

UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA

Faculty Alliance

Friday, May 14, 2010

2:00pm-3:30pm via audio conference

Bridge # 1-800-893-8850, pin 2151251

Originating from Fairbanks site: Carter Conference Room 204, Butrovich Building

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members present:

Jon Dehn, Chair of the Faculty Alliance and President, UAF Faculty Senate

Genie Babb, President, UAA Faculty Senate

Cathy Cahill, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate

Jill Dumesnil, Past Chair of the Alliance and Past President, UAS Faculty Senate

John Petraitis, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

Marsha Sousa, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

Jonathan Anderson, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate

2. Adopt Agenda

MOTION:

“The Faculty Alliance moves to adopt the agenda for the May 14, 2010 meeting. This action is effective May 14, 2010.”

3. Approve April 16, 2010 Minutes

“The Faculty Alliance moves to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2010 meeting as amended. This action is effective April 16, 2010.”

4. Report from the Chair – *Jon Dehn* Report appended to the minutes.

4.1 Annual Report

<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-05-14.annualreport.pdf>

Jon Dehn summarized his annual report.

5. Old Business

5.1	Academic Master Plan	Attachment 5.1
5.2	Distance Education – <i>John Monahan</i>	Attachment 5.2
5.3	Tuition Adjustments	Attachment 5.3
5.4	UAF Leave Sharing Resolution	Attachment 5.4
5.5	Other Old Business	
6.	New Business	
6.1	Election of Chair	Attachment 6.1
6.2	2010-2011 Issues, Themes	
6.3	2010-2011 Calendar	Attachment 6.3
6.4	Chair Orientation	
6.5	August on-site meeting location, date, items.	
6.6	Other New Business	
7.	Administration Advisory Council Reports	
7.1	Systemwide Academic Council/RAC – <i>Jon Dehn/John Petraitis</i>	Attachment 7.1
7.2	Human Resources Council – <i>Jill Dumesnil</i>	
7.3	Information Technology Executive Council/ITEC – <i>Jon Dehn</i>	Attachment 7.3
7.4	Business Council – <i>Jonathan Anderson</i>	Attachment 7.4
7.5	Student Services Council – <i>Genie Babb</i>	
7.6	Retirement Committee – <i>Sberry Tamone</i>	
8.	Senate Reports	
8.1	UAA	Attachment 8.1
8.2	UAF	Attachment 8.2
8.3	UAS	Attachment 8.3
9.	Other Items of Concern	
10.	Comments	
11.	Adjourn	

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Attachments

- 3 February 19, 2010 Minutes
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/minutes/2010/04-16.pdf>
- 4.1 Annual Report
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-05-14.annualreport.pdf>
- 5.1 **Academic Master Plan**
<http://www.alaska.edu/files/research/AMP%20for%20Distribution.pdf>
- 5.2 **Distance Education**
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-04-22.monahan-trans.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-04-22.CodingDiscussionVersionE.pdf>
<http://www.alaska.edu/research/distance-education/>
- 5.3 **Tuition Adjustments**
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-04-14.tuitionmemo.pdf>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-04-15.WICHE2009-10.PDF>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-04-15.natl2010tuitionfeesreport.pdf>
Other data:
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/tuitionhistory1996-2010.pdf>
http://measuringup2008.highereducation.org/print/state_reports/short/AK.pdf
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/2010-01.WICHE-TUITION.PDF>
http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d09/tables/dt09_334.asp?referrer=report
- 5.4 **UAF Leave Share Resolution**
<http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/2010-03-05.CSW-Leave-ShareSupport.pdf>
- 6.1 Faculty Alliance Constitution, Article IV, Section E, Officers
<http://gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/Constitution/2007-12-14.constitutionapproved.pdf>
- 6.2 Draft 2010-2011 Calendar
<http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/calendar/2010-2011.default.html>
- 7.1 SAC
<http://www.alaska.edu/swacad/sac.htm>
- 7.3 ITEC -
<http://www.alaska.edu/pmo/itec/agenda-and-meeting-notes/>
<http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/2010-04-01.oit-cmt.pdf>

8.1 UAA: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/facultysenate/index.cfm>

8.2 UAF: <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/facultySenate.html>

8.3 UAS: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/>

University of Alaska Faculty Alliance Annual Report

The Faculty Alliance, like the entire University of Alaska System, had an eventful year. To summarize, the Faculty have shown a unity in purpose across the entire system with regards to the primary issues that faced us, the Academic Master Plan, the annual budget and campus priorities (in this case the Life Sciences Building at UAF) and of course, the search for a new President. Though these issues were the highest profile, the Alliance also dealt with issues of faculty voice in administrative decisions, academic program development, distance education, as well as statewide organization.

The Academic Master Plan consumed most of the Alliance's efforts this year. The plan was more than a year behind schedule and without substantive faculty involvement. The Alliance strove repeatedly with motions to the Statewide Academic Council and the President's Cabinet and testimony to the Board of Regents (February 18, 2010) requesting the Plan's release to the Faculty. The draft Plan has at long last been released to the university community, including the Faculty, though there remains some concern that at this late date substantive input from the Faculty is limited. Comments to the board from the Faculty Alliance on the Academic Master Plan, as well as comments from each of the Faculty Senates are included as written testimony to the June 2010 meeting. We hope that as the Board reviews the draft, they will consult the Faculty.

In the challenging times ahead, the students, faculty and staff are the greatest resource the University has to see it through. A good Academic Master Plan touches on many core issues at a university, and is thus inherently controversial. Setting priorities is perhaps the most important function of any University's leadership, but this must be done through consultation with an informed Faculty. The Faculty are the vehicle a university uses to get where it is going. We are the draw for the students, we prepare the classes and programs, we do the research and bring in support for that effort, we engage the community in outreach and service.

In these priorities the Faculty across all of UA are generally of one opinion. Though there are always dissenting voices, the great majority, including the entire Faculty Alliance, agreed that the number one capital budget priority was the life sciences building in Fairbanks. Though this was not entirely successful in legislature, the Faculty are ready to support the measure on the upcoming ballot. The understanding of the changing Alaskan ecosystem is essential if we are to maintain our way of life, be it in subsistence, rural or urban settings. To paraphrase the recent International Polar Year, "It is about all of us."

The search for a new President of the University of Alaska is the sole constitutional duty of the Board of Regents. The Faculty were pleased that a representative was asked to serve on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. It was a challenge to represent the views of over 1500 academic, research, term and adjunct faculty at UA. The Faculty Alliance looks forward to working with incoming President Gamble.

The response to the legislative Distance Education Audit from Vice-President's Julius' office was well considered. The Faculty Alliance appreciates the thorough interaction with John Monahan and the approach to sort out all distance education efforts at UA improving the student enrollment experience to get more students into our classes.

The Statewide Academic Council (SAC) and the Research Advisory Council (RAC) were merged under Vice-President's Julius' tenure. This is reasonable because the research enterprise and academic mission of the university are inextricably linked. Each Council had a single faculty member, for SAC, the chair of the Faculty Alliance, for RAC a Fairbanks member of the Faculty Alliance. When merged, the new SAC had both faculty members, yet this always left one MAU, most often the University of Alaska Southeast, without representation on the Council that was the last stop of new academic programs before they went to the Board of Regents for approval. In a recent motion, the Faculty Alliance has requested to add a faculty member from each MAU to SAC to be sure that each MAU's programs and priorities is equally represented.

This year the coordination of Faculty and Faculty Senates with items of common interest worked well through the Faculty Alliance. Issues like the Academic Master Plan, leave share policy, lead to common motions and efforts of Faculty across all of UA. This led to the notion that the combined Faculty Senates may be a resource for problem solving of larger UA issues, and the idea of a University of Alaska Faculty Senate Summit was born.

In looking to the future, the Faculty Alliance would like to re-establish its close relationship to the Board of Regents. After all, the Faculty Alliance should be the Board's direct access to the faculty, as outlined in Board Policy. We also hope to move forward with the creation of an annual University of Alaska Faculty Senate Summit, where the Senate's of all three Major Academic Units meet jointly with the Statewide leadership and members of the Board to address matters of common concern and to show that we are truly one University. We also look forward to getting to know President Gamble, and stand ready to help him to discover this unique institution.

We would like to close by thanking the Board of Regents for their service and guidance for this and coming years. We further thank Vice-President of Academic Affairs Julius for this patience and diligence on the Academic Master Plan, and we thank the Provosts of each MAU, Henrichs, Driscoll and Stell, for their contributions to the plan and facilitating faculty input.

Finally, we cannot express enough thanks to President Hamilton. His leadership over the last 12 years has kept the University of Alaska the fantastic institution it is.

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April 14, 2010

TO: Board Chair Cynthia Henry and Members of the Board of Regents
Coalition of Student Leaders
System Governance Council

FROM: Mark Hamilton, President 

RE: Scheduled Tuition Adjustment Notice

This memorandum represents notice of the proposed tuition rates for AY2013 as required by Regents' Policy¹, as well as a revision of previously approved AY2012 rates.

This tuition notice for your consideration – my last as President – is a departure from recent years, and not one I take lightly. The economic outlook of our state and country, rigid budget discussions at the state level and ongoing increases in day-to-day costs in areas such as health care and employee wages cause me to propose this action. At the same time, the university must continue looking for cost efficiencies and budget savings where possible while still supporting an excellent university system for our students.

In September 2009, the board approved an AY2012 tuition increase of 5 percent for 100- to 200- level courses and a 10 percent increase for all other levels. Due to economic circumstances, I recommend a revision to the AY2012 lower division rate by increasing it to 10 percent, so that both lower and upper division tuition would increase at the same rate.

In addition, there are two proposals the chancellors and I have discussed for AY2013; both call for increases across all levels except graduate tuition. The first proposal is a 10 percent tuition increase; the second is a 12 percent increase. Both are forwarded for consideration. The table on the next page reflects the current and proposed rates.

This proposal is offered only after much discussion with the chancellors and staff. I understand the importance of a differential increase between upper and lower tuition, and have protected students from double digit increases whenever possible. Yet, I do believe this range of increase is reasonable considering forecasted economic conditions.

The University of Alaska enjoys a rate of tuition below that of our peers in the western U.S. as well as nationally. Between the years 2005-06 and 2009-10, UA increased tuition by 29.8 percent. In the WICHE region (the 15 western states) the average increase over this same time was 48.2 percent. In Alaska, our rate of increase has been 18.4 percent *less* than that of our western peers. Looking back to when I began as President, the Board of Regents raised tuition 36.6 percent *less* than other western states. Nine of the 15 western states have higher tuition at their public universities than Alaska.

Please remember this notice marks the beginning of tuition discussions, not the end. This discussion will lead up to the Board of Regents' September 2010 meeting, when official action is expected.

¹ The policy provides that the adjusted tuition rates will be deemed approved after the board's first regular meeting following the subsequent November 1, "unless the board suspends implementation of the scheduled rate adjustment, or the university president notifies the board of an alternative recommendation, prior to that board meeting."

Please take the time to speak with your campus leadership, my staff or me directly with any concerns or questions.

Thank you.

	AY2012 (fall 2011 and spring 2012)	AY2012 (fall 2011 and spring 2012)	AY2013 (fall 2012 and spring 2013)	AY2013 (fall 2012 and spring 2013)
	Tuition Rate (+5% for 100- 200; +10% for all other)	Revised Tuition Rate (+10% for 100-200)	Proposed Tuition Rate (+10)	Proposed Tuition Rate (+12)
Lower Division				
PWSCC	133	140	154	157
Kodiak	135	142	156	159
All Others	154	162	178	181
Upper Division	187	187	206	209
Graduate	372	372	372	372
Non Resident Surcharge	388	388	427	435