

Faculty Alliance
Minutes
Sept. 11, 2015
1:30-3:30

Present: Cecile Lardon, David Fitzgerald, Debu Misra, Diane Hirshberg, Tara Smith, Kevin Krein, Maren Haavig, Orion Lawlor, Lisa Hoefercamp,

1. Chair Lardon shared an interactive document with the group for brainstorming purposes.
2. This meeting isn't a business meeting. Rather planning session for a retreat (which might take place in December) as well as looking at which issues to tackle this year/set direction and priorities. Agreement from the group.
3. Chair proposes using SWOT to assess upcoming and current issues
4. Chair would like to set priorities for the year and use SWOT as a way to identify those priorities.
5. Strengths: Commitment to shared governance; broad and deep experience among members; diversity of faculty;
6. Weaknesses: distance and not enough F2F meeting opportunities; forced to be reactive rather than proactive; lack of understanding of what shared governance is across the system;
7. Opportunities: new leadership at SW and campuses; make a contribution to UA problem solving; setting proactive rather than reactive goals;
8. Threats: budget; BOR trends to standardize MUAs; state economy
9. Discussion about new ASA chair and student regent – how will that impact academics at UA?
10. Identify one item of priority;
 - a. Debu: Effective in communication flow to Senates
 - b. David: new leadership
 - c. Kevin: form a strong connection with UA leadership (Summit Team, executive administration) to proactively influence decisions about budget priorities; as well as influence BOR and leg to prioritize academics and see faculty as experts in this area
 - d. Maren; continue strengthening relationship to BOR so they see faculty as integral to academic decision making
 - e. Lisa: faculty knowledge pool—make sure that is taken full advantage of by the BOR and legislature
 - f. Orion: communicating what we do already to all UA stakeholders
 - g. Diane: (missed it!)
 - h. Tara: setting proactive goals for Alliance, Summit Team and BOR
 - i. Cecile: work with UA and campus leaders to find ways to protect the independence of the universities
 - j. Debu: public support
 - k. Kevin: need more F2F meetings
11. Retreat would be near/around the December 10-11 BOR meeting in Anchorage

12. Inviting VP White and President Johnsen at FA meetings – how do we want to handle this as a group?

- a. Cecile: think its valuable to have them there for part of the time, perhaps at the beginning
- b. Agreement that it would be beneficial for VP White and President Johnsen to attend, however, not for the entire meeting
- c. Since FA is meeting twice a month, Chair Lardon suggested a standing invitation for one meeting, with the option to invite them to the second monthly meeting
- d. First meeting with them is longer to present them with priorities for the year, and then go to a shorter time with them
- e. Two weeks – finalize this process
- f. Four weeks – VP White and President Johnsen invited to attend for a somewhat longer than normal amount of time (also pending the outcome of the Regents meeting)

13. Next meeting time: Sept. 25 from 1:30 to 3:30

Adjourned at 3:20pm.