

Faculty Alliance Minutes
September 12, 2025
3:30-5:00 pm
[Zoom Link](#)

Members

<p><u>UAS</u> Ali Ziegler, President UAS Faculty Senate David Cox, President-Elect UAS Faculty Senate Brian Blitz, Past-President UAS Faculty Senate</p> <p><u>UAF</u> Leah Berman, President UAF Faculty Senate Debu Misra, President-Elect UAF Faculty Senate Jennifer Carroll, Past-President UAF Faculty Senate</p>	<p><u>UAA</u> Matthew Cuellar, President UAA Faculty Senate Megan Ossiander Gobielle, President-Elect UAA Faculty Senate Jackie Cason, Chair, Faculty Alliance and Past-President UAA Faculty Senate</p> <p><u>Ex Officio:</u> Brian Smentkowski, VP and CAO</p> <p><u>Support:</u> Sharon Dayton Noel Romanovsky</p>
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1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
Approved
3. Approval of [Meeting Minutes August 2025](#)
Approved
4. Guests:
 - a. Student Regent Fernando Escobar
Welcome to Fernando! Goal of transparency between Governance Groups. Is eager to learn more about the Faculty Alliance.
 - b. Common Calendar Committee Chair Megan Buzby
The committee is made up of three members from each university.
5. New Business
 - a. Check in
 - b. Updates on administrative leadership searches at UAA and UAF
Halfway through finalists visits.
 - c. Review meeting dates and tentative agenda items
 - d. Identify FIF Reviewers from each campus
Chamaine Lewis, Kasia Polaska, Andrea Dewees, and Melissa Dolese and Jay Szczepanski
 - e. Discuss senate resolutions in support of giving faculty the option of 12 month pay distribution (Matt Cuellar) [invite comments:  FS Resolution for 12 Month Pay]
 - f. Anticipate September AI Symposium (Jennie Carroll)
Jennie will distribute zoom links.

- g. Plan for October Retreat in Anchorage. Travelers will need to add Noel as a travel delegate so that she can help with arrangements. Saturday, October 25, 2025. See October F2F agenda from last year:
 -  October 5, 2024 Faculty Alliance Face-to-Face Agenda Draft
 - h. Discuss NWCCU process for accelerated bachelor degrees. [V7I4: Commission Opens Process for Accelerated Bachelor's Degrees - NWCCU](#).
 - i. Policy Updates [[located in shared drive folder](#)]
 - i. 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](#).
6. Old Business
- a. Promote FIF. RFP Announcements  UA FIF AY26 - RFP - 4.28.2025.docx (emphasize public facing reports in future). Upcoming FIF Deadline: **5 pm Monday, October 6, 2025**. Review application limitations (e.g. part-time faculty, post-docs, research assistants, payment to community organizations). See evolving [FAQs](#)
 - b. Policy Updates [[located in shared drive folder](#)]
 - i. Alliance Response to proposed changes to Protection of Minors policy.
 -  Alliance Response to Protection of Minors Regulation .docx.pdf [Redline](#). [Clean Copy](#).
 - ii. General Counsel Mowry acknowledged Alliance response to Regents' proposed changes to affirmative action/discrimination policy. It passed as the redline version.  Faculty Alliance Response to Regents Policy Parts 1 & 4 & 9.do...
 -  25.04.03 - FINAL DRAFT - Revisions to BOR Policies - EO on Affirmati...
7. Information/Discussion
- a.  UAF-Faculty Federal update_ Department of Education Title III funding.pdf
 - b. Board of Regents Updates. See documents in shared drive folder  September 2025
 - c. Link to the [Common Calendar Committee google drive folder](#)
 -  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.
 - d. Discuss goals and purpose of the Faculty Alliance Thought Leaders Forum
8. Faculty Senate Reports and Updates
- a. UAA
 - i. Chancellor finalists visits underway

- ii. COH Dean search underway
- iii. NWCCU Site Visit for Faculty 10/8
- b. UAF
- c. UAS
 - i. Still determining how to assess administrator for T&P
 - ii. UAS is excited about our new recruitment pilot-- including onboarding four new academic recruiters to be hired on the Juneau Campus for the upcoming year

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 Legislative priorities Thought Leaders Forum
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	