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Minutes

Faculty Alliance

Friday, March 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

xHeather Batchelder, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate

xDonie Bret-Harte, President, UAF Faculty Senate

xMegan Buzby, Past-President, UAS Faculty Senate

xSharon Chamard, Past-President, UAA Faculty Senate

xScott Downing, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

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

xRobin Gilcrist, President, UAS Faculty Senate

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

Staff

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

1. Roll and Call to Order
2. Review of Agenda
3. Approve
Robin moved to approve both minutes and there were no objections.
 - a. [February 22 Minutes](#)
 - b. [March 8 Minutes](#)
4. Public and Guest Comments
None given.

5. Chair's Report

Chris has taken a position outside of UA and is moving out of Alaska, calling from Liard Hot Springs in Canada.

eLearning committee - working on a older request from the legislature about what they would like to see from eLearning in Alaska (appears to be connected to the desire for one university); facing some challenges regarding fees and the desire to have consistent fees across the university system

Summit Team - VP Layer noted that AK OMB is cutting so much from UA because on paper we look every expensive and have low graduation rates and UAF has higher cost of instruction due to its graduate programs; Miles noted the OMB presentation on the university's budget continues to present very one sided views and they do not appear to be listening to the context UA has provided; accreditation bill sponsored by Stevens has moved out of committee; going around the faculty senates is a memo about expedited program review to the chancellors; alcohol and marijuana regulations will go back to the committee who drafted the original proposal before it is reviewed by the AC; legislators in general don't see the governor's budget as realistic and are starting with last year's budget and making cuts to that (but a lot still see the PFD as important to fund).

6. Senate Reports

- a. UAS: Met with the provost to continue discussion on dual enrollment; frustrating because the definitions haven't been fully rationalized; appears that it is working at KPC and would be reasonable for UAS to do the same but that isn't what is happening; lots of discussion about the budget and asked the chancellor to hold a forum on what the plan is moving forward; looked at the alcohol and marijuana regulations and overall there weren't any objections;
- b. UAF: in February, UAF considered the cyber security certificate which was postponed so they could gather more information on prerequisites, how it relates to the CTC cyber security certificate and what happens if the student doesn't have content area experience; worked with Staff Council to have a Blue & Gold day in Fairbanks on Fridays to help boost support for the university within the community (all local mayors signed the proclamation); administrators are holding forums on the budget but there isn't a lot of information; Monique Musick has been invited to discuss advocacy efforts at the next meeting; administrator reviews are ongoing and should be complete soon--won't know anything about the outcomes; still working on revising the blue book and the final version is out for comments (does not replace anything in the CBA; Donie hopes to avoid wordsmithing at the next meeting); accepting nominations for president-elect

c. UAA:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18pdq-KqzvT2vUT1KVcSKtMoLBKUBBwdr/view?usp=sharing>

Working on re-applying for CAEP accreditation; the ad hoc committee on reviewing SW is looking at the state's budget issues and looking at past analysis and plans to have a report out before the end of the academic year; have two candidates up for 2nd VP and one for 1st VP; Maria isn't get a lot of information from deans and directors, who are currently reviewing possible contingency plans; the chancellor was fairly realistic when she was at the last deans and directors meeting and noted she expected UAA will get a significant cut next year;

7. New Business

a. Immunization Policy

Chris moved, seconded. No objections to this proposed change. Chris will sign Saichi's memo.

8. Ongoing Business

a. FIF Proposal Reviews - Due 3/25

b. Courseblock Alignment Update

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

Members discussed options for moving forward but agreed the administration does not seem to be willing to make the necessary structural changes to make course sharing successful.

c. FY2020 Budget

Chris will add to the letter when he has time over the next week.

i. [Faculty Alliance brainstorm](#)

ii. [Faculty Alliance draft letter](#)

d. Follow-ups:

i. Proposed Alcohol and Marijuana Regulation Revisions to Academic

Council on March 29 - will actually go back to the drafting committee for additional work on the proposed regulations

ii. Distribute approved draft GERM bylaws and convene the committee -

[notes from GER Advisory meeting](#) - Megan noted the previous discussion about getting a check box on the CourseLeaf form to notify others that this is a new GER so that the committee is advisory rather than approval

iii. Share updated Faculty Alliance constitution and bylaws with President

Johnsen - next chair can share when they meet with the president

iv. BOR meeting recordings discussion: next steps

Scott suggested revisiting the resolution requesting the BOR record and post their meetings. Members agreed and Chris will work on a brief resolution to share with the Board.

9. Nominate and elect interim Chair

Chris noted the new chair would take over when he separates from UA on March 30.

Donie nominated Maria, seconded. Maria accepted the nomination and, following a brief Q&A session, Maria was elected by acclamation.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 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)

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

Faculty Alliance budget response draft letter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_cIXNJQEe4hYpwyszItrQrXPn0hS1dqY5h5_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> □