

Faculty Alliance Agenda  
November 17, 2023  
3:30-5:00pm  
[Zoom Link](#)

Members

<p><u>UAS</u> Jennifer Ward, Chair, Faculty Alliance, Glenn Wright, President UAS Faculty Senate, Brian Blitz, UAS Faculty Senate President-Elect</p> <p><u>UAF</u> Jennifer Carroll, President, UAF Faculty Senate; Chair-Elect, Faculty Alliance Abel Bult-Ito, UAF President-Elect Ataur Chowdhury, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate</p>	<p><u>UAA</u> Jackie Cason, 1st VP, UAA Faculty Senate Ian Hartman, Past President UAA Faculty Senate LuAnn Piccard, President, UAA Faculty Senate</p> <p><u>Ex Officio:</u> Paul Layer, Vice President ASA</p> <p><u>Support:</u> Sharon Dayton Noel Romanovsky</p>
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1. Call to order (3:30)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of [Meeting Minutes 9/29/23](#)
4. Fairbanks Land Acknowledgment
5. Update on Faculty Initiative Fund (JW)
6. Update on BOR meeting (11/9 [Audit & Finance](#), [Facilities & Land Mgmt](#), [ASA Committee](#) & [11/10 – JW](#)) [my Report](#)
  - a. Special Meeting of BOR around December 1
  - b. Jennifer will craft a memo about process / ASA committee
7. [Roadmap to Empower Alaska](#) – Guiding Principles, System Goals – comments to Paul Layer by mid Jan / Feb 1, from faculty Senates
8. [Proposal](#) review / Thought Leaders (JC)
9. Proposed [constitution and bylaws](#) edit (JW) – Jennifer will prepare a suggestion to go to the faculty senates February meetings for voting for approval..
10. [Academic Integrity](#) BOR Policy Change (JC)
11. Faculty Senate Reports

## 12. Regents

### Faculty Thought Leadership Forum Proposal - Draft

Concept: An annual (probably via Zoom) spring conference over two half-days where faculty from each university can present on a topic of significance to the university community. The first topic will be Artificial Intelligence and the university. Subsequent topics could include: academic integrity, working with diverse student populations, future of education, faculty and student retention, the role of research at the university, and academic freedom.

#### Purpose:

1. Share UA faculty experience and expertise.
2. Increase communication and collaboration between faculty at different UA universities.
3. Highlight the role of faculty at the university.
4. Increase faculty's understanding of and ability to fulfill their role as thought leaders in the university system.

#### Process:

1. Faculty Alliance chooses the topic and questions and creates an RFP.
2. RFP can include "themes."
3. Faculty will submit a proposal that includes a title and an abstract of 500 words that demonstrates how their proposal addresses the overall topic and thematic area.
4. Proposal is evaluated by... *faculty alliance leadership? (JW)*
5. *Could there be a stipend given, or, an affirmation that it counts toward T&P (the refereed by peers part?) JW*

#### 2024 Inaugural Topic

Artificial Intelligence seemingly exploded into the consciousness of the university education community in November of 2022 when OpenAI released an early version of ChatGPT. Since that time, universities have debated the impact, positive and negative, of AI on academic integrity, academic performance, the nature of work in various disciplines, and the broader impact on society. How should AI be handled in the classroom? Is AI appropriate everywhere and in every discipline? Is AI a new phenomenon fundamentally different from what has come before or is it an extension of existing processes? Should universities create new policies specifically about AI or is that an alarmist response? Does AI offer opportunities for all students or does it privilege some forms of expression over others? The Faculty Alliance is seeking proposals from University of Alaska faculty to present 50 minute presentations via Zoom that address one of the following themes:

1. The impact of AI on academic integrity.
2. The impact of AI on academic performance.
3. The impact of AI on a particular discipline or area of employment.
4. The impact of AI on society, including intellectual property, cultural expression, visibility of minority voices,...

[Reading List](#) (shall we revisit, share again with the new group of Regents?)

13. Other agenda items

New Governance Support Administrative Assistant, Mary Burnham, starts November 20, 2023