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Agenda

Faculty Alliance

Friday, February 10, 2017

Google Hangouts

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

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,

Maren Haavig, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate

Lisa Hoferkamp, President, UAS Faculty Senate

Orion Lawlor, President, UAF Faculty Senate

Debu Misra, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

Tara Smith, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

President James Johnsen

2. Adoption of Agenda

Approval of December and January Minutes

3. Public or Guest Comments: President Johnsen to join at 3:35p

4. Report from Chair:

5. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents): Items under consideration/discussion; motions/actions taken; questions or comments to Faculty Alliance

6. Ongoing Business

6.1. Common Calendar Memo & Motion

6.2. Statewide Reductions

7. New Business
 - 7.1. Coordinated motion for Faculty Senates—preliminary discussion
8. Agenda Items for February 24 Meeting
 - 8.1. Enrollment Plan Response
 - 8.2. Strategic Pathways Phase 2 Options
9. Agenda Items for March 10 Meeting
 - 9.1. Protection of Minors Regulation draft
10. Comments, concerns, and announcements
11. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

February

- 15-Chair meets with President, 3p, Anchorage
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- 21- BOR Public Testimony, 4p-6p, audio
- 23- BOR ASA Committee meeting, 8:30a-11:30a, video
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March

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- 3-UAS Faculty Senate, 3p-5p
- 6-UAF Faculty Senate, 1p-3p
- 7-Chair meets with VPAAR, 2p, phone
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April

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May

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Friday, December 9, 2016

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Audio: 1-855-280-1855

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 2:31 p.m.

Voting Members:

Megan Buzby, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate
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David Fitzgerald, President, UAA Faculty Senate,
Lisa Hoferkamp, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Orion Lawlor, President, UAF Faculty Senate
Tara Smith, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

Dan Kline, Chair, GER Coordinating Task Force

Members Absent:

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Dave moved to adopt the agenda, and Lisa seconded. There were no objections. The agenda was adopted as presented

3. Approval of October 28, November 9, and November 18 Minutes

Morgan asked for clarification regarding January business meetings. Members agreed there would be no meeting on Jan. 13 and a possible meeting on Jan. 27 if needed following the retreat. Tara noted UAS should be included in the Oct. 28 minutes under item 5.2.

Chris moved to approve as amended, and Lisa seconded. There were no objections and the minutes were approved as amended.

4. Public or Guest Comments

Dan Kline, GER Task Force – Dan opened his comments by thanking his colleagues on the task force and the Alliance for their hard work to date. He reported the disciplinary areas are beginning to form their teams. He noted that his interpretation of Board’s charge would be to not align everything but to tweak courses that are very similar in order to get them to align. He noted they are still looking for a humanities member from Fairbanks—an area where there is a lot of work to do. He also noted one of his main objectives was to prove faculty can work together to solve these problems to avoid any damaging intervention from the Board or SW.

5. Report from Chair

Tara noted she would meet with President Johnsen on Dec. 16. She will try to nail down Board/Alliance January retreat agenda. See also her report to the Senates.

6. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents): Items under consideration/discussion; motions/actions taken; questions or comments to Faculty Alliance

UAA – David reported that Abel Bult-Ito gave a review of his proposal regarding SW at their last Senate meeting. He noted that President Johnsen and Chief Information Technology Officer Karl Kowalski also attended the Senate meeting. President Johnsen and CITO Kowalski discussed the decisions to switch to Google and a single instance of Blackboard. UAA Faculty noted they felt there was a lack of transparency or pre-action analysis to support the decision. At the Senate meeting, UAA Faculty made a motion to support the Bult-Ito proposal, however, there was no vote taken. David also report the UAA Faculty Senate plans to pass a vote of no confidence for Karl Kowalski and then a vote of no confidence for President Johnsen, as well as pass a motion to support Bult-Ito’s proposal, at their January 2017 meeting.

UAS – Maren reported the most recent UAS Senate meeting centered on opposing the consolidation of the School of Education at UAS into a combined model managed out of Fairbanks. The Faculty also participated in a morale survey, which showed the majority of respondents had seen a decline in morale over the past two years. Overall, the current theme among faculty at UAS focuses on a lack of confidence in Strategic Pathway process.

UAF – Orion reported the UAF Senate meeting focused on a discussion of Strategic Pathways. One member suggested if additional faculty members were not involved in the process, the Senate censure the UAF Senate president. The most recent UAF Faculty Senate agenda can be viewed [HERE](#).

7. Ongoing Business

7.1. Strategic Pathways Phase 3 nominations (finalize)

Members discussed and agreed upon Phase 3 faculty governance representatives, and Tara noted she would send a final memo to VP White.

7.2. Budget Information from VPAAR Dan White

Members reviewed budget information shared by VP White.

7.3. Retreat planning

Members agreed to a schedule of 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner with regents on the Thursday, Jan. 19, and meeting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20.
Tara asked members to send agenda items to her.

8. New Business
 - 8.1. New Vision (Abel Bult-Ito's) proposal
Members suggested having Abel present at the retreat and there was general support for the idea.
 - 8.2. Draft comments on reductions to Statewide
Tara asked members if they wanted to continue to pursue the memo first drafted by Kevin Krein regarding SW cuts. There was general agreement to review/redraft Kevin's original memo.
 - 8.3. Enrollment Strategy
Tara noted she thought a plan for increasing enrollment should have involved faculty earlier in the process. Members were not sure if they wanted to continue to review the report since it was already presented to the Summit Team by AVP Oba.
9. Agenda Items for January 13 Meeting
 - 9.1. Strategic Pathways Phase 2 Options—if released
10. Agenda Items for January Retreat
 - 10.1. Common Calendar
 - 10.2. Budget information requests
 - 10.3. Strategic Pathways Phase 2 Options—if released
 - 10.4. New Visions Proposal
11. Comments, concerns, and announcements
12. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

December

9- Strategic Pathways, Phase 2 presentations (some, others moved to January 18)

9-Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts

?14- TS meets with President Johnsen, RESCHEDULED

16-SAC, 2p-4p, Audio

23-No Faculty Alliance Meeting

2017

January

11: SAC, 3-5p, Audio

13-Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts

19-20, BOR Retreat, Anchorage

19: Faculty Alliance Retreat, Anchorage, 10:30a-4p & dinner with regents

20: Faculty Alliance Retreat, Anchorage, 9a-5p

27-Faculty Alliance Meeting, CANCELLED

30-Faculty Alliance report due to Statewide Governance

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RH 309, UAA Campus

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2. Adoption of Agenda

Members agreed to add discussion of revisions to the Protection of Minors regulations. There were no objections. The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Approval of December 9 Minutes

Approval of the December minutes was postponed to the next Alliance meeting.

4. Public or Guest Comments

None given.

5. Report from Chair

6. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents)

UAA – The Faculty Senate passed a vote of no confidence against President Johnsen for his actions surrounding Strategic Pathways and against CITO Karl Kowalski regarding his actions surrounding the move the Google across the UA system. The full resolutions can be read [here](#).

UAF – The Faculty Senate is working on a motion of vote of no confidence or opposition regarding the recent decision to consolidate the School of Education at the Juneau campus.

UAS – The Senate recently distributed a Faculty Morale Survey. The results were shared with the UAS provost and chancellor as well as senators. There was a complaint that identifying information should have been removed prior to distributing the results. Faculty are looking into class break scheduling and whether they need to develop a policy. UAS faculty are also reviewing anti-plagiarism software (Safe Assign) and are worried about student papers being automatically added to a global database. UAS Alliance members noted they did not think UAS faculty would unanimously support a vote of no confidence against President Johnsen or the Board of Regents, and noted that after a brief poll they feel roughly two-thirds of faculty would support it.

7. Ongoing Business

- 7.1. Common Calendar – The original Common Calendar committee has not met since Oct. 2015. As such, there hasn't been anyone the Alliance can contact with suggested changes to the current calendar. Alliance members reviewed a draft memo with three recommendations for changes to the current common calendar. The three recommendations called for the committee to be reformed, designate non-teaching days for the fall semester, and adjust the spring semester to allow for time between the last day of instruction and the start of finals. Members agreed to drafting a resolution to reestablish the committee, as well as forwarding the recommendation regarding non-teaching days in the fall semester to President Johnsen.
- 7.2. Writing Placement Community of Practice Report
Maren moved to approve the proposed resolution (Support for Writing Community of Practice Recommendations), seconded by Sharon. There were none opposed. The approved resolution can be reviewed [here](#).
- 7.3. AKNS GER Proposal
Members reviewed a draft resolution in support of an Alaska Native Studies General Education Requirement. Orion moved to approve the revised resolution, seconded by Sharon. There were none opposed. The approved resolution can be reviewed [here](#).

8. New Business

- 8.1. Credit for Prior Learning
Megan introduced the issue: each university has a separate practice for awarding credit for prior learning. Members discussed whether they should pursue aligned policies at each university, however, did not come to a particular decision. They agreed to take up the issue at a future meeting. Orion volunteered to draft a recommendation.
- 8.2. A New Vision for UA
Members agreed to forgo a response or recommendation regarding the New Vision for UA proposal.
- 8.3. Statewide Reductions Memo
Members discussed the draft memo and agreed specific suggestions, especially those already detailed in SW Transformation Team reports, should be included in the Alliance's memo to administration. Sharon, Orion, and Megan will draft a revised response and will share with other members at the next meeting.

- 8.4. SP Phase 2 Options
Discussion of how to respond to and provide feedback on Phase 2 Options was postponed to a future meeting. Alliance members agreed to discuss and gather feedback from their Faculty Senates.
 - 8.5. Enrollment Report
Members discussed the enrollment strategy document distributed by Saichi Oba (can be reviewed [here](#)). Megan, Orion, and Sharon agreed to work on a draft response for review at a future Alliance meeting.
 - 8.6. Protection of Minors
Members discussed the proposed revisions and agreed they were not specific to regular classroom instruction and were more tailored to a program specifically for minors (e.g. summer sports camps or research academies held on campus).
9. Agenda Items for February 10 Meeting
 - 9.1. Protection of Minors Policy
 10. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Resolution 2017-06

Establishment of a Common Calendar Committee

DRAFT For Consideration at the February 10, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Alliance

Whereas, the original “Common Calendar Advisory Task Force” was created by the Faculty Alliance and meant to continue shared governance and collaboration amongst all the universities going forward; and

Whereas, the Faculty Alliance “Common Calendar Task Force” was designated by President Gamble as the “Common Calendar Standing Committee,” yet they have not been active since September 2015. As a result, there is no committee to which we can address these concerns or suggestions for improvement. There is no committee to consider alternate proposals, discuss issues that arise, or continue collaboration beyond the AY17 Common Calendar; and

Whereas, the former facilitation of the committee through Statewide did not follow established shared governance processes and has not continued the mission of the committee; and

Whereas, there was some participation of faculty governance for the AY17 common calendar dates, there is effectively none for any future years unless an active committee is established; and

Whereas, all proposals for academic calendars should be sent to the Faculty Senates for comment before being reviewed by the Summit Team;

Whereas, the Faculty Alliance has received feedback from faculty across the system seeking improvements to the common calendar that requires deeper examination of a dedicated committee.

Therefore be it resolved, the Faculty Alliance re-establishes the Common Calendar Committee under its auspices, to be constituted of two faculty members selected by each of the Faculty Senates (UAA, UAF, UAS). The faculty may invite the members of Statewide and university staff to facilitate their work.

The Common Calendar Committee is charged with the following:

- Draft committee bylaws for inclusion in the Faculty Alliance Bylaws;
- Solicit and receive faculty and student feedback on the academic calendars;
- Review and solicit feedback on proposed changes to the academic calendar;
- Prepare recommendations on the common calendar for the Faculty Alliance.

Adopted by the Faculty Alliance the 10th day of February, 2017

Tara Smith, Chair

DRAFT

To: Statewide Academic Committee
From: Faculty Alliance
Date: February 10, 2017
Re: Improvements to Common Academic Calendar
CC: President Johnsen

The Faculty Alliance respects the difficult work of the UA Common Calendar Committee in aligning academic course calendars at UAA, UAF, and UAS. This type of coordination affects many stakeholders, including faculty, students, and staff, and is a difficult transition, but as the regents pointed out in April 2014, a common academic calendar may make it easier for our students to take courses from different universities.

There remain significant concerns of faculty on both the process and substance of the common calendar. In terms of process concerns, the task force and committees that were created to address the common calendar mandate were created by faculty governance, but did not report back to the bodies that created them before making recommendations to the president and the regents. The draft common calendar circulated for feedback in September 2015 and then approved by the president and chancellors in October 2015 did not address changes to long-standing non-teaching days which have been implemented at UAA and UAF. Those changes were not communicated to faculty and students in a timely or proactive fashion.

In moving forward, we hope that the Statewide Academic Council will consider and endorse our recommendations and support them to the Summit Team and President Johnsen. We look forward to assisting with communications to faculty on the common calendar in the future.

RECOMMENDATION 1: The Wednesday before Thanksgiving should be designated a non-teaching day at all three universities.

In the future, we recommend that throughout UA, classes not be scheduled on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, to allow adequate time for those who travel within or outside the state to be with family or friends on this significant and most-travelled holiday of the year. We have received strong feedback from faculty and students that this day should not be scheduled as a teaching day.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Each University should have the discretion to designate non-teaching days.

We strongly recommend universities retain the authority to declare non-teaching days that are relevant to the standing traditions and/or allow for the development of new ones within their institutional culture. The UAS student-driven Power & Privilege conference, the UAF Springfest, and the UAA Tuesday after Labor Day are all examples of the types of established and emerging non-teaching whose observance should be decided collaboratively within the respective university.