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Minutes

**Faculty Alliance**

Friday, April 26, 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

Robin Gilcrist, President, UAS Faculty Senate

Jak Maier, FY20 President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate

Maria Williams, President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance

Staff

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

Forest Nabors, Assistant Professor, UAA

Dave Fitzgerald, Professor, UAA

1. Roll and Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Review of Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda and had no amendments. Scott moved to approve, seconded. No objections.

3. Approve

a. [April 12 Minutes](#)

Robin moved to approve, seconded. No objections.

4. Public and Guest Comments

GER Advisory Sub-Committee Interim Chairs (Sandy Pence, Dan Kline, Zoe Marie Jones, Colleen McKenna) **3:30-3:45 p.m.**

Notes from their initial meeting:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uOo2MQ0kQmF\\_xT45QAWSA0bhitD8XMrXwC7nyKYtjig/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uOo2MQ0kQmF_xT45QAWSA0bhitD8XMrXwC7nyKYtjig/edit?usp=sharing)

This committee is working to keep up communication surrounding GER alignment and adding new courses to the list of GERs and noting whether they are aligned or not. Maria proposed having the working group become an official subcommittee of the Alliance and ask them to meet for the first time in August; it won't be an oversight committee but rather for communication to ensure the GER alignment continues and new courses are identified appropriately. Recommended members include chair of the GER committee at UAF, chair of the Curriculum Committee at UAS, and chair of the GAB committee at UAA.

UAA Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Budget Reform (Dave Fitzgerald, Forrest Nabors)

Forrest noted the proposal was drafted prior to the governor's Feb. 13 budget announcement. He gave some history and mentioned the UAA faculty's desire for a new funding model in the face of falling oil prices and the UAA Faculty Senate vote of no confidence against President Johnsen. The report looks at other systems and whether they have centralized or decentralized administration, if they had moved to a more decentralized model. The committee feels if the campuses have more autonomy they will ultimately be more successful. They are asking for input from community, industry and political groups and individuals.

Next steps: UAA will consider a resolution in support of the committee's report at its next meeting. UAF and UAS will not be able to add to their next meeting agenda, however, they will share the report with faculty members and add it to the agenda for the first meeting of the next year (pending review of the report). Maria suggests discussing again at the May 10 meeting, and then again at the fall Faculty Alliance retreat; she also invited Forrest and Dave back to the May 10 meeting.

5. [Chair's Report](#)

## 6. Senate Reports

- a. UAS: Will meet next Friday for the last meeting of the year; have been focusing on the accreditation visit; will work to report on that visit; still waiting to hear back from the provost regarding the dual enrollment memo they sent to her; they are planning to approve changes to their faculty handbook; also looking at the interstate passport program and would like to hear more from Dan Kline about it; UAS have not yet held its election for the next Faculty Senate president-elect.
- b. UAF: Will meet on May 6 for the last time; they are working to approve a number of new certificates; also plan to approve proposed changes to the UAF Blue Book (faculty handbook); Sine will take over as senate president for AY20; Jak Maier will come on as president-elect;
- c. UAA
- d. UAA Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Budget Reform

## 7. New Business

- a. UAA SOE Decision - [Faculty Alliance Draft Response](#)
- b. Faculty Morale Survey - Sharon - Will send out the survey on Monday; has not heard yet back from the provost or VP Layer if there will be funding for the analysis;
- c. Administrative overreach, non-transparent decision making, non-inclusive restructuring processes - Sine and Jak
- d. May 10th is last FA meeting of the AY - Maria noted she hopes to invite the newly elected individuals from UAF, UAS and UAA and have the opportunity to thank our colleagues that are cycling off.
- e. Discuss meeting schedule for next AY - proposals include meeting 2:30-4:30 p.m. on second Friday and then from 3-4:30 on last Friday of the month to accommodate UAF's Administrative Committee - members agreed to additional discussion at the May 10 meeting when next year's members are in attendance
- f. Request of VP Layer for FA not to record BOR meetings - Members discussed and agreed recordings need to continue but did not have a solution at present. Morgan noted the Staff Alliance is drafting a resolution making a second request for the Board to make and post meeting recordings; Faculty Alliance members were supportive of this idea and asked to see the resolution when it was approved.
- g. Lisa Hoferkamp's report on the Student Success Initiative - Postponed to May 10 [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iaZQsAdPz88YL6\\_wk27\\_HwWNSgH3rdw33paAHjzn3gM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iaZQsAdPz88YL6_wk27_HwWNSgH3rdw33paAHjzn3gM/edit?usp=sharing)

## 8. Ongoing Business

- a. GER Advisory Sub-Committee Interim Chairs (Sandy Pence, Dan Kline, Zoe Marie Jones, Colleen McKenna) 3:30-3:45 (see above for discussion)
- b. FIF Proposal Reviews - complete. VP Layer said there are three awards at Tier I; eight at tier II; and 5 at tier III. All have been notified and congratulations to the funded proposals and the PI's!
- c. Courseblock Alignment Update - Can we identify a deadline to write our recommendations?
  - i. [Draft summary of UAF survey results and course-sharing options](#)
  - ii. UAA Faculty recommendations for Course block alignment  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yxLV0tIhp47luLTF8RVw7xZUpUkaN2pvJLHQdlpSOZM/edit?usp=sharing>
- d. FY2020 Budget
  - i. [Faculty Alliance draft letter](#) - last updated by Scott
- e. Follow-ups:
  - i. Statewide Council updates - President Johnsen approved the nominations and council chairs were notified via email.

9. Adjourn

Sine moved to adjourn, seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

***Important Dates***

**2019**

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)
- 8 - Special Meeting of the BOR (1:30-5:30 pm via video/livestream)
- 12 - Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Zoom/audio
- 19 - Academic Council, 3:00 – 5:00
- 22 - Chair meets w/President Johnsen; 2-3m
- 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\\_cIXNJPQEe4hYpwyszItrQrXPn0hS1dqY5h5\\_cDa0fY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_cIXNJPQEe4hYpwyszItrQrXPn0hS1dqY5h5_cDa0fY/edit?usp=sharing)

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From Me to Everyone: (03:08 PM)

☐ This just in:

[https://www.anchorpress.com/columnists/outside-appointment/article\\_25890a38-f40d-11e8-9ac4-ab76a1b1572b.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=user-share&fbclid=IwAR3bVhJkvf52SRjz402KqNYjiWByCmcq6j1Opln8eLiyEgAZAmM-YvJoAs](https://www.anchorpress.com/columnists/outside-appointment/article_25890a38-f40d-11e8-9ac4-ab76a1b1572b.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share&fbclid=IwAR3bVhJkvf52SRjz402KqNYjiWByCmcq6j1Opln8eLiyEgAZAmM-YvJoAs)

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From smdowning to Everyone: (03:35 PM)

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

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

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

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

☐ Here's the scorecard:

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

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From Me to Everyone: (04:04 PM)

☐ Here are the draft GERM bylaws:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_B6PBBf1AJ\\_Jn2vjlWI3KqZXfRV6cVy1xdar8eUOF0l/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_B6PBBf1AJ_Jn2vjlWI3KqZXfRV6cVy1xdar8eUOF0l/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> □