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Minutes

Faculty Alliance

Friday, April 14, 2017

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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
David Fitzgerald, President, UAA Faculty Senate,
Lisa Hoferkamp, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Orion Lawlor, President, UAF Faculty Senate *left at 3:00 p.m.*
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 will join at 3:45 p.m.

Members Absent:

Maren Haavig, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate (proxy given in writing to Lisa)

2. Adoption of Agenda

Debu moved to approve, seconded by Chris. There were no objections. The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of March 24 Minutes

Dave moved to approve, seconded by Debu. There were no objections. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Public Comments

President Johnsen joined the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

The president stated he was surprised when the Alliance passed a resolution at their last meeting but did not mention it to him when he was participate in the meeting and that it wasn't the type of communication he would expect from a group of this nature. He also noted he would prefer to discuss the issues rather than formalizing positions. He noted, however, that he knows he can continue to improve his own communications. Tara noted that she disagreed and felt that the contents of the resolution had been discussed with him and others multiple times and in multiple settings. She pointed out they had discussed it on their one-on-one meetings and it was also a part of the Alliance's response to the single accreditation report.

Phase 2 Options Memo: Tara asked if the president was still planning to provide his initial thoughts on Phase 2 Options. She noted the Alliance had been holding back on additional feedback on the options until they heard from him. He noted he was planning to formalize his thoughts (that had already been shared with the Board at their March meeting) and would share it shortly. Tara thanked the president for emphasizing in his comments the faculty's willingness to collaborate. Chris noted that, although there had been increase in collaboration between faculty, there was still some mistrust on how members are selected for committees and working groups—specifically, there is suspicion that members are selected to craft certain options.

FY18 Budget: Tara reported the Alliance had approved a message to the State Legislature in support of a higher budget. The president thanked the Alliance for their support.

Summit Team Configuration: The president noted he hadn't yet had time to tackle this issue but it is still on his list to do.

Governance at Regents' meetings: The president noted he has discussed this issue with Chair O'Neill and expects there to be improvement in that area in the near future.

Title IX: UA is working toward meeting the May 1 deadlines laid out in the voluntary resolution with OCR.

Legislature: The president will continue to travel to Juneau to advocate for the University with legislators.

Tara suggested having the Board send a thank you the GER Coordinating Task Force for their work over the last several years. The president agreed that would be a good idea.

5. Report from Chair

Tara noted her meeting with President Johnsen had to be re-scheduled but gave a few additional thoughts on her meeting with Chair O'Neill.

6. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents): Issues, concerns, motions; questions or comments to Faculty Alliance

UAF: Chris noted President Johnsen's presentation to the UAF Faculty Senate was not well received. The Senate overall seemed to disagree with the president's perception of

faculty as employees. Chris also reported the UAF Faculty Senate will, at their last meeting, vote on up to 15 program eliminations; they are considering a special meeting to begin the process on this large number of eliminations. Debu reported there are four finalists for the chancellor search. They will visit Fairbanks in late April. Debu also reported Rep. Wilson has agreed to co-sponsor the faculty regent bill if Rep. Wool will submit it to the House.

UAA: Tara noted President Johnsen also attended the UAA Faculty Senate meeting and noted that Dave asked the president to spend more time on Q&A than he did at the UAF Faculty Senate meeting, and that the president's participation seemed more productive as a result. Dave noted there was still mistrust toward the president regarding the Strategic Pathways process. Dave noted CITO Karl Kowalski will attend the next UAA Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the president's [response](#) to the Senate's vote of no confidence in Kowalski.

UAS: Lisa noted the UAS Faculty Senate is working to revise a pre-requisite policy. They are also reorganizing their committees to be more effective.

7. Ongoing Business

7.1. Protection of Minors Regulation draft (last look)

Tara asked if members had any additional feedback on the draft revisions to the policy and regulation. Members felt the feedback to date was sufficient.

7.2. Shared Governance Survey

Orion drafted a survey and will share with members for feedback. Once they finalize the survey, members can distribute to their Senates.

7.3. Enrollment Plan Response

Sharon and Megan drafted a response and shared with members via Google Docs. Members reviewed the memo and provided feedback, and agreed to share with other faculty for additional feedback. The Alliance will review again at their next meeting.

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9. New Business

9.1. Motion of support for funding UA System

Debu moved to approve, seconded by Lisa. There were no objections. The motion was passed unanimously.

9.2. Services for Students Experiencing Disabilities

Members reviewed proposed changes to the policy and regulation. Chris will send his feedback on services for the visually impaired and other feedback provided by the other members to General Counsel.

10. Agenda Items for April 28 Meeting

10.1. Revised Phase 2 Options, if available

11. Agenda Items for May 12 Meeting

11.1. Induction of new members & installation of new chair

11.2. Title IX policy/regulation

12. Comments, concerns, and announcements

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

April

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