

# UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA

## Faculty Alliance

Monday, December 13, 2010  
2:00-4:00pm by audio conference  
Bridge # 1-800-893-8850, pin # 2151251

### DRAFT AGENDA

1. Call to order and Roll Call  
John Petraitis      Only this rough version of minutes has been located.  
Cathy Cahill  
Sherry Tamone  
Jonathan Anderson  
Jennifer Reynolds, Pat Ivey, Genie Babb
2. Adopt agenda
3. Approve Minutes      postponed
4. Report of the Chair

Meeting with Gamble December 8

PG did not have a chance to examine doc; only glanced, synopsis was chill the champaign we are almost there. No comments of substance in terms of format except he didn't like too much blue. DJ did not join us at the table but sat off to the side. First of many weird DJ dynamics. Bowing to faculty a lot. PG made it clear that he wanted comments on the AMP to go directly to AMP. We are aiming for the February Board of Regents meeting. PG said though that if it is not ready, then more time would be granted. PG did say aiming at February to the BoR and several regents nodded and smiled.

BoR did say it didn't do anything to direct allocation of resources at sept meeting, but it does and specifics should come out in the strategic plan. The FA AMP version does a better job of allocating resources but no specifics.

Has anyone seen the Fisher report. Apparently there were 95 web pages. There will be something in there for everyone and lots for everyone to ignore. Apparently the report had been distributed to the president and chancellors and PG will get it out soon is the bet.

BoR meeting – interesting stuff, tuition and amp. Tuition 3 percent for graduate students, amendment for zero for grad students failed, and 7 percent increase undergrad courses. The TF worked very well. We did get some back up from Lawlor a grad student. Also the film department Mia Salganek that UA could benefit from having a film major...all kinds of work going on in Alaska, etc. but no local crews, excellent opportunity. Jennifer McBeath on exporting seed potatoes to China. Ed Harris on using heat imaging equipment to detect SIDS prone infants. JP reported AMP has zero passive sentences. JR said Pat Jacobsen seemed very pleased. Also seeing nodding heads and smiles on some other regents.

SAC meeting Dec 8, lots of discussion about education this and that. Should the ed dean report be included with the SB241 report, the provosts and dan had it. Dan said it was just for the provosts, not

SAC. Education research should be made available to all faculty. The RFP has not yet come out. Presented Alliance version of AMP at the meeting. Able to glance throughout. Made a big deal out of putting DRAFT on each page as a watermark. Gave SAC a week to give to comment, edit and then send out

New thing brewing, some faculty are not happy about students being able to take lab classes on line. Curriculum committees approve content but not format. Either Dan or provosts or both will issue a memo to faculty senates to get three faculty to resolve the issue.

- 5. Public or Guest Comments
- 6. Old Business

6.1 AMP Review Process and Schedule Attachment 6.1

Appended to this document (pg 4).

We are looking for thin

- 6.2 Other Old Business
- 7. New Business

7.1 Grading Policies

7.1.1 UAF Proposal

Attachment 7.1.1

7.1.2 Existing Regulations

Attachment 7.1.2

JD REALLY INTERESTED IN CHANGING TRANSFERS OF C MINUSES AND INCOMPLETE GRADES. Noncontroversial, what to do about incomplete grades. At UAA after a year, an incomplete becomes. At UAF, after a year, an incomplete becomes a failing grade. Wanted it unified among the campuses. If this is not possible, then change the regulations to say each MAU will handle it our own way. This would give the prerogative to the MAUs senates. There is a semi legal problem in that the UAF policy is out of compliance with BoR regs. Incomplete becomes a permanent grade and does not count in the cumulative GPA when a student takes classes across MAUs. An F grade does transfer.

Apparently, incompletes can drag on for years if we don't change it. You have to be getting at least a C in the class and have completed the majority of the work in order to get an incomplete.

At UAS, the issue would have to go to the senates and departments. UAF started this in 2006. This is actually handleable in the contract. Hilary Davies said the UGB actually voted not to allow the incomplete to turn to F but would probably have no problem allowing the faculty at the MAUs to handle it on their own.

The problem was that incompletes were not being completed at UAF.

Bounce this around the Alliance. Alliance members will send each other the MAU grading policies and contract forms.

#### TRANSFER MINIMUM GRADE

UAF Faculty say when students want to transfer GERS OR PREREQUISITE COURSES into UAF from other MAUs, a C or higher is acceptable. C Minus is not acceptable at UAF. Not acceptable from other institutions at UAA, but will accept Ds from UAF or UAA. This becomes a systemwide transfer issue if MAU rules are different. Because UAA does not have pluses and minuses, the registrars call a c minus a c. UAS has pluses and minutes but registrars only accept a C or better. But Sherry says that's only true of 100 level but UAS will

take Ds from 200 level or up. At UAA, you have to have a C or better in English 101 to get into the English 200 level courses.

Is this an issue at all or do we need to rush something through in time for the February board of regents meeting.

This is a discussion for the three senates and Alliance will not push JDs arbitrary deadline. This is a longer term discussion.

Senate presidents will email Alliance members their policies AND REGISTRAR practices relating to the transfer of C minus so that each senate has the same information with which to discuss the issue.

Send stuff to the senates and schedule Alliance final consideration in May.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting January 21, 2010
12. Closing Comments
13. Adjourn adjourned at 3:54pm.

## ATTACHMENTS

3. Minutes <http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/Minutes/2010/09-17.mins.pdf>
- 6.1 Draft AMP Review schedule (separate attachment) Appended to this document (pg 4).
- 7.1.1. UAF Faculty Senate Proposed Grading Regulation Change  
[http://www.uaf.edu/files/uafgov/10-11\\_FS-171\\_Motion-Incomplete-Grades-Policy.pdf](http://www.uaf.edu/files/uafgov/10-11_FS-171_Motion-Incomplete-Grades-Policy.pdf)
- 7.1.2 Current Regulations  
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-12-13.gradingregs1004090.pdf>

**DRAFT AMP REVIEW SCHEDULE – revised December 13, 2010**

- December 20, 2010 After Alliance receives input from SAC and incorporates SAC input into AMP, if any, Alliance releases AMP draft to senates and other governance groups for review and comment to [alaskafaculty@gmail.com](mailto:alaskafaculty@gmail.com) by January 14, 2010
- January 15, 2011 Alliance begins reviewing and categorizing input received through [alaskafaculty@gmail.com](mailto:alaskafaculty@gmail.com).
- January 17, 2011 Alliance meets in Anchorage to complete review of input and incorporate any appropriate changes into AMP. Final draft emailed to Alliance for final review and email approval
- January 21, 2011 Faculty Alliance Regular meeting (not yet cancelled—do we still need this?)
- January 24, 2011 Alliance submits final draft to President Gamble
- January 25-27, 2011 Kate Ripley/SW Public Affairs does layout for AMP for inclusion in BoR agenda, emails courtesy copy to Alliance, final to President for approval
- February 2, 2011 BoR agenda goes to print
- February 4, 2011 BoR agenda is mailed
- February 17-18, 2011 BoR meets in Anchorage; Alliance attends to make final presentation.