

## DRAFT FA MEETING MINUTES

**May 18**

Present: Cathy Cahill (acting Chair), Nalinaksha Bhattacharyya, Robert Boeckmann, Jennifer Reynolds, Mike Stekoll, Sherry Tamone, Josh Luther (System Governance).

Note that Alliance membership has changed with recent faculty senate elections. Faculty Senate Presidents in 2012-2013 are Mike Stekoll (UAS), Jennifer Reynolds (UAF), and Robert Boeckmann (UAA). The new President-Elect and Faculty Alliance member from UAF is David Valentine, Professor of Forest Science. Jon Dehn has rotated off of Faculty Alliance. UAA's new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is Mark Fitch, Assoc. Professor of Mathematics. UAS Faculty Senate has not yet completed their selection of a new President-Elect; they will hold an election in the fall.

Minutes from the April 12 meeting were approved.

Cathy Cahill was chosen as the new Chair of Faculty Alliance, starting at the June meeting of the Board of Regents. She will work with the previous Chair, Dan Monteith, to set up the Faculty Alliance retreat in August.

### **Complete College America:**

All three faculty senates oppose joining Complete College America. The UAF Faculty Senate unanimously passed a motion (May 7) that began by stating: "The UAF Faculty Senate respects the goals of, but nevertheless rejects joining Complete College America." The motion contained several pages of discussion. The UAS Faculty Senate also voted against joining; the motion is probably not yet available online. The UAA Faculty Senate passed a motion (April 6) opposing Complete College America, on the grounds that fulfilling the programs' reporting requirements would not be a good use of university resources.

These motions are the formal response of the faculty at UAF, UAS, and UAA to the proposal that Alaska join the Complete College America program. Their response will be conveyed to the Statewide Academic Council and the Board of Regents.

Saichi Oba has requested representatives from each MAU to represent UA at a Complete College America conference in Baltimore on June 12. The topic will be "remedial education." Alliance members present at the meeting today have schedule conflicts, and suggest that it would be better to send faculty who specialize in developmental education, and/or wait for a later CCA conference in the fall when faculty are back on contract.

### **E-Lab Task Force:**

The draft policy has been presented to the three faculty senates. UAF Faculty Senate has circulated the draft for comments, and discussed the edited draft on April 2. The UAF edits were forwarded to UAS and UAA for consideration.

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The UAS Faculty Senate generally approved of the content of the draft. They were concerned that the Fall 2013 timeline for requiring review of core/general education lab science courses could not be met with their process for approving and advertising academic courses. Alliance members voted to extend the timeline to Spring 2014 in order to accommodate the UAS process. With this change Alliance members from UAS felt that UAS faculty would support the draft policy.

The UAA Faculty Senate will need more time to review and discuss the policy. It has been sent to two subcommittees and will be addressed in the fall. They are reviewing the edited version from UAF.

### **Strategic Direction:**

The Statewide Administration will hold a meeting on Strategic Directions on July 23. Faculty will be represented by Alliance members Cathy Cahill (UAF), Dan Monteith (UAS), and someone from UAA.

The UAA Faculty Senate passed a motion (May 4) criticizing the methodology of the Strategic Directions listening sessions, and recommended that "no major actionable plan be formulated based on the outcome of these Listening Sessions." As Chair of Faculty Alliance, Dan Monteith will forward the motion to President Gamble.

### **Faculty Alliance retreat in August:**

Members present at the meeting agreed to tentatively schedule the retreat for August 13-14 in Fairbanks. We will invite President Gamble and Interim VPAA Dana Thomas to meet with us.

### **Statewide Academic Council:**

Faculty Alliance representatives to the Statewide Academic Council in 2012-2013 will be Dan Monteith (UAS), Cathy Cahill (UAF), and Robert Boeckmann (UAA).

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## Faculty Alliance

Friday, May 18, 2012, beginning at 3:00pm by audioconference  
Call-in number: 800-893-8850  
Participant Pin: 2151251

### DRAFT AGENDA

1. Call to order and Roll Call  
  
Dan Monteith, President, 2011-2012 Chair; President, UAS Faculty Senate  
Nalinaksha Bhattacharyya, President, UAA Faculty Senate  
Robert Boeckmann, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate  
Cathy Cahill, President, UAF Faculty Senate  
Jon Dehn, 2009-2010 Alliance Chair; Past President, UAF Faculty Senate  
Jennifer Reynolds, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate  
Mike Stekoll, President-elect, UAS Faculty Senate  
Sherry Tamone, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approve Minutes – April 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting
4. Report of the Chair
5. Public or Guest Comments
6. Motion for Alliance Chair Cathy Cahill 2012-1013
6. Complete College America – Dan and Cathy
7. E-Lab Task Force Recommendations – updates from Senates
8. Strategic Direction Meeting July 23, 2012, Fairbanks
9. Date and agenda items for Alliance retreat in August
10. Other new business

External Administration Committee/Council Reports and Liaison/Alternate Appointments

Statewide Academic Council

Alliance Members: *Dan Monteith, John Petraitis, Cathy Cahill*

Human Resources Council -

*Liaison: Jennifer Reynolds*

Student Services Council

*Liaison: Robert Boeckmann*

Instructional Technology Executive Council/ITEC <http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/governance/itec/>

New Interim Chair: Michelle Rizk

*Liaison: Jon Dehn; Alternate: Sherry Tamone*

Joint Health Care Committee – <http://www.alaska.edu/benefits/joint-health-care-committ/>

Other Committees/Councils

12. Alliance Comments
13. Adjourn