

Minutes
Faculty Alliance
April 14, 2023
3:30 - 5:30 pm
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Members:

Gökhan Karahan, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance
Ian Hartman, President, UAA Faculty Senate
LuAnn Piccard, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
Sandra Wildfeuer, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate
Ataur Chowdhury, President, UAF Faculty Senate
Jennifer Carroll, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
Jennifer Ward, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Glenn Wright, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate
Andrea Dewees, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate

Staff:

Possible Guests: Vice President **Paul Layer**, **Dawn Humenik**, **Lauren Hartman**, Jak Maier, Maria Williams, **Heather Batchelder**

- I. Call to Order - Jennifer Ward
 - A. Approve Agenda;
Ian approves the agenda. LuAnn seconds.
 - B. Approve [Meeting Minutes: March 24, 2023](#)
Jennie approves. LuAnn seconds.
 - C. Housekeeping
Starting in the fall we hope the meetings will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- II. New Business
 - A. FA Responses to [Budget-Related Memos](#) and [Draft Memos](#) (Andrea Dewees)
 - a. Severance payment
 - b. Formative assessment exec admin
 - c. Other?
A concise memo addressing these issues will be drafted for Faculty Alliance to review and edit before submitting to President Pitney.

Paul Layer reports that President Biden has assigned a resolution announcing that Covid emergency ends May 11. UA is looking at their Covid policies now to align with federal guidelines.

There will be raises of 3% for faculty and 1% for staff this year.

There are changes in Health Insurance provided by UA. Everyone is encouraged to review the policies provided. Each employee will need to sign up for health insurance, otherwise they will be defaulted to a basic health insurance that doesn't include their family.

B. Report at the last Board of Regents Meeting (Jennifer W.)

- a. I reported the following items at the February meeting. I want to be sure that I am following up adequately on:

AUGUST 2022 MEMOS to PRESIDENT PITNEY, CHANCELLORS, and the BOR

We received the last two responses to our August 2022 memos. We are currently working toward formulating answers to these responses. These requests are mainly about financials, and we are committed to ensuring that the State resources are used for furthering the University's mission.

DATA on ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF, and STUDENTS

We are still working on analyzing the faculty, staff, and admin data. We hope to report our findings in the next BOR meeting.

C. How to Better Communicate with the BOR (One idea is what the Staff Alliance is doing, GK idea is to have quarterly structured BOR meetings or have a BOR subcommittee meet with the SGC, Positive Meeting Meeting with President Pitney)

It is puzzling that the Board of Regents would not want to understand issues from a faculty perspective. Perhaps there are other ways such as a subcommittee that would be a place for influence and communication. The Board of Regents has created ad hoc committees in the past. It would have to be the Board's decision to create a standing committee and be willing to have those conversations.

Staff Alliance has had casual meetings with no more than 3 Regents to avoid the open meeting law.

Faculty Alliance would still like to have a member of faculty on the Board of Regents. They feel that without that representation, they will not be heard or understood.

- D. Grading and Academic Integrity Issues ([UAF File](#), [UAA Link](#), [UAS](#) (pp. 38-40 faculty handbook)

The Administration came to the Faculty with a new academic integrity policy for students that was rejected 3 years ago. It removed the grading discretion from the faculty if the issue is academic integrity. We were informed this policy came from the General Counsel and that faculty was out of compliance with the Board of Regents policy. Faculty Alliance should look at the Board of Regents Policy and make suggestions to President Pitney. A suggestion to separate the academic integrity policy from the other student conduct.

This is an awareness issue. There will be some response from the General Counsel.

- E. Tuition and Student Fee regulation revisions (Cleaner Copy???)

This topic was transmitted to governance groups at the end of February. The regulation has minor revision through the General Counsel. From there, it will move to the Chancellor and President for their review.

- [Copy with Tracked Changes](#)
- [Clean Copy](#)

- F. Discussion on Recognizing One Retiring Faculty Member from Each of the Three Institutions (LuAnn Piccard)

This was submitted for two faculty and received a confirmation from Andrew Gray's office. It should be approved before faculty go off contract because they have to be completed by the end of the legislative session May 15th.

- G. UAF Kuskokwim / any extended campus and faculty governance consistency throughout the system. Any recommendations? Invite a faculty member to our next meeting? (Jennifer Ward)

There will be a follow up conversation with the Faculty member in Kuskokwim.

III. Old Business

A.

IV. Informational

A.

V. Senate Reports

- A. UAA – Faculty Senate meeting was last Friday. They passed a resolution calling the provost office to set up a website to provide clear guidance for the RSI

requirements coming from the Department of Education. There will be a few very minor bylaw changes to the constitution. There will be a new governance coordinator. There was a faculty Forum which was themed around community building.

- B. UAF – endorsed the Distance Education Policy. Next year will create the structure around the policy.
- C. UAS—passed electronic tenure & promotion file submission process

VI. Adjourn

Ian moves to adjourn. Jennifer seconds.