

Minutes
Faculty Alliance
April 28, 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

I. Call to Order

A. Approval of Agenda

Ataur moves to approve. Jennifer seconds.

B. Approval of the [April 14, 2023 Minutes](#)

Jennifer moves to approve. Ataur seconds.

II. New Business

A. FA Responses to [Budget-Related Memos](#) and [Draft Memos](#)

A discussion of how to effectively edit the memos. It was decided to edit the memos and vote on them at the next Faculty Alliance meeting when all members would be in attendance.

B. Memo to the BOR

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z9w0MwoeLUQ4at5mPkTakNVM4povzoGi/edit>

The memo will be put on a formal letterhead to the Board of Regents and signed by all of the Faculty Alliance. Unanimously approved.

C. How to Communicate with the BOR

A discussion of different ways to communicate with the Board of Regents. There was a suggestion to explore the idea of a subcommittee of the Board of Regents to talk to the Faculty directly. The Board has four standing committees; Academic Student Affairs, Facilities Land management, Budget and Finance, and their own internal governance. They also have the authority to create ad hoc committees as they did for Title IX. They can create committees of the Board for looking at board business policy. The Faculty Chair is ex-officio on Academic and Student Affairs. The Board Committee chair sets the agenda for the Academic and Student Affairs.

D. Data Breach

Did the University do a broad based communication to all the people affected? Memry Dahl would send a message on Thursday to respond to this notice and help employees navigate the notice that they received from the vendor. General Counsel Cooper is also looking into this issue.

E. Health Insurance

Healthcare premium changes.

Faculty feel they have paid for health care benefits for 12 months in a 9 month contract but they didn't get that benefit in the first year of employment. For fiscal year 24 UA has made planned changes to allow coverage on the first day of hire with completed paperwork within the first pay period. With a 12 month health care benefit in 9 months, faculty and staff will continue to pay for their portion of the benefit in the pay periods they are receiving wages.

Tara Ferguson will come to the next Faculty Alliance meeting and explain the changes to Faculty Alliance.

III. Old Business

A.

IV. Informational

A.

V. Senate Reports

A. UAA – no updates.

B. UAF - one master of health care management and one certificate will be passed.

C. UAS – nothing to report

VI. Adjourn

Ataur moves to adjourn. Andrea seconds.