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Minutes

**Faculty Alliance**

Friday, February 22, 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

1. Roll and Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 2:31 p.m. and quorum was met.

2. Review of Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda and had no changes. Agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approve [February 8](#) Minutes

Members reviewed the draft minutes and had no corrections. The minutes were approved as presented.

#### 4. Public and Guest Comments

None given.

#### 5. Chair's Report

a. [Report to the Board of Regents](#)

- b. Updates: Chris attended the BOR ASA committee meeting on Feb. 21. He noted Regent Hargraves attended and asked questions about process, and Regent Perdue asked for more information on several program discontinuations and accreditation processes. Discussion about [UAA SOE accreditation](#) - regents heard options from UA administration including expedited program review, applying for accreditation in 2020, or opting to end UAA's SOE programs altogether.

#### 6. Senate Reports

- a. UAS: Will meet next Friday; draft alcohol and marijuana regulations as well as a couple other policies including transfer; also looking at writing placement exam; still working on AK Native GER requirement; dual enrollment forum was really useful and was thankful UAA KPC faculty could answer their questions
- b. UAF: Will meet in early March; considering a certificate in cyber security; of course waiting on more guidance about the FY20 budget
- c. UAA: Will meet next Friday and they are still focusing on UAA SOE--still reeling from the negative PR from that; met with Chancellor Sandeen last week and she wants to pursue re-accreditation (perhaps not for all programs that lost accreditation); budget discussion on how to develop a sustainable budget so that UAA isn't so dependent on the state appropriation every year; all term faculty have received letters stating their positions might not return next year (adjunct faculty are also likely vulnerable); overall, the faculty at UAA feel they are on the outside of decision making and that is increasing anxiety; UAA Faculty Senate is also considering a resolution in support of seeking re-accreditation for the SOE; also working on constitution and bylaws revision

#### 7. New Business

a. Alcohol and Marijuana Policy and Regulation Review

i. [Draft Regulations](#)

ii. [New Field Work Section, as amended by CTF](#)

iii. [Draft memo by Faculty Alliance](#)

Members discussed the proposed regulations and draft memo from Chris. After making some edits to the fieldwork section, Megan moved to approve, seconded. The memo was approved and will be sent to Saichi.

b. FY2020 Budget

- i. Faculty Alliance response - Maria had started a draft letter and members reviewed it. Members agreed to continue to make comments and revise the memo through Friday, March 1.

## 8. Ongoing Business

- a. UAA School of Education - [Feb. 5 Senate Education Committee Hearing \(video\)](#)
- b. FIF Review - [Draft Sheet](#)
  - i. Proposal reviews will begin shortly
  - ii. Reviewers will only review one tier of proposals, generally whatever plays best to their experience
- c. Courseblock Alignment Update
  - i. [Draft summary of UAF survey results and course-sharing options](#)
  - ii. Joint Fisheries degree - lots of nuts and bolts that still don't work (e.g. students have to register for UAS and UAF courses separately); also issues between what program is the focus (Bachelor v. Master)
- d. Follow-ups:
  - i. Distribute approved draft GERM bylaws and convene the committee (Maria)
  - ii. Share updated Faculty Alliance constitution and bylaws with President Johnsen (Chris - at next meeting w/JRJ)
  - iii. BOR meeting recordings discussion  
Chris is still working on creating an unofficial recording of BOR meetings.

## 9. Adjourn

Maria moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

### *Important Dates*

## **2019**

### February

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