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Minutes

Faculty Alliance

Friday, March 24, 2017

Google Hangouts

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2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 2:32 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 *joined at 3:15*

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 *joined at 3:15*

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 Johnsen at 3:45

2. Adoption of Agenda

Dave moved to approve, seconded by Maren. There were none opposed. The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of March 10 Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes and agreed no changes were necessary. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Report from Chair: March 14 meeting with President Johnsen; SAC will forward our calendar recommendations to the Summit Team with their support

Tara noted she met with President Johnsen on March 14 and they focused mainly on how to incentivize enrollment and athletics. Her March report to the Senates is available [here](#).

5. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents): None or only important items; questions or comments to Faculty Alliance; report from David Fitzgerald on meeting with Chair O’Neill

UAF: Orion and Chris, the two active members of UAF Faculty Senate had not yet joined the meeting. However, Debu noted the UAF AdComm would be discussing CES Research and the issues brought up after its attempted elimination at their meeting today.

UAA: Dave reported it was overall a good meeting with Board Chair Gloria O’Neill, although he noted it was clear they had different ideas of what the focus of the meeting would be. For his part, Dave reported he focused on including faculty input at each step of the process, and also brought up that he did not feel Strategic Pathways was an effective process for restructuring. They also discussed the decision to consolidate the College of Education at UAS, the decision to not eliminate athletics, single accreditation, and statewide reductions. Dave also noted he told Chair O’Neill he thought the president didn’t want recommendations from the Strategic Pathways review teams because, in his opinion, the president already has his mind made up and was just waiting to see if one of the options fit his predetermined decision.

Maren asked if Dave got the sense the Chair O’Neill was starting to realize the SP process was so flawed as to be ineffective. Dave noted Chair O’Neill said there had to be changes made and improvements at UA but also agreed that the beginning of the process (Phase 1) was flawed. They also discussed automation and how increased workloads of busy work are preventing employees from doing their actual jobs. He also noted that there has been a lack of support for IT to the campuses from SW.

As follow up, Dave suggested to Chair O’Neill that she meet with Tara before she left the Alliance.

UAS: UAS members noted they had no significant updates to share.

6. Ongoing Business

- 6.1. Statewide Reductions

Members reviewed the proposed resolution and agreed on several changes. Debu moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Dave. There were no objections. The resolution carried 9-0. The approved resolution can be read [here](#).

- 6.2. Public Opinion Piece

Members discussed whether they should still develop an opinion piece/response to Dermot Cole’s article. Chris agreed to continue to develop.

- 6.3. Protection of Minors Regulation draft

Tara noted she had sent suggested changes to the new revisions but had not yet heard back from Tim Edwards, UA Chief Risk Officer. Members expressed frustration that the language still did not make clear if the policy/regulation addressed courses that may include minors and programs specifically for minors held on a university campus. Megan suggested wording under definitions to clarify what a course is at UA. Members agreed to share with their respective Faculty Senates. Tara noted the

current draft will likely be reviewed at the April 22 Statewide Academic Council meeting.

7. Public or Guest Comments

President Johnsen joined the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

The president started with updates on:

Budget – The UA operating budget is currently at \$325M in the House and \$309 in Senate, with nothing for capital budget. The president noted he is taking the approach to continue to advocate for what we need and preparing for what we might get. He is currently working with campus administration and will present contingency budgets to the Regents at their special meeting on April 13.

Strategic Pathways – The president reported he had started a second round of face-to-face meeting with affected units to review Phase 2 options. The president noted he was pushing back timelines on the RFI on cost-benefit analysis but still hopes to get that work done over the summer and take the results to the Board in September. He noted that for Institutional Research Option 4 (Collaborative Knowledge Network) appears to have universal approval and he did not think it would require a cost-benefit analysis. For Fisheries, the same could be said for Option 3 (Jointly Offered Programs Between UAF and UAS), where there is already strong collaboration between UAF and UAS. For Fisheries, a proposal has already been reviewed by SAC, and the president expects it will be reviewed at the June BOR meeting. But in other areas, the president reported a cost-benefit analysis is needed but he was not pushing to have it done before June. Tara asked if the president still planned to distribute a memo with his initial thoughts on Phase 2 options; he promised he was.

June 2017 Board of Regents' meeting – The president noted he spoke with Chair O'Neill on ways to enhance faculty/governance participation at formal Board meetings. He noted they still had to work out the details but noted they expect to have improvement in opportunity to have faculty's voice heard. Tara noted faculty governance should also be included on matters affecting the general welfare of the university.

President Johnsen reported Dennis Jones and Aims McGuinness have been invited to draft a white paper on how Alaska could become a higher performing state system and lead a discussion on the university system in Alaska at the June BOR meeting.

Regarding the UA Foundation development campaign, the president reported he will have an update to the Board at their June meeting, however, the campaign is moving forward at this time with preliminary outreach.

Questions:

Dave asked who the request for SP Phase 2 Options RFI was addressed to at UAA; the president noted the provost had been contacted and likely Interim CBPP Dean Bogdan Hoanca following Rashmi Prasad's recent departure.

Megan asked if there was interest in asking marketing faculty to develop an enrollment campaign, or would they be hiring an outside firm to develop. The president noted he was thinking of finding a firm with experience and a proven track record in enrollment campaigns, however, he noted at previous jobs he has tried to make sure an internal employee was involved to help with the next phase.

Tara asked if the president thought he would be able to meet with the next Alliance chair, Lisa Hoferkamp based out of Juneau, in face-to-face meetings. The president indicated he would like to try to continue that practice and would be willing to find ways to either meet in Juneau or Fairbanks.

Re-evaluation of Phase 1 areas – The president indicated he hadn't made any decisions but was looking at IT because there was a lot of funding tied up in that area. Dave asked if the call for automation would be possible with the 20% reduction in IT. Tara asked about the academic decisions from Phase 1. The president noted they aren't planning to revisit at this time but they will adapt to issues as they develop.

8. New Business

8.1. Motion of support for Faculty Regents

Members reviewed a draft motion for Faculty Senates to pass in support of a faculty member on the Board of Regents. Sharon agreed to work on additional language relating to best practices and improved relations with faculty, and with share will Alliance members by next Wednesday.

8.2. Faculty Alliance Chair Duties

Tara noted there were no documented duties and details of workload for the Faculty Alliance chair. She reported she has developed a list of all expected duties and activities the chair is expected to take on for the year. She noted she negotiated six credits for the fall and spring semester, however, that she thinks that should be standardized.

9. Agenda Items for April 14 Meeting

9.1. Revised Phase 2 Options, if available

10. Agenda Items for April 28 Meeting

11. Comments, concerns, and announcements

Sharon noted she was troubled with the president's comments regarding options he saw as having overwhelming support and not requiring a cost-benefit analysis.

Regarding Rep. Wool's bill to create seats for faculty on the UA Board of Regents, Debu noted there wasn't an expectation it will move this year but that it was good to get the word out now to familiarize legislators with the idea.

12. Adjourn

Debu moved to adjourn, Chris seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

April

- 3-UAF Faculty Senate, 1p-3p
- 4- Chair meets with VPAAR, 2p, phone
- 7-UAA Faculty Senate, 2:30p-4:30p
- 7-UAS Faculty Senate, 3p-5p
- 13- Chair meets with President, 10a, Anchorage
- 14- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
- 21-SAC, 3-5p, Audio
- 28- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts

May

- 1-Faculty Alliance report due to Statewide Governance
- 1-UAF Faculty Senate, 1p-3p
- 2- Chair meets with President, 1p, Anchorage
- 2- Chair meets with VPAAR, 2p, phone
- 5-UAA Faculty Senate, 2:30p-4:30p
- 5-UAS Faculty Senate, 3p-5p
- 12- Faculty Alliance Meeting & Transition to new members, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
- 19-SAC, 3-5p, Audio
- 22- BOR Public Testimony, 4p-6p, audio
- 25- BOR ASA Committee meeting, 8:30a-11:30a, video
- 25- BOR Facilities Committee meeting, 1p-5p, video
- 26- BOR Audit Committee meeting, 9a-11a, video

June

- 1-2, BOR meeting, Fairbanks
- 16: SAC, 3-5p, Audio