







Faculty Alliance Agenda  
April 10, 2026  
3:30-5:00 pm  
[Zoom Link](#)









Members



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1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda  
Approval of [February Minutes](#)  
Approval of [March Minutes](#)
3. Guests: [Introductions as needed]
  - a. Michelle Pope–timesheet changes.  
 2026\_04\_10 - BSS9 Time Entry Presentation - Faculty Alliance
  - b. Melissa Batts–FIF support  FY27 FACULTY INITIATIVE FUND.pdf
4. New Business & Updates
  - a. Check in
  - b.  Faculty Alliance Chair Report to Faculty Senates 4-1-26 . Next BOR deadline?
  - c. Meeting Schedule for next year. Second Fridays.
  - d. HB10 movement.
  - e. Time to set deadlines and circulate RFP for the FIF. By end of April, or ASAP.
    - i. Last year’s version:  Copy of UA FIF AY26 - RFP - 4.28.2025.docx
    - ii. Updated version:  UA FIF AY27- RFP - 4.9.2026.docx
    - iii. Let’s consider adding something about the student first agenda (recruitment, retention, graduation) as well as AI to the list of priorities on the call.
    - iv. Revision suggestions: [previous suggestions](#). Recent revision suggestions below..
      1. Use a word count versus a page count
      2. Use AI to assist the process and determine if the RFP meets the criteria

3. Use reliable reviewers who will commit to completing all reviews
  4. Use standard deviation to assist the selection process
  - v. Request to retain access to shared drive to complete FIF project
  - f. Review resolution in support of the value of staff involvement in shared governance. There have been ongoing discussions with leadership about how to maintain staff voice in university operations and how to draw a line between shared governance and union work.
    -  Resolution in Support of the Value of Our Staff and Their Vital Role in Shared Go...
  - g. AI Survey Update–IRB revisions still underway. Will not circulate this semester. Action: notify System Governance Council.
  - h. AI Presentation to the BOR will include a faculty voice. CIO Shier attended the meeting with Pres. Pitney today and agreed to give faculty 15 minutes for their presentation.
  - i. Policy Review–Research Ethics Comments due by April 25.
 

Transmittal text: “As a result of Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandated changes to federal contractor research misconduct procedures announced by federal rulemaking in 2024 and which became effective as of January 2026, the University must update its existing research misconduct regulations found in R10.07.060 to align with the new HHS requirements. Please find attached both Redline and Clean copies of the revisions to the R10.07.060 which have been prepared by the Office of General Counsel in consultation with the Offices of the Vice-Chancellor for Research at each of the three universities.”

    - i.  26.02.17 - Revisions to Current R10.07.060 - HHS ORI New Rules-v2.pdf
    - ii.  26.02.17- Revisions to Current R10.07.060 - HHS ORI New Rules-CLEA...
    - iii.  HHS-ORI - Sample Policies and Procedures\_final.pdf
    - iv.  HHS-ORI - Writing Policies and Procedures Guidance\_final.pdf
  - j. President Search Updates will continue to originate from this site. <https://www.alaska.edu/pres/pres-search/>. Latest update includes constituent groups meeting with President finalists. <https://www.alaska.edu/pres/pres-search/index.php#cg>
    - i. Action: Representatives on the panels should send out their own brief survey to solicit questions from those they represent. HR will not be doing that.
    - ii. Finalists will not be traveling to the UAS campus–scheduling conflict with NWCCU site visit was cited, as well as the campus size and travel logistics.
    - iii. Release of information about number of applicants, interviewed semifinalists, finalists.
5. Information/Discussion
- a. HR Survey results for pay distribution over 12 months. Heavy lift, priority lowered due to focus on negotiating with the Staff Union. Pres. Pitney has agreed to reach out to HR to encourage them to message that the change will happen, but likely not until AY28.
    -  Total Rewards Survey - 9 months vs. 12 months pay data.pdf
  - b. Workload for Governance Leaders
    - i. Draft policy:  FS Compensation Proposal Draft
    - ii. UAA Resolution passed in December, transmitted December 18; receipt acknowledged Jan. 16. Response dated Jan. 22. Action still open.
      -  25.01.22 Memo to Faculty Senate President re Faculty Senate Resolutions ...
      -  RESOLUTION #120624-3 Support for Review of Compensation Policy fo...

- iii. Any policy on other campuses?
      - 1. Had hallway discussion with UAF chancellor regarding compensation changes but haven't seen changed policy
      - 2. There are defined Faculty Workload credits for faculty leadership in the [UAS Faculty Handbook](#) as part of the Constitution. Page 11.
    - iv. Alliance chair compensation?
  - c.  *T2 Committees.pdf* Any updates on faculty participation?
  - d. Immigration Enforcement Q&A. Student panel was April 1, @1pm; Faculty panel was April 1, @11am; [notes from a colleague from the faculty panel](#). Cross participation allowed; zoom access possible.
  - e. Leadership Development.  *Leadership Development*
  - f. Boilerplate policies standard to all classes that can be linked from syllabi? A syllabus module? Which campuses have such a thing?
    - i. [UAF does](#), it works only sort of well. Leah has been advocating for adoption of the "SYL" module from CourseLeaf that would have web-based syllabi that could pull in boilerplate text automatically and would also serve as an ongoing syllabus repository. But it's not without issues.
    - ii. UAS has a template on the CELT (instructional design) [website](#). That references [UAS Faculty Handbook](#) requirements and suggestions (page 32-33).
  - g. 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.
- 6. Faculty Senate Reports and Updates
  - a. UAA
    - i. The April Faculty Senate meeting included continued discussion of the Faculty Hiring Resolution, with a fully edited version introduced and approved.
      - 1. The adopted Faculty-Led Hiring Model places primary responsibility on faculty to identify hiring needs, develop proposals, and evaluate candidates, with administrative oversight for resources, priorities, and compliance. The process proceeds through Dean and Provost review to a faculty-led search, while HR and administration provide ongoing procedural support and ensure policy compliance, with limited provisions for temporary emergency appointments.
    - ii. Two new motions were considered and passed unanimously, including a proposal regarding Non-Tenure Track (NTT) designation across UAA and a resolution to establish an ad hoc Faculty Handbook Taskforce for the 2026–2027 academic year.
    - iii. Bylaw revisions and a motion to support a strategic planning document provided by UAA were both postponed until the May meeting.
  - b. UAF

- i. Faculty Senate passed a resolution regarding ANLC (Note: share discussion with Pat Pitney regarding prior director searches; also discuss faculty workload information)
- ii. Two resolutions passed related to immigration; one supporting contributions of immigrants and one asking that classrooms be designated as private space when classes are in session
- iii. Chancellor search is progressing; zoom interviews next week
- c. UAS - accreditation visit next week, working on AI syllabus statement resolution, Andrea Dewees confirmed by senate as past-president.

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): <a href="#">Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) at UA University GenAI Policies and Guidelines</a>   <a href="#">Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) at UA The State of AI at UAF: Fall 2025 Guides: Academic Integrity &amp; AI: Artificial Intelligence (AI) Generative AI Security Standard   Office of Information Technology</a> <a href="#">AI Resources   Information Technology Services   University of Alaska Anchorage Generative AI Guidance</a> (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.  Discuss definitions of shared governance and practices to foster effectual shared governance at the senate and alliance levels  AI Steering Council
November 14, 2025	Determine Juneau F-T-F dates for February/March Begin planning process Notify Noel of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Full legal name.</li> <li>● Confirmation of dates</li> </ul>

December 12, 2025	
January 9, 2026	Guests: Luke Fulp, Nickole Conley
February 13, 2026	Guests: Ben Shier
March 20, 2026	Adjusted to be after spring break by one week
April 10, 2026	
May 8, 2026	

### Legislative Priorities

1. BOR budget—adequate funding, student success
2. Funding for scholarships—Fully fund APS
3. Capital funding—deferred maintenance.
4. UAA Annual funding “Fix and Repair” \$4-6m.

HB 10 ADD FACULTY MEMBER UNIV BOARD OF REGENT (Carrick)  
 HB 28 TEACHER/STATE EMPLOYEE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (Story) *retention*  
 HB 29 SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (Vance and Costello)  
 HB 34 ESTABLISH THE ALASKA INNOVATION COUNCIL (Holland)  
**HB 78** DEFINED BENEFITS –TRANSMITTED TO SENATE FINANCE  
 HB 88 TUITION WAIVERS-(Eischeid)  
 HB 176 STUDENT FEES-(Carrick)

SB 5 SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE. (Hughes)  
**SB 28** RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPTION (Giessel)-COMMITTEE  
 SB 118 FACULTY REGENT (Senate State Affairs)  
 SB 107 ALASKA SUNSET COMMISSION (Hughes, Kaufman)  
 SB 157 STUDENT FEES NOTICE (Gray-Jackson)

GO Bond for deferred maintenance?  
 Defined Benefits legislation  
 Supplemental budget

Hiring new UAA Chancellor- delayed  
 Governor Election -2026

