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Minutes

Statewide Administration Assembly

Thursday, September 19, 2019

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Butro 204 & Bragaw 210

Zoom: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/9074508042>

Audio: 1-699-900-6833

Meeting ID: 907 450 8042

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting came to order at 1:35 p.m. and quorum was met.

Members:

xJosh Watts (2018-2020), FY20 President

xLauren Hartman (2019-2021), FY20 Vice President

Monica Terrones (2018-2020), FY20 Secretary

xLinda Hall (2019-2021)

xElizabeth Lilly (2019-2021)

John McGee (2019-2021)

xMonique Musick (2018-2020)

Jennifer Ostrom (2018-2020)

xDerek Ward (2019-2021)

xLaycie Schnekenburger (2019-2021)

Jeremiah Youmans (2019-2021)

xLeona Long, First Alternate (2019-2020)

xRita Murphy, Second Alternate (2019-2020)

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

Paul Layer, Vice President for Academics, Students and Research (at 2pm)

2. Adopt Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda and approved it without amendment.

3. **Approve August 15 Minutes** [Reference 1](#)
Members reviewed the August 15 minutes and approved them without revision.

4. **Public and Guest Comments** 1:35 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.
None given.

5. **Reports, Updates, and Information** 1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

5.1. President's Report

Josh noted he met with Paul Layer and discussed the upcoming academic programmatic review committees. Also, the BOR video recording is up on BoardDocs.

5.1.1. Sept. 12-13 BOR Update - [Agenda](#) - The Board voted to amend its July 30 motion to include more participation by the chancellors and to allow for other structural models besides single accreditation to be presented at the November meeting in Fairbanks.

5.2. VP Layer – Updates on Programmatic Review Process - Last Thursday, the UA BOR passed a motion to approve an expedited review committee for thirteen areas. Mostly academic but also athletics, public service, eLearning, libraries, and research. The BOR is requesting a report from each of the groups at its November meeting. Last week, the BOR softened some of its language with regard to the expected action (from their July 30 motion). Layer is working to charge the committee leads with goals and expectations. What if we were one university? What would be the advantages? The chancellor and president will then craft a recommendation to share with the Board in November. Committees will start meeting next week and their reports will first be presented to the BOR subcommittee on restructuring, followed by public town halls for community feedback. Function does not imply structure, and structure should not impede function. What are the risks to moving to a single accreditation? What are the risks in just absorbing the cuts and not changing our structure? Can we share services and programs more than we are now? Timeline might be too fast but we have to get started so that we can begin to make our way to the end. Also looking at how UA can begin to lessen its dependence on state dollars--they are at the top of the list when compared to other state universities. They are looking at how to increase other funding sources like private, research, etc. Also looking at ways to immediately reduce administrative costs--looking at ways to increase cooperation across departments on all campuses. Paul acknowledge that most staff are feeling stretched too thin and would like to find ways for them to work together and help each other out. Still unclear to Paul what the BOR will actually do in November. Will they actually make decisions? Do they understand the consequences of their

decisions (i.e. do they know that by saying to consolidate programs they are approving the termination of tenured faculty)? Paul noted the legislature has the power of appropriation and so they may allocate more funding to UA than the governor has said he would approve.

Administrative consolidations - how will we categorize them in relation to SW staff; also new Butro building occupants--procurement, HR, and possibly other departments as well

5.3. Staff Alliance Update

The Staff Alliance will hold its annual retreat in Anchorage on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. They intend to meet with President Johnsen, VP Layer, Chancellor Sandeen, chair of the Faculty Alliance, and several other UA executives.

5.3.1. Meeting on Single Governance – [Meeting Notes](#) - SAA members agreed to discuss again in December or January; especially with regard to including staff from newly consolidated departments (HR, procurement, development, etc.)

5.3.2. [Draft Resolution on Administrative Consolidation](#)

Members reviewed the draft Staff Alliance resolution and had no objections.

5.4. Human Resources Update

[Reference 2](#)

5.4.1. [Spoke](#)

5.4.2. [Deer Oaks](#) & [FAQs](#)

5.4.3. [New Wellness Program](#)

5.5. Legislative Update – [State Affairs Committee – Sept. 20](#)

6. Ongoing Business

2:30 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

6.1. October Blood Drive - Oct. 24; looking for rooms, Wood Center and Hess Rec are both booked; Butro 109 is available but UAF is pushing back on having it there; looks like IARC 419 or 501 might be the place; Morgan will send out any new updates and calls for volunteers

7. New Business

2:55 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

7.1. Programmatic Review - see discussion with VP Layer

7.2. [Procurement Consolidation](#)

7.3. [Development Restructure](#)

8. Local Issues

8.1. Anchorage

3:15 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

8.2. Fairbanks

3:20 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

- 9. Agenda items for October 17 meeting**
Review of BOR subcommittee on restructuring Oct. 11 meeting
Invite VP Layer for another update on recommendation to the BOR
- 10. Closing Comments** 3:25 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- 11. Adjourn**
The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

OTHER RESOURCES

SAA Constitution and Bylaws

http://alaska.edu/files/governance/SAA-Constitution--Bylaws_Final-Approved-May-2017.pdf

SAA Annual Events Calendar

<http://alaska.edu/files/governance/SAA-annual-events-calendar.pdf>

System Governance Calendar

<http://alaska.edu/governance/directorycalendar/>