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Minutes

Faculty Alliance

Friday, March 08, 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 2:32 p.m. and quorum was met.

2. Review of Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda and adopted it as presented.

3. Approve February 22 Minutes

Postponed to March 22 meeting.

4. Public and Guest Comments

None given.

5. Chair's Report

- a. The Future - Chris is planning to stay in Fairbanks through March 21 or 22 before driving out of state to start his new job. He plans to call in to the March 29 Academic Council meeting to see through the approval of the alcohol and marijuana regulations. Members also expressed gratitude to Chris for finding a way to record and share the Board meetings.

6. Senate Reports

- a. UAS - Reviewing Faculty Handbook (which includes constitution and bylaw); are working to support term faculty but also follow the CBA with regard to promotion and tenure. Senate members have been discussing the budget and there is concern faculty are not getting as much information as possible about advocacy and legislative engagement; they have put together workshops for faculty and students on how to advocate. Still working on the Alaska Native GER and it is moving toward completion. Working to pass an open access policy that commits UAS to providing citations and articles to the public for free.
- b. UAF - FS met on Monday and the chancellor had sent out letters to local mayors asking them to declare Fridays Blue and Gold Day; also honored Sophie Sergei, a Alaska Native faculty member played drum and sang in her memory; Donie talked about kindness between departments and faculty following some disparaging comments about CLA; Sine lead a discussion on the budget and noted faculty should be involved at every level and encouraged faculty to be engaged; also met with new Athletics Director and Asst. AD, the talked about student-athletes and their academic progress.
- c. UAA - see March 1 agenda below
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18pdq-KqzvT2vUT1KVcSKtMoLBKUBBwdr/view?usp=sharing>

7. New Business

- a. FIF Proposal Reviews - Chris discussed how reviewers were selected and assigned to proposals. It should be an easier process than last year. He noted he would email UNAC to inform them of how faculty are involved in the FIF review.
- b. Discussion on [UAA Faculty Senate Reform](#) - Maria noted her colleague Forrest Nabors but together this website and is using Slack to communicate with the ad hoc committee. Overall, Nabors wants to examine ways to create a more stable budgeting process from year to year. The plan is to develop a report by the end of

the academic year. UAA members were not entirely sure the scope of the report but expect it to look at funding sources and options.

c. Succession of Alliance Chair and UAF Ally

Members discussed the transition and agree to postpone the decision to the March 22 meeting. Maria will convene the meeting on March 22 if Chris is on the road and unable to attend.

8. Ongoing Business

a. Courseblock Alignment Update

i. [Draft summary of UAF survey results and course-sharing options](#)

UAA survey - Overall, UAA faculty do not want to move to 60 minutes and do not want to lose the open Fridays.

Members agreed to focus on this issue and develop a recommendation on how to meet the president's request of finding a workable solution.

b. FY2020 Budget

i. [Faculty Alliance brainstorm](#)

ii. [Faculty Alliance draft letter](#)

Maria suggested asking for edits by Monday, March 18

c. Follow-ups:

i. Proposed Alcohol and Marijuana Regulation Revisions to Academic Council on March 29 - Chris sent his recommendations to AVP Oba and expects the proposed regulations will be at the upcoming AC meeting

ii. Distribute approved draft GERM bylaws and convene the committee - Maria is working on convening the GERM and finalizing their bylaws

iii. Share updated Faculty Alliance constitution and bylaws with President Johnsen - Morgan will share by email with a copy to Chris

iv. BOR meeting recordings discussion: next steps - Chris will work with Morgan to ensure the recordings continue

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 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

Copy of the Zoom chat:

From Kelly James to Everyone: (02:40 PM)

□ [https://www.boarddocs.com/ak/alaska/Board.nsf/files/B9KFBQ6B0A60/\\$file/ASA%20UAA%20SOE%20presentation%20-%202.21.19%20-%20FINAL%20-%20CORRECTED%20.18.19.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/ak/alaska/Board.nsf/files/B9KFBQ6B0A60/$file/ASA%20UAA%20SOE%20presentation%20-%202.21.19%20-%20FINAL%20-%20CORRECTED%20.18.19.pdf)

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From Kelly James to Everyone: (03:04 PM)

□ Faculty Alliance budget response draft letter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_clXNJPQEe4hYpwyszltrQrXPn0hS1dqY5h5_cDa0fY/edit?usp=sharing

From Me to Everyone: (03:08 PM)

□ This just in:

https://www.anchoragepress.com/columnists/outside-appointment/article_25890a38-f40d-11e8-9ac4-ab76a1b1572b.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share&fbclid=IwAR3bVhJkvf52SRjz402KqNYjiWByCmcq6j1Opln8eLiypEgAZAmM-YvJoAs

From smdowning to Everyone: (03:35 PM)

□ <http://uas.alaska.edu/chancellor/docs/FY20-Advocacy-Final.pdf>

From Kelly James to Everyone: (03:42 PM)

□ If you dare: <http://mustreadalaska.com/>

From Kelly James to Everyone: (04:01 PM)

□ Here's the scorecard:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12IHCbxzK7Hc2oJC0MvTR-AGqnD29TsXdzru7VE3i3Ww/edit?usp=sharing>

From Me to Everyone: (04:04 PM)

□ Here are the draft GERM bylaws:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_B6PBBf1AJ_Jn2vjIWI3KqZXfRV6cVy1xdar8eUOF0I/edit

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From Kelly James to Everyone: (04:18 PM)

□ From Johnsen's Wednesday message: Earlier this week, the chancellors and I met to begin our budget contingency strategy going forward. The following points came out as a result of this discussion:

The university is not, at this point, implementing a hiring or travel freeze, but I ask all leaders to use an added level of judgement in filling positions, approving travel, and making other decisions with long term commitment.

In terms of what is on or off the table for consideration, everything is on the table.

We are not leaning toward recommending to the Board of Regents that the university consolidate under a single accreditation.

We are looking at the organization of our community campuses as a community college unit. We are not going to pursue a pro-rata approach to distributing reductions that may come our way; rather, our reductions will be made based on each university's unique strengths and mission. □

From Kelly James to Everyone: (04:25 PM)

□ Here is the BOR's response to the request to post recordings of the meetings:

<https://alaska.edu/files/governance/2018-07-10-ONeill-to-SGC-re-BOR-Mtg-Recordings.pdf>

