



Minutes

Faculty Alliance

Friday, Oct. 27, 2017

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 3:03 p.m.

Members:

Donie Bret-Hart, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate

Megan Buzby, President, UAS Faculty Senate

Sharon Chamard, President, UAA Faculty Senate

Chris Fallen, President, UAF Faculty Senate

David Fitzgerald, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate,

Lisa Hoferkamp, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate, Chair, Faculty Alliance

Orion Lawlor, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Members Absent:

Robin Gilcrist, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate

Maria Williams, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Donie moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Sharon seconded.

3. Approval of [9/22/17](#), [10/13/17](#) Minutes

MOTION: Sharon moved to approve, Dave seconded to approve the Sept. 22 minutes.

MOTION: Sharon move to approve, Dave seconded to approve the Oct. 13 minutes.

No objections or amendments (Lisa will send Morgan a few editorial changes).

4. Public or Guest Comments

None given.

5. Report from Chair – see <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ms4G0IqjqNpZjGIjKBQkF-wIi6Ct8RI86ykeWJ24nE0/edit>

Lisa reported she met with President Johnsen the previous week. They discussed how faculty input regarding convening ideas were a principal outcome of SP Phase 3. President Johnsen noted he wants faculty proposals toward those efforts and wants them relatively soon so they can be entered into the FY20 budget. An RFP was suggested. The RFP would go out to all UA faculty. Megan suggested that the RFP should go through the deans but the majority of FA members supported limiting the role of the deans as purely administrative, i.e. approve workload issues etc.. Sharon noted she would treat it like a grant proposal and would include how many hours it would take and the staff/support needed and would account for compensation--as this seems to be more than regular shared governance responsibilities. Lisa agreed to draft an RFP to the Faculty Senates and have President Johnsen review it.

Lisa also reported EMSI Analyst has been purchased by UA through a contract agreed upon in August 2017. The package includes a module called Career Coach; it also provides data to the Department of Labor Workforce Development.

EAB implementation efforts seem to be primarily focused on advisers through the fall, will roll out for faculty during the first two weeks of their contract (Sharon noted she thought faculty wouldn't be involved in the EAB for the next two years).

6. Ongoing Business
 - 6.1. Amendment to Faculty Alliance Resolution 2018-1; Non-teaching Days see: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KPth-iyycHPwLy_tHZurDTLseg6HHlqyCFdc020K5M/edit
MOTION: Sharon moved to distribute the amended resolution, seconded by Donie. There were no objections.
 - 6.2. Questions for President Johnsen - Item skipped since the president was unable to attend today's meeting.
 - 6.3. GER Alignment
BoR Policy – GER description as proposed by UAF; table until review and comment by GER-CTF
Regular reports from Dan Kline were suggested as well as a communication plan to help coordinate inter university efforts

DISCUSSION: Alliance members indicated they wanted to hear regular updates from the committee, or at the very least see agendas/minutes, for the committee and for them to nail down a date for a GER Retreat.
 - 6.4. Student fees and tuition across campuses

- 6.4.1. [Orion's memo](#)
MOTION: Orion moved to approve the memo and Donie seconded. There were none opposed. The memo was approved for distribution.
- 6.5. Morale Survey – Sharon Chamard
UAS: Ali Ziegler, Kathy DiLorenzo
UAA: Sharon Chamard, Diane Hirshberg
UAF: Orion Lawler, Sine Anahita
Members reviewed the [draft survey](#) Orion had put together.
- 6.6. Council nominees - see https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FftpM-07wpnluYgcuTG1qMo-HZtL_5OLE4ttI-rH5JU/edit
ACTION: UAA and UAF Alliance members will solicit their senators for volunteers.
- 6.7. Letters
 - 6.7.1. Utility of three universities (to the editor)
No new progress to report.
 - 6.7.2. Importance of Alaska Scholars and Alaska Education Grants programs (to the editor)
No new progress to report.
- 6.8. University-wide definitions
No new progress to report.
- 7. New Business
 - 7.1. FA proposals for convening and collaborating across the University
Members continued their discussion of faculty proposals. They reiterated the deans would only have faculty release approval, not approval of the actual proposals.
ACTION: Lisa will begin a draft RFP for Alliance members to review and revise.
 - 7.2. Common course numbering
Members discussed and agreed they were against common course numbering. Lisa noted she would consistently express this faculty sentiment , but was also open to drafting a letter in the future.
 - 7.3. Faculty representation at Student Services Council Subcommittee
Update of Student Medical Leave Policy
Lisa solicited for new volunteers to serve on the subcommittee since their meetings did not work with the current faculty representative's schedule. Lisa noted she had requested an update from chair but had not heard anything back.
ACTION: Lisa will contact the chair of the subcommittee again for an update.
 - 7.4. Double-counting courses for degree requirements, see https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RR3USN73O9zDrg73at09Tyqs_0oQ8QEsYkMB3Bkqa8M/edit

At UAF, there is a proposal to delete the requirement that courses cannot be counted toward GER and degree requirements. Donie noted that she felt there was general agreement among faculty at UAF to support the deletion.

ACTION: Lisa asked Alliance members to review and revise the above link doc, and then will share it with Faculty Senates in a week.

8. Agenda Items for October 27

9. Reports

9.1. Faculty Senates (current Presidents) - Chris and Sharon reported it was business as usual at UAF and UAA. UAS reported experiencing some issues with the Alaska Native GER, specifically getting approval from academic department for courses in those areas (i.e. approval from the Math Department for a AK Native GER math course). Lisa noted she will include clarification on this topic in her request to Dan Kline.

9.2. VPASA search - Megan, Sharon, and Chris report the search is still open as the committee reviews the current top candidates.

9.3. APHER Meeting - Maria attended the Oct. 27 meeting, however, was unable to attend the Alliance meet today.

ACTION: Lisa will share Maria's written update with Alliance members.

9.4. UNAC RA Meeting - Sharon reported there were several vacancies now due to attendance requirements (i.e. members did not attend and their seats were vacated); they discussed the budget, the merger between two unions (UNAC and UAFT), the reapportionment of seats due to changes in number of members (which will go into effect during the next election), and received a presentation from AAUP representative Risa Liebowitz.

10. Comments, concerns, and announcements

None given.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

[Important Dates](#)

BoR Public Testimony – Monday 10/30/17, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

IT Council Meeting – Tuesday 10/31/17, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

ASA Meeting – Thursday 11/2/17, 8:00 AM to 11:30

BoR Full Board meeting – Thursday & Friday 11/9-10/17