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Minutes

Faculty Alliance

Friday, February 8, 2019

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

[Zoom](#)

Audio: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 689 183 259

Members

Sine Anahita, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate

Heather Batchelder, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate

Donie Bret-Harte, President, 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

Dan Kline, GER Task Force Chair

1. Roll and Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 2:38 p.m. and quorum was met.

2. Review of Agenda

Robin moved to adopt the agenda, seconded.

3. Approve [January 11](#) Minutes

4. Public and Guest Comments

- a. Dan Kline - Course redesign for large GER Courses - [NCAT website](#)
(joined at 4pm)

Discussion: Dan noted President Johnsen had asked him to look into NCAT a few years ago. NCAT focuses on large courses that can be facilitated by graduate students or other more senior students. In many ways, these courses are cost savings measures. More algorithmic learning, skill and drill, repetition--which can be valuable especially for beginning Gen Ed math and science courses; not as useful for subjects like composition which requires more individualized feedback. Overall, Dr. Kline did not recommend moving toward this model of instruction.

5. Chair's Report

- a. [Report to the Board of Regents](#)
- b. Updates:
 - i. Suspension of admissions for the Education Technology program at U
 - ii. UA Crisis Center



6. Senate Reports

- a. UAA: FS met last Friday; SOE fallout - Sandeen has good words for faculty and that they are combating bad PR; concern that Johnsen will recommend to BOR not to re-apply for accreditation; dismayed she can't register as a lobbyist and talk to legislators regarding the issue; [FS president's report](#)
- b. UAS: organizing a rally in support of UA on Feb. 13--messaging is Strong University for a Strong State; UAA faculty came to discuss dual enrollment;
- c. UAF: Chancellor White noted he was negotiating a 55% F&A rate (current is 50.5%); UAF has two strategic efforts going on right now--increasing enrollment and a full-spectrum review in six areas; adopted changes to several committee bylaws; Sine presented on the common course block survey; an issue about sabbatical has been referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee for further review

7. New Business

- a. Alcohol and Marijuana Policy Review - [Draft Policy](#)
Members were asked to share with their respective senates and the Alliance will review at its next meeting.

8. Ongoing Business

- a. UAA School of Education - [Feb. 5 Senate Education Committee Hearing \(video\)](#)
Members discussed the issue briefly and noted that, overall, they were disappointed to hear UAA may not be allowed (by UA) to re-apply for accreditation
- b. GERM Bylaws - [Draft Bylaws](#)
Scott moved to approved the bylaws as presented, seconded. No objections.
Next steps: Share with GER Curriculum leads and convene a meeting
- c. FIF Review - [Draft Sheet](#)
Members reviewed the draft review sheet and made changes that they will share with the Academic Council for approval.
- d. Emeritus Regulations (last call)
Members reviewed the new drafts and had no changes.
 - i. [Faculty](#)
 - ii. [Staff](#)
- e. SB31 Transferability of Credits across UA
Members discussed the university's strategy in dealing with this bill.
 - i. [Draft Bill](#)
 - ii. [Jan. 31 Senate Education Committee Hearing \(video\)](#)
- f. Memo to VP Layer re: FY20 System Council Faculty Representatives - [Draft](#)

Scott moved to approve, seconded. No objections. Approved as presented.
Members subsequently realized they had omitted one member for the HR council.
Robin moved to rescind the previous memo, seconded. No objections.
Robin moved to approve a new memo with the added faculty representative,
seconded. No objections.

- g. Faculty Alliance Constitution and Bylaws - [Proposed Changes](#)
Sharon moved to approve, seconded. No objections
- h. Courseblock Alignment Update - POSTPONED to next meeting
 - i. [Draft summary of UAF survey results and course-sharing options](#)

9. Adjourn

Robin moved to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Important Dates

2019

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 Zoom/audio
- 12 - UA BOR Listening Session for UAA SOE students (4-6pm, WW Auditorium, ANC)
- 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 Zoom/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 Zoom/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 Zoom/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)
- 12 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Zoom/audio
- 16 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 9-10am
- 19 - Academic Council, 3:00 – 5:00
- 26 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Zoom/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 Zoom/audio - new members are invited
- 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