

Minutes  
**Faculty Alliance**  
August 18, 2023 Friday  
3:30 - 5:00 pm  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Members:

UAS

**Jennifer Ward**, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance

**Glenn Wright**, President UAS Faculty Senate

Brian Blitz, UAS Faculty Senate President-Elect

UAA

**Jackie Cason**, UAA Faculty Senate 1st Vice President

**Ian Hartman**, Past President UAA Faculty Senate

**LuAnn Piccard**, UAA Faculty Senate President

UAF

**Jennifer Carroll**, President, UAF Faculty Senate; Chair-Elect, Faculty Alliance

**Abel Bult-Ito**, UAF President-Elect

Ataur Chowdhury, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

Ex Officio:

Vice President ASA, Paul Layer

Support:

Sharon Dayton

Noel Romanovsky

I. Call to Order

A. Approval of Agenda

Abel moves to approve. Jennifer seconds.

B. Approval of the [May 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)

Abel approves. Ian seconds.

C. Housekeeping / Jennifer is reviewing the Faculty Alliance website

a. [Governance Log of Actions](#): Faculty Alliance Resolutions and Motions need updating or re-filing...

b. Governance Reports need updating / reports to senates

c. System Governance Council

The bylaws and constitution states the group should meet six times throughout the year. The group was not very active last year

II. Business

A. Schedule Meetings for fall 2023, Retreat(s), scheduling Pat for a meeting.

We would like to discuss evaluating administrators.

From our Constitution and Bylaws: The Alliance shall have meetings at least once per month during the academic year. At least once per semester, the Alliance shall meet with the UA President to identify system issues and plan for the coming year. Special Faculty Alliance meetings may be called by the UA Board of Regents, the UA President, the Alliance chair, or on petition of one-third of the membership

There will be a doodle poll sent out to schedule the meetings for the next year.

Fall Retreat will be in Anchorage. There will be a Doodle Poll deciding on the date. Suggested time of a 10:00 am to 4:00 PM

B. Faculty Initiative Fund RFP

a. Message JW sent out to all faculty:

**Faculty Initiative Fund Continues!**

Welcome back to AY2024, University of Alaska Faculty.

The UA Faculty Alliance is pleased to announce the popular Faculty Initiative Fund, a faculty-driven grant award program will be offered again this fall. Be on the lookout for the RFP, set to come out in September.

Thank you to President Pitney for prioritizing \$360k to scholarship, teaching, research, and innovation for University of Alaska Faculty. Past years' awards attest to the excellence of our faculty who have benefitted from these funds, creating further opportunities for our students and broader communities.

Consider applying for funding of your own or a collaborative project. Or consider serving on the Review Panel. We will need at least 3 faculty from each university. As a reviewer you will get the unique opportunity to evaluate and award the most compelling projects.

You can learn more about the Faculty Initiative Fund and read about the past projects which were funded at [the Faculty Initiative Fund Website](#).

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ward

AY24 Faculty Alliance Chair

b. [Faculty Initiative Fund RFP text](#) as it currently is

c. [Rubric](#)

Notes from last years' reviewers on the rubric: There were a few suggestions to add to the Rubric and RFP this year. One was to **limit the CVs to two pages per PI/person**. Another other was to **add scoring as part of the Rubric** (I'm trying to remember what the exact situation was, but they wanted to make scoring part of the Rubric). And finally to make it clear in the RFP that if there isn't dean/director approval for all of the PIs that the proposal would not be reviewed. There was also considerable discussion over whether certain items met the minimum qualifications and if they should be reviewed or not. For example: A proposal didn't meet all of the basic requirements outlined in the RFP (number of pages, dean/director signatures, CVs too long, etc). At what point does it not qualify and do the reviewers still provide a score or do they reject it and move on? How critical should the reviewers be with each proposal? Clarifying this prior to reviewing helps the reviewers and creates consistency.

September 5th should have the details worked out.

C. My reports to [BOR May 25 & 26](#); August 30 & 31

D. Alliance Execs meeting with the President

The Faculty Chair meets with President Pitney and Vice President Paul Layer once a month.

Goals and Measures will be streamlined to be Pillars of Excellence.

Quality reputation, long-term financial viability, Arctic National and State leadership.

E. Responses to our memos

A suggestion to have a land acknowledgement at the start of the Faculty Alliance meetings.

Agenda is tabled.

### III. Informational

A. ANSI Search Committee for the Senior Director of Alaska Native Success & Partnerships position

Carry Aldrich, professor of writing at UAA, is on the search Committee.

B. [FYI Staff Alliance Memo](#)

- C. [Employee Assessment Feedback Steer. Comm.](#) (CHRO Memry Dahl)
- D. Report out on AAUP Summer Institute (JW, TBD)

IV. Senate Reports

- A. UAA
- B. UAF
- C. UAS

V. Adjourn