping down (provost by May 31, Chancellor July 26)
 - ii. We have an interim provost and interim chancellor
 - iii. Interim chancellor announced last week that he would pause the permanent provost search until the permanent chancellor search is underway/finalized
 - iv. permanent chancellor search is supposed to be spinning up very soon; UAF FS president is co-chair
 - v. UAF has provided the Gardner Institute with a 30-day notice of termination, effective September 20, 2025.
- c. UAS
 - i. We have a Faculty Senate President Elect! David Cox!
 - ii. We have a new Provost
 - iii. Tenure & Promotion for Administrators
 - iv. Any updates on W change date?

AY 25- 26 Calendar

Day (Friday, 3:30 to 5 pm unless otherwise noted)	Tentative Agenda Items
August 22, 2025	IT Security: Jeannette Okinczyc, Ben Shier
September 12, 2025	Student Regent, Fernando Escobar Megan Buzby, Common Calendar Committee Identify FIF Reviewers
Saturday, October 25, 2025 - FTF	Strategic planning Legislative priorities Thought Leaders Forum
November 14, 2025	
December 12, 2025	
January 9, 2026	
February 13, 2026	
March 20, 2026	Adjusted to be after spring break by one week

April 10, 2026	
May 8, 2026	