

Faculty Alliance Agenda

October 25, 2025

11:00 am to 5:30 pm

[Zoom Link](#)

Members

<p><u>UAS</u> Ali Ziegler, UAS Faculty Senate President Brian Blitz, UAS Faculty Senate Past President</p> <p><u>UAF</u> Leah Berman, President UAF Faculty Senate Debu Misra, President-Elect UAF Faculty Senate Jennifer Carroll, UAF Faculty Senate Past-President</p>	<p><u>UAA</u> Matthew Cuellar, President, UAA Faculty Senate Megan Gobeille-Ossiander, President-Elect, UAA Jackie Cason, Faculty Alliance Chair, Past-President, UAA Faculty Senate</p> <p><u>Ex Officio:</u> Brian Smentkowski, Vice President ASR</p> <p><u>Support:</u> Sharon Dayton Noel Romanovsky</p>
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1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of [Meeting Minutes](#)
4. Brunch Dialogue with Regents
Icebreaker (share truth ← → experience or experience ← → truth):
 - When it comes to education (teaching and learning), I hold these truths to be evident: _____
 - What direct experience or evidence has contributed to these truths?
5. Old Business
 - a. Policy Updates
 - i.  Audit&Compliance_Services (Response deadline is Nov. 3, 2025)
 - b. 12 month payroll distribution (question raised during Town Hall)
 - i. UAA resolution:  FS Resolution for 12 Month Pay
 - ii. UAS resolution: passed language from UAA resolution
 - c. Common calendar committee documents
 - i.  CCC Memo to AC - AY 2029.pdf
 - ii.  CCC UA calendar proposal AY 2029.xlsx
 - d. ANSI Listening Sessions
6. New Business
 - a. System Governance Council reconstituted [System Governance Council Constitution](#)
 - b.  Search Committee Decision Matrix.docx shared by HR at Academic Council, whose charter is currently under review.
 - c. Establish a legislative agenda and plan for a Juneau visit during the session
 - Set a Date:

- Identify committees, legislation, and legislators we might want to prioritize. Ex. HB9, 10/SB118 (regent), 12, 23, 28, 29, 30, 34, 57, 69, 76, 88, 98, 165, 176, HJR24....Textbook Cost Transparency Act
- Develop a strategy for scheduling meetings with legislators
- Identify system and university level priorities we can reinforce. Ex. Systemwide Attainment Framework. In spite of legislative changes to the APS, universities are still not getting access to student information for the purpose of recruitment. FERPA issue. Other states work around by creating an opt-in system. ACPE has not yet agreed to do that.

7. AY 25/26 Alliance Priority Setting–Breakout Groups

Prioritize the following topic areas (pivot between small group and large group discussion)

- Determine ways to *work in solidarity*. Ex. [Defending Our Campuses and Communities](#). See also [U Penn](#) resolution and [U Arizona](#), [UVA](#). See also [Commission for Public Higher Education \(CPHE\)](#), a new accrediting model. UNAC Petition.
 - [W Compact Petition.docx](#)
 - [W Compact_for_Academic_Excellence_in_Higher_Education_10.1.docx](#)
- Planning for *fundamental paradigmatic changes* to the university.
 - Course based vs program based tuition and the allocation of programmatic resources
 - 3-year baccalaureate degrees
- Characterize the *faculty role in enrollment, recruitment, retention, and graduation*. Clarify our value proposition.
- Define and explore practices to foster effective shared governance at the system and senate levels. We might consider the current governance structure as an ecosystem. How do we plan for and generate actions following discussions with administrative leaders. How do we transmit and archive faculty senate policy? How do we preserve institutional knowledge? How do we post stuff during meetings and after meetings? How do we construct a searchable policy database?
- Telling our story*: Discuss ideas for publicly promoting Faculty contributions, (aka an alternative to the thought leaders forum)
- Discuss an *AI Steering Council*
- Differentiate between *academic freedom and freedom of speech*. Identify strategies for supporting academic freedom, freedom of speech, and faculty safety.
- Academic Council membership*. All FS leadership? Just the future alliance chairs?
- Paid Consultants*. Consider a resolution or motion requesting that administration consult with Faculty Senates before hiring outside programs/consultants (e.g. Gardner Institute) to conduct analysis. Context: UA has been spending a lot of money hiring outside consultants for various academic and fiscal analysis, even though there is a great deal of internal expertise that could be tapped. We might further resolve that administration demonstrates the value that external consultants bring in relation to the cost expended.
- Fostering *partnerships*: community, K12, industry, government

8. Faculty Senate Reports
 - a. UAA
 - b. UAF
 - c. UAS

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 Discussion Items
Saturday, October 25, 2025 - FTF Strategic planning AI Resources scattered (just a few examples): Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) at UA University GenAI Policies and Guidelines Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) at UA The State of AI at UAF: Fall 2025 Guides: Academic Integrity & AI: Artificial Intelligence (AI) Generative AI Security Standard Office of Information Technology AI Resources Information Technology Services University of Alaska Anchorage Generative AI Guidance (UAS)	Introductions. Brunch with Regents Legislative priorities and plan to schedule meetings. [identify committees, legislation, and legislators we might want to prioritize. Ex. HB9, 10/SB118 (regent), 12, 23, 28, 29, 30, 34, 57, 69, 76, 88, 98, 165, 176, HJR24....Textbook Cost Transparency Act] Thought Leaders Forum or alternative for telling our stories in ways that reach a public audience Tie our stories to the attainment framework—what is the faculty role in enrollment, recruitment, retention, and graduation? Value propositions.
November 14, 2025	Determine Juneau F-T-F dates for February/March
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	