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Minutes

**Faculty Alliance**

Friday, March 9, 2018

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

[Google Hangouts](#)

1. Call to Order

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

Robin Gilcrist, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate

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

Orion Lawlor, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

Maria Williams, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

James R. Johnsen, President

Members Absent:

David Fitzgerald, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate

2. Adoption of Agenda

Sharon moved, Robin seconded. No objections. Agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2018

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZqF7CS7c3eDiBtyTNJ2XxWlsg3Jw4-po8RdSSAw-VeM/edit>

Sharon moved, seconded by Donie. No objections. Minutes were approved as presented.

4. Public or Guest Comments

President Johnsen joined at 3:30.

AKCOE feedback - The president conceded the Feb. 26 letter was only sent to Education faculty. The president also noted he was well aware of the concerns they have regarding

the proposed changes to AKCOE--concerns about dual role of executive dean, communication on the changes to students and faculty--especially beyond current Education students and faculty. The president agreed to prepare a response to those concerns but noted they have been looking at those issues already. They are considering creating a position that can take care of a lot of the day-to-day operations of the COE at UAS. The president noted he would work to increase communication on the AKCOE.

IT changes - The president is waiting to decide until he has heard more feedback. IT is a service and so they are looking for feedback from users on what changes need to be made. They have separated ways with Karl Kowalski and are working on a new position description for a new Chief Information Technology Officer. The president noted he will share the current PD and asks for Alliance members to send suggested changes to CHRO McGee.

GER Alignment and Course Sharing - Alliance members noted they felt these were academic issues and should be handled by the faculty; the president agreed but noted that it was still useful to have administration urging the projects along and that people outside of faculty should be involved and work hand-in-hand with the faculty on coming up with solutions.

5. Report from Chair

Lisa reported she attended the BOR meeting in Fairbanks and sent an addendum to her report earlier this week. At the meeting, she gave an oral report that included faculty dissatisfaction with the AKCOE and the GER retreat. Layer has asked for updates on dual purpose credit and the final edits on the FIF.

6. Questions for President Johnsen

- AKCOE feedback - what will he do with that feedback? How will they address the concerns that have been raised concerning the changes to the Schools of Education? How can the Alliance help?
- Request for better communication to students and faculty regarding upcoming AKCOE changes
- Recommendations from Szmack report--how is he assessing? Timeline for implementation? Any other changes in IT leadership?

7. Ongoing Business

- 7.1. Faculty regent update – Lisa reported former FA member Debu Misra heard back from Rep. Wool on Feb. 12 but he is still considering the bill but have not yet decided if he would submit it. Lisa noted she had not yet heard back from Rep. Parish’s office on the status of his bill.
- 7.2. GER Alignment – Lisa reported she had shared the GER alignment timelines with the Alliance members and disciplinary leads, but was getting mixed responses. Maria reported the UAA Art and Language faculty were working on some revisions and were close to resolution.
- 7.3. Morale Survey – Sharon reported she expects to have it ready for distribution the week of March 19.
- 7.4. FIF RFP – Lisa – discussion/motion to approve

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kIqAomqw\\_WNbr\\_WV5LUB-OYQioqR9-gRDe5N77Wz9FM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kIqAomqw_WNbr_WV5LUB-OYQioqR9-gRDe5N77Wz9FM/edit)

Lisa reported she discussed the draft with Interim VP Layer and five issues:

- equitable distribution of funds across three universities
- one proposal from each university mandated this year and reconsider next year--Layer asked for the opposite
- dean or director recommendation v. acknowledgment of workload issues
- selection will be April 30 to May 11; awards no later than June 8
- no faculty outside of Alliance involved in review process
- five pages in length

**MOTION: Chris moved, Sharon seconded to approve as presented. No objections. Motion carried.**

7.5. Double-counting courses – motion to approve

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MkyrZdDU2TLaf0o3YyQ3NZtgYU5TGzUpxrJsSPMQ\\_98/edit#heading=h.1fob9te](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MkyrZdDU2TLaf0o3YyQ3NZtgYU5TGzUpxrJsSPMQ_98/edit#heading=h.1fob9te)

**MOTION: Sharon moved, Donie seconded. No objections. Motion carried.**

7.6. Letters

3 universities vs 1 University – waiting on UAA addition

See

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NZEKREw6MQpsGkyzkV95146M8p-Ywx7a3BmUgGH4IOQ/edit>

7.7. UA College of Education Executive Dean - All

Status of letter of recommendation regarding preferred candidate

7.8. Banner 9 upgrade websites - Lisa

Review and feedback

<http://www.alaska.edu/oit/banner-student-9x/>

<http://alaska.edu/oit/banner-hr-9x/>

<http://www.alaska.edu/oit/banner-finaid/>

8. New Business

8.1. Motion in support of 28-Feb-2018 Buzby letter

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ERwvBYiUCIFdVVDvJ\\_6bZTKRFc\\_cI1RWdj15POClA/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ERwvBYiUCIFdVVDvJ_6bZTKRFc_cI1RWdj15POClA/edit)

**MOTION: Chris moved, Robin seconded. No objections. Motion carried.**

See Google/sharedwithme/facultyalliance/PJ to Ed students Faculty staff 180227.pdf

8.2. Notice for revisions/updates to FA Constitution

Article 3, B., 2 (Consultation): Change “UA vice president for Academic Affairs and Research” to “UA vice president for Academic and Student Affairs”

Approve proposed amendments Fall 2016

**MOTION: Donie moved, Megan seconded. No objections. Motion carried.**

8.3. e-Learning Subcommittee - [outsourcing agenda](#)

Alliance members discussed how to respond to this Academic Council agenda item.

9. Reports

9.1. Faculty Senates (current Presidents)

9.2. VPASA search – Chris

10. Comments, concerns, and announcements

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

### **Important Dates**

- March
- 9 – Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Hangout/audio (Johnsen@3:30)
  - 12-16 – SPRING BREAK
  - 20 – IT Council, 10:30-12:00
  - 21 – FA Chair w/ VPASA, 1:30-2:30
  - 22 – Academic Council, 3:00-5:00
  - 23 – Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Hangout/audio
- April
- 2 – UAF Faculty Senate meeting #231 (1-3 pm via A/V)
  - 3 – FA Chair w/President Johnsen
  - 5 – Summit Council, 1:00-4:30
  - 6 – UAA Faculty Senate meeting, 2:30-4:30
  - 6 – UAS Faculty Senate meeting
  - 13-14 – ACE-NASH Leadership Summit
  - 18 – FA Chair w/ VPASA, 1:30-2:30
  - 20 – Academic Council, 3:00-5:00
  - 24 – IT Council, 10:30-12:00
  - 27 – Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Hangout/audio
- May
- 4 – UAA Faculty Senate meeting, 2:30-4:30
  - 4 – UAS Faculty Senate meeting
  - 7 – UAF Faculty Senate meeting #232 (1-3 pm via A/V)
  - 11 – Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Hangout/audio (Johnsen@3:30)
  - 18 – Academic Council, 3:00 – 5:00
  - 22 – IT Council, 10:30 – 12:00