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Minutes

**Faculty Alliance**

Friday, September 9, 2016

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2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 2:35 p.m.

Voting Members:

Megan Buzby, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate  
Sharon Chamard, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate  
Chris Fallen, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate  
David Fitzgerald, President, UAA Faculty Senate,  
Orion Lawlor, President, UAF Faculty Senate  
Tara Smith, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance

Members Absent:

Maren Haavig, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate  
Lisa Hoferkamp, President, UAS Faculty Senate  
Debu Misra, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

2. Adoption of Agenda

Sharon moved to approve the agenda, and Chris seconded. Orion moved to add under New Business: credit for prior learning, 50 v. 60 min hours, and plus/minus grades.

Tara noted Alaska Native Studies Council will be giving a report to the GER task force—would like to discuss at the Oct. 14 meeting.

Sharon moved to approve as amended. And Megan seconded. There were none opposed. The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Approval of May 3 Minutes Reference 1  
Tara noted an editorial change, and also thought the blackboard wasn't turned off—it wasn't turned ON.
4. Approval of August 15 Minutes Reference 2  
One change proposed to 8.1 – Bylaw revisions will be distributed to the senates for their September meeting, and then reviewed at the Alliance's October 14 meeting.

Sharon moved to approve both with the changes, Megan seconded. None were opposed. The May 3 and August 15 minutes were approved with the noted changes.

5. Public or Guest Comments  
None given.
6. Report from Chair  
Two issues in addition to what was discussed via email: The October meeting changed to Friday so has more time to prep now. Tara distributed to Alliance members a survey originally sent to UAA Faculty Senate; it was well received at UAA and although there was a short timeline there were almost 300 responses; 48 percent said they were looking for other employment; Tara noted she would be willing to help with a similar survey at UAS and UAF.
7. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents): Items under consideration/discussion; motions/actions taken; questions or comments to Faculty Alliance

UAS – The UAS Senate had objections to SP recommendations regarding School of Management and drafted a memo with their concerns. There were no objections to the proposed Alliance bylaw changes. They also discussed English ACCUPLACER—did not use it up to 2012 and then were asked to change it; overall, felt what they had before was better and they experience more problems now. Also in the process of discussing class break scheduling. Overall, the UAS Senate does not support single accreditation—but in felt Natural Sciences programs it might be helpful to collaborate with UAF and UAA.

UAF – The UAF Senate used a Google Doc for the AdComm agenda and gave everyone edit rights and was able to update it in real time—this new format seemed to work well. They passed a resolution on single accreditation. Members also noted they were not very happy with the new calendar and the oddities it contains due to the compromises that created it.

UAA – President Johnsen will join for the UAA Senate for their Oct. 7 meeting. They passed two motions: one on common calendar—asking to leave it in the hands of the Alliance; and one regarding the switch to Gmail—asking to have the send capability of the old Outlook accounts turned back on to help alleviate current difficulties. They also asked for an After Activity Review (AAR) of the transfer to Gmail—to address FERPA/HIPPA concerns and the lack of interactivity with other vendors.

## 8. Ongoing Business

- 8.1. Strategic Pathways Phase 1 feedback Reference 3  
Members reviewed the draft memo and discussed the nominations from each campus until there was overall agreement with nominees in each of the areas. Sharon moved to approve the memo (draft 4—as revised during the meeting); and Megan seconded. There were none opposed.
- 8.2. Comments on Accreditation Study Reference 4  
Members touched on local faculty opinions. After discussion, the group agreed to have Tara draft a memo in Google Docs with their combined feedback.
- 8.3. Common Calendar [Reference 5](#)
- 8.4. Committee Appointments
- 8.4.1. Student Services Council – Tara suggested Debu with Dave as back-up, who are nominees for the SP Phase II Student Services review teams.
- 8.4.2. System Governance Council – Tara and Lisa
- 8.4.3. SAC – Tara, Chris, and Lisa
- 8.5. BOR Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting – Tara gave an update on the Sept. 8 committee meeting. At the committee meeting, she gave update on GER Coordinating Task Force, and Regent Lucason noted it was a good presentation—so it seems what had been such a hot button issue last year now slipped by almost unnoticed. She was also asked if the ASA Committee added to BOR Bylaws, and noted ASA members were unaware it was not in the bylaws—she thinks it will clarify the role of the Faculty Alliance Chair on the committee.

## 9. New Business

- 9.1. Credit for prior learning – UA needs to address the different policies at the three universities; SAC members will bring is up at the next meeting to see if they want the Alliance to work on it. Megan requested data on how this was used in the past.
- 9.2. 50 v. 60 min hours – Currently there are differences between campuses – however, it may be difficult to implement a change from 50 to 60 minutes at UAA.
- 9.3. Plus/minus grades – *(no recorded notes for this portion – Alliance members please let me know if you remember)*

## 10. Agenda Items for September 23 Meeting

- 10.1. Benefits charges for faculty contracts

## 11. Agenda Items for October 14 Meeting

- 11.1. Revisions to the Faculty Alliance Constitution & Bylaws
- 11.2. Alaska Native Studies Council presentation on a AK Native Culture GER

## 12. Comments, concerns, and announcements

## 13. Adjourn

Sharon moved to adjourn, Megan seconded. The meeting concluded at 4:21 p.m.