

UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA

Faculty Alliance

Friday, November 18, 2011, beginning at 3:00pm via audio conference

DRAFT MINUTES *(Approved @ Dec. 16, '11 mtg.)*

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, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
Jon Dehn, 2009-2010 Alliance Chair; Past President, UAF Faculty Senate
John Petraitis, 2010-2011 Alliance Chair; Past President, UAA Faculty Senate
Jennifer Reynolds, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate
Mike Stekoll, President-elect, UAS Faculty Senate

Pat Ivey, Executive Officer
Kate Ripley, Director, SW Public Affairs
Paula Donson, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs
Chas St. George, Strategic Direction Coordinator

2. Adopt Agenda

MOTION: passed

“The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the November 18, 2011 Faculty Alliance meeting as amended to correct the misspelling of Dr. Bhattacharyya’s name. This action is effective November 18, 2011.”

3. Approve October, 2011 Minutes

Approval of the October, 2011 minutes has been postponed until January 2012.

4. Report of the Chair

The Statewide Academic Council met November 17. The Strategic Direction project is moving forward. SAC meets next December 7 in Anchorage. The Board of Regents meets December 8-9 in Anchorage.

5. Public or Guest Comments - There were no guest or public comments.

6. **Strategic Direction Update**

Paula Donson gave an overview of activities to date.

- Public listening sessions have been held in Eagle River, Mat-Su, Dillingham, and most recently, Interior-Aleutians.
- Formats for these sessions are determined by location, community campus head, and a variety of other factors. Sometimes advisory councils are the best audience, sometimes leaders gathered at an event for another purpose such as Dillingham works well.
- The format and process for these listening sessions is in the process of evolving as feedback is received about what works and what doesn't.
- Paula Donson will meet with President Gamble next week on the subject of obtaining funds for better PR for these sessions.
- Credit transferability dominates the session topics. The Alaska public believes that credits don't transfer, and university research results to the contrary are not believed.
- The schedule for internal UA listening sessions is in process and will begin in January.
- Minutes and related data, once gathered, will be distributed to the chancellors for sharing and sorting into theme areas at their discretion.
- Anyone can take the on-line survey and all are welcome to do so. Governance is asked to advertise the location of the survey instrument and encourage participation. The survey link is on the Strategic Direction home page at <http://www.alaska.edu/shapingalaskasfuture/>.
- The Alliance was thanked for being a sounding board for Donson as the process evolves.

Alliance member suggestions:

- Town meetings should be held in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau that are well publicized and open to all.
- Any additional role of the Alliance in the strategic direction process at this point is unclear and needs to be discussed further.
- It was pointed out that President Gamble had committed that Faculty would be involved in interpreting the outcome of the strategic directions consultation sessions. It was suggested that in order to fulfill this role the minutes and related data should be sent to the members of the faculty alliance as soon as they are ready in order to facilitate timely processing.

7. **Policy and Regulation Review**

7.1 Update on senate reviews

UAS Faculty Senate will not take part in the review due to lack of time.

UAF Faculty Senate has distributed sections to relevant committees and they are moving forward in accordance with the deadlines set forth by President Gamble at the October Faculty Alliance retreat.

7.2 Governance Web Form <http://www.alaska.edu/governance>

The governance web form for submitting recommendations has a deadline of November 28 that conflicts with dates given by President Gamble to the Alliance in October. Further clarification is needed. Jennifer Reynolds will ask Provost Henricks what the deadline is for receiving recommendations.

8. System Governance Office Change

Concerns were expressed about the change in System Governance Office reporting structure and impact on the Alliance. The Alliance will discuss this further in December as a group and then with President Gamble when he meets with the Alliance in January.

9. Statewide System Changes

Changes were discussed.

10. Stay on Track: Discussion

This item was postponed until December.

11. Senate Summit: Discussion

Pat Ivey drafted a budget for discussion purposes. Discussion on this item was postponed until December.

12. External Administration Committee/Council Reports and Liaison/Alternate Appointments

External reports were generally postponed until December. ITEC meets December 6. A draft agreement relating to ORP is going to the unions for consideration. Robert Boeckmann is on the Student Services Council but has received no information about meetings.

12.1 *Statewide Academic Council*

Alliance Members: Dan Monteith, John Petraitis, Cathy Cahill

12.2 *Human Resources Council*

Liaison: Jennifer Reynolds

12.3 *Business Council (on hiatus pending appointment of new CFO)*

Liaison: Nalinaksha Bhattacharyya

12.3 *Student Services Council*

Liaison: Robert Boeckmann

12.4 *Instructional Technology Executive Council/ITEC*

<http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/governance/itec/>

New Interim Chair: Michelle Rizk

Liaison: Jon Dehn; Alternate: Sherry Tamone

12.5 *Retirement Committee*

Liaison: Mike Stekoll

12.6 *Tuition Task Force*

Liaison: Sherry Tamone, Alternate: Jon Dehn

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

12.7 *Other Committees/Councils*

13. Other Items of Concern-There were no other items of concern

14. Agenda Items for December and January Meetings

14.1 December 16, 2011, 3:00-4:30 via audio conference

Deadline for submitting additional agenda items is December 6, 2011.

Agenda items include but may not be limited to

- Senate Summit
- Strategic Direction
- Policy and Regulations Review

14.2. January 20, 3:00-4:30pm via video conference.

President Gamble is scheduled for approximately one hour.

Deadline for submitting additional agenda items is January 9, 2011.

12. Comments

There were no additional comments.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:13pm.