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Minutes

**Faculty Alliance**

Friday, September 28, 2018

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

[Google Meet](#)

Audio: (219) 281-4567; PIN: 160 259 173#

Members

Sine Anahita, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate

Megan Buzby, Past-President, UAS Faculty Senate

Sharon Chamard, Past-President, UAA Faculty Senate

Scott Downing, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

Chris Fallen, Past-President, UAF Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance

Robin Gilcrist, President, UAS Faculty Senate

Maria Williams, President, UAA Faculty Senate; Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance

Staff

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests

Geoff Jacobs, SW Financial Systems

Members Absent

Heather Batchelder, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate

Donie Bret-Harte, President, UAF Faculty Senate

1. Roll and Call to Order  
The meeting came to order at 2:35.
2. Review of Agenda  
Members had a couple additions to the draft agenda and there were no objections.
3. Approve [August 31](#) and [Sept. 15-16](#) Minutes

No objections to the minutes as presented.

4. Public and Guest Comments

Geoff discussed the proposed changes to travel regulations and answered member questions.

5. Chair's Report

Summit Team - Chris reported the Summit Team is looking at Title IX refresher training; make sure to get a screenshot or save a copy of the certificate because it doesn't always update in your account; also discussed FY20 budget development and a proposed bond for deferred maintenance; despite a 25% discount on CTE courses, UA is not seeing a large increase in enrollment at UAF and UAA; system councils - appears to be support to add more faculty to the councils

Academic Council - discussed proposed changes to FIF RFP and evaluation process - no clear objections to the FA suggestions; GER maintenance committee - no objections to the proposed plan forward

IT council - discussed the Banner 9 transition; IT Council is looking for new projects - if anyone has an issue for them to address, please send to Chris

Extended absence policy - will be submitted for governance review shortly

6. Senate Reports

UAA - the Senate will meet next week and will have Chancellor Sandeen attend; working to get updated committee lists; will emphasize shared governance and stronger communication in her report to the senate; plan to form an ad hoc committee on faculty service to develop a rubric for service activities to help combat the reduction in service components in faculty contracts

UAF - Sine noted that the Provost Council & Dean's Council both are holding executive sessions in October. UAF convocation took place on Sept. 18; although Chris was asked for and sent in a photograph of the Senate along with recent notable accomplishments, no slide was presented and faculty and governance were not recognized for their contributions by Chancellor White; distributed a survey on course block times - Sine suggested conducting a system-wide survey, especially now that the president and VP have charged the Faculty Alliance with coming up with an 80% solution

UAS - the Senate will meet next Friday; continuing to talk about minors on campus and what faculty need to know if they have minors in their classes; have been working on creating digital tenure files; will solicit for system-wide council volunteers; continued discussion on the desire (or not) for a faculty regent;

7. New Business

- a. ALEKS - members discussed switching to ALEKS from Accuplacer; discussed expired student accounts and extended use and payment responsibility; Megan noted she would touch base with Brian Blitz, the UAS faculty on the committee, and would update the Alliance
8. Ongoing Business
- a. Progress on Regent Outreach (Coffee Homework) - [Scorecard](#)  
UAF is in the lead! Sine has plans to meet with Regent Perdue and Regent Heckman separately. Scott is waiting to hear back from Regent Parker.
  - b. AC update of suggested changes to FIF process for AY19 - as noted in the chair's report, the Academic council had no major objections to the proposed changes
    - i. [Summary of suggested changes presented to the 9/21 Academic Council](#)
    - ii. [Working FIF RFP document with suggested changes](#)
  - c. Faculty Morale Survey - Sharon - no new update
  - d. Feedback on Proposed New Policy - [Administrative Response to Reports of Misconduct](#)  
Chris had previously shared VP Layer's answers to the questions the Alliance had regarding time frame and other types of misconduct; members had no new feedback on the proposed policy
  - e. GER Alignment - a letter to Dan Kline and task force members is in progress; Chris would like to invite GER leads to a meeting to discuss the way forward
  - f. CCC recommendation on UA calendars for 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23  
Megan reviewed the proposed calendar developed by the CCC. If the Alliance doesn't have objections, she will send it to VP Layer and the Academic Council, however, doesn't plan on sending AY23 since it is four years out. Members were supportive of the proposed calendar and memo to VP Layer.
    - i. [New Copy from Megan on 9/27](#)
  - g. Feedback on proposed changes to travel regulations  
Members will solicit feedback. Deadline of Oct. 5.
    - i. University [Regulation R05.02.060](#) on travel
    - ii. Regulation [active draft](#)
    - iii. [Table of proposed changes](#) to regulation
    - iv. Faculty Senate feedback
      - 1. UAA
      - 2. UAF
      - 3. UAS
      - 4. [Formal resolution or memo with concerns](#)
  - h. Faculty nominees for system councils - nominations for three faculty representatives for each council; Alliance will review at Oct. 12 meeting.

Chris would like to review the list of nominees at the Oct. 12 meeting and asks the Senate Presidents to solicit volunteers.

- i. [current faculty reps](#)
- ii. [full council membership](#)
- i. Motion to amend: Faculty Alliance [Constitution and Bylaws](#)  
Postponed to Oct. 12 meeting.
- j. Faculty Overload Benefit Rates - AC update  
Chris noted the message has been shared with the Academic Council and President Johnsen.
- k. Title IX Faculty Committees
  - i. UAA - Sara Childress is the Title IX coordinator for UAA; there is a Campus Climate Committee for UAA, chaired by Paul Landen. This committee meets monthly, and there are subcommittees: Data and Policy, Student Engagement, and Prevention and Resources
  - ii. UAF - Title IX Policy Advisory Committee (TIXPAC) with faculty, staff, and a student member. UAF also has the IDEA Task Force, with plans to recommend a permanent Diversity & Inclusion committee in February
  - iii. UAS - Lori Klein is the coordinator; also have a Title IX advisory committee chaired by faculty Emily Wall but also includes staff and students
- l. Faculty Regent - Sharon has not yet reached out to the chosen legislator
- m. Op-ed: Three Universities or One University? - Maria plans to start a draft after the UAA accreditation review
- n. [Proposed revision to University Regulation](#) on staff and faculty emeritus - Sine has not yet started on a draft regarding revocation of faculty emeritus status and plans to include specifications on due process

## 9. Adjourn

Sharon moved to adjourn, Maria seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

## *Important Dates*

### **2018**

#### September

4 - BOR Public Testimony, 4:00-6:00 via audio

6 - BOR Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting, 8:30-11:30 via video

7 - UAA Faculty Senate meeting, 2:30-4:30

7 - UAS Faculty Senate meeting

- 10 - UAF Faculty Senate meeting (1-3 pm via A/V)
- 13-14 - BOR in Juneau
- 13 - BOR Public Gathering, 4:30-6:00 UAS SRC Great Room
- 15-16 - Faculty Alliance retreat in Juneau
- 20 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 21 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 21 - Academic Council (3-5 via audio)
- 28 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio

#### October

- 5 - UAA Faculty Senate meeting, 2:30-4:30
- 5 - UAS Faculty Senate meeting
- 8 - UAF Faculty Senate meeting (1-3 pm via A/V)
- 12 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio
- 16 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 18 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 19 - Academic Council meeting (3-5 via audio)
- 26 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio
- 29 - BOR Public Testimony, 4:00-6:00 via audio

#### November

- 1 - BOR Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting, 8:30-11:30 via video
- 2 - UAA Faculty Senate meeting, 2:30-4:30
- 2 - UAS Faculty Senate meeting
- 5 - UAF Faculty Senate meeting (1-3 pm via A/V)
- 8 - BOR Public Gathering, 4:30-6:00 location tbd
- 8-9 - BOR - Fairbanks
- 9 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 Meet/audio
- 15 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 16 - Academic Council meeting (3-5 via audio)
- 20 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 30 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 Meet/audio

#### December

- 3 - UAF Faculty Senate meeting (1-3 pm via A/V)
- 7 - UAA Faculty Senate meeting, 2:30-4:30
- 7 - UAS Faculty Senate meeting
- 8 - Last Day of Instruction
- 11 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 13 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 14 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio
- 21 - Academic Council meeting (3-5 via audio)

## **2019**

### January

- 10 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 11 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio
- 14 - First Day of Instruction
- 15 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 10 - BOR Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting, 8:30-11:30 via video
- 17 - BOR Public Gathering, 4:30-6:00 location tbd
- 17-18 - BOR meeting - Anchorage
- 18 - Academic Council; 3:00 – 5:00
- 25 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio

### February

- 1 - UAA Faculty Senate meeting, 2:30-4:30
- 1 - UAS Faculty Senate meeting
- 4 - UAF Faculty Senate meeting (1-3 pm via A/V)
- 7 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 8 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio
- 12 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 15 - Academic Council; 3:00 – 5:00
- 21 - BOR Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting, 8:30-11:30 via video
- 22 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio
- 28 - BOR meeting - Anchorage

### March

- 1 - BOR meeting - Anchorage
- 1 - UAA Faculty Senate meeting. 2:30-4:30
- 1 - UAS Faculty Senate meeting
- 4 - UAF Faculty Senate meeting (1-3 pm via A/V)
- 7 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 8 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio
- 12 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 12-15 - SPRING BREAK
- 15 - Academic Council, 3:00 – 5:00
- 22 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio

### April

- 4 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 5 - UAA Faculty Senate meeting, 2:30-4:30
- 5 - UAS Faculty Senate meeting
- 8 - UAF Faculty Senate meeting (1-3 pm via A/V)

- 16 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 19 - Academic Council, 3:00 – 5:00
- 26 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio
- 29 - Last Day of Instruction

#### May

- 2 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 3 - UAA Faculty Senate meeting, 2:30-4:30
- 3 - UAS Faculty Senate meeting
- 6 - UAF Faculty Senate meeting (1-3 pm via A/V)
- 10 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Meet/audio
- 11 - Faculty Contracts End
- 14 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 17 - Academic Council, 3:00 – 5:00
- 30 - BOR Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting, 8:30-11:30 via video

#### June

- 6-7 - BOR - Fairbanks
- 13 - UA Summit Team; 1-4:30 via video
- 21 - Academic Council meeting; 3:00 - 5:00