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## Faculty Alliance

Friday, April 20th, 2012, beginning at 3:00pm  
Audio Conference Number: 800 893 8850  
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### DRAFT Minutes

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**

**Joshua Luther, System Governance**

2. Adopt Agenda

MOTION: passed

3. Approve Minutes (none)
4. Report of the Chair

Chair Faculty Alliance will be included in the July 23 Summit on the Strategic Directions Initiative. Regarding listening sessions, Nalinaksha Bhattacharyya commented that the UAA Faculty Senate is likely to pass a resolution noting positive aspects of SDI- recognizing its political merits, but pointing to serious methodological problems. Advance notice of this resolution has been given to Chas St. George and Paula Donson.

5. Public or Guest Comments (none)
6. Complete College America (<http://www.completecollege.org/>)

Saichi Oba requested phone audio conference with Dan Monteith and Cathy Cahill to discuss Faculty Alliance recommendations on CCA. They recommended that UA not

formally participate, despite good intentions of the program. The UAA Faculty Senate has passed a resolution in opposition to Alaska and UA joining Complete College America. UAF and UAS Faculty Senates are working on separate resolutions also in opposition to it. There is pressure from the Governor's office to sign up. Saichi Oba did not see any possible negative consequences for signing up for Complete College America. However, Faculty Alliance members believe there are consequences.

President Gamble has requested a recommendation from the Faculty Alliance by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Next UAF Faculty Senate meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup>

Next UAS Faculty Senate meeting is on the May 4<sup>th</sup>

Next Faculty Alliance meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup>

Dan Monteith would like this issue to run through the respective Senates before Faculty Alliance takes formal action. Dan Monteith recommended a motion be passed via email that supports the Senates' resolutions, in order to finish this by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

7. E-Lab Task Force

UAA Faculty Senate has expressed resistance to the draft policy. It is being sent back to subcommittees. General conclusion is that more discussion is needed. UAA Faculty Senate will take up this issue in the fall.

UAF Faculty Senate has discussed the draft policy and generally approved it. (No vote was taken, as this is simply a consultation on a draft.) Recommendations for improved and clarified wording were conveyed to Faculty Alliance.

UAS Faculty Senate noted a conflict between the proposed effective date of the policy and their schedule for advertising course schedules. Faculty Alliance agreed to move the effective date forward from Fall 2013 to Spring 2014.

At the next SAC meeting each MAU will report on this issue, with the recommended revision to the effective date.

8. Health Care Changes

UAF Faculty Senate passed resolution saying they did not support the "tobacco no-hire" policy, provided reasons why. The UAS Faculty Senate passed a resolution adopting the UAF statement.

Nalinaksha Bhattacharyya requests the UAS resolution so he can mirror the language for UAA. There was a presentation at UAA on healthcare and admin were reportedly relying on employees moving to the 500 plan.

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

- 9.1 Statewide Academic Council  
Alliance Members: *Dan Monteith, Robert Boeckmann, Cathy Cahill*

Code of Conduct has been shelved and is no longer an issue. Faculty Alliance will take no action.

- 9.2 Human Resources Council  
*Liaison: Jennifer Reynolds*

This council has been disbanded by Donald Smith. Faculty Alliance discussed the consequences of Statewide operating without the governance councils.

- 9.3 Student Services Council  
*Liaison: Robert Boeckmann*

The meeting was rescheduled- nothing to report.

- 9.4 Instructional Technology Executive Council/ITEC <http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/governance/itec/>  
New Interim Chair: Michelle Rizk  
*Liaison; Jon Dehn; Alternate: Sherry Tamone*

Nothing to report.

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

This committee is composed of union members, not Faculty Alliance. Nalinaksha Bhattacharyya will update after the next union meeting, which he plans to attend.

- 9.6 Other Committees/Councils

**Tuition Task force**

*Representative: Sherry Tamone.* The Tuition Task Force has not met as much as planned, and they are often very short meetings (15 minutes). Overall the task force has not played an active role nor had influence. Tuition for 2014-15 is still going up. Next meeting time is unknown.

The Business Council and the Retirement Council no longer exist.

10. Other Items of Concern

10.1 The ORP I settlement is being finalized.

10.2 Robert Boeckman raised the national issue of student loan debt.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting May 18th

12. Comments

Faculty Alliance discussed plans for the annual retreat in late August. The retreat will be held in Fairbanks, and Faculty Alliance will invite President Gamble. Cathy Cahill requests that everyone send her their schedules for late August so she can set a date for the retreat.

13. Adjourn