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Faculty Alliance Minutes

Friday, October 11, 2013
Conducted via Google Hangout

Voting Members:

Robert Boeckmann, 2013-2014 Alliance Chair, Past President UAA Faculty Senate
Virgil Fredenberg, President UAS Faculty Senate
Mark Fitch, President, UAA Faculty Senate
Diane Hirshberg, President Elect, UAA Faculty Senate
Kevin Krein, President Elect, UAS Faculty Senate
Cecile Lardon, President Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
Jennifer Reynolds, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate
Mike Stekoll, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
David Valentine, President, UAF Faculty Senate

Staff:

LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance
Joseph Altman, Coordinator, System Governance

Call to Order and Roll Call

Robert called the meeting to order. All members were present.

Adopt Agenda and Approve Minutes

Discussion took place as to the priority 1 ranking of “Faculty Regent” and to take another look at how to rank “Principles and Guidelines to Managing Fiscal Climate.” Cecile motioned to approve the September 13, 2013 minutes. Diane seconded. The minutes were approved with corrections. The agenda was adopted with changes.

Report of the Chair

Robert shared the topics from the September board of regents’ meeting: Funding climate was a main topic and to expect a flat budget in the future, the management of deferred maintenance, and possible budget reallocations within the system and universities. The president stated the engineering buildings at UAA and UAF are still a priority. The tuition increase and differential tuition were discussed along with the impact the Affordable Healthcare Act will have on UA’s health care program - no expected impact until 2018. The university’s health care fits under a Cadillac plan and would incur a tax at that time. They discussed metrics measuring the university’s progress – to see if the university is moving forward. There is a concern with open

enrollment and standards, and a discussion about assisting K-12 in building a bridge to standards success.

System Governance Council Report

David reported the discussion about Smoke Free-Tobacco Free Campuses initiated by the UAA students last spring at the board of regents' meeting in Anchorage. Kevin stated the Nana catering issue came up at the council meeting as well.

The faculty discussed the catering issues. UAA has a policy where they can spend \$250 or under without using Nana. UAS said they have a high employee turnover rate with Nana and the kitchen availability is poor. They are not happy.

Constitution and Bylaw Revisions

Faculty reviewed the constitution and bylaws and made several changes. Faculty will vote on accepting the revisions at the November meeting.

Work on Revision of SAC proposed motion for minimum standards for admission to Baccalaureate degree programs and draft companion motion

Robert reminded the faculty of the emails he sent out with Vice President Dana Thomas' suggestion for the proposed motion. UAA is concerned the minimum standards are not going to meet the stated objectives – not improve the outcomes of the students not meeting the minimum standards. They are working on a statement to support how to help the students meet the minimum standards and propose that statement as an alternative motion. Robert encouraged UAF and UAS to do the same thing and then the alliance could have a good dialogue about the issue.

Reminders for the next meeting:

Distance Delivery for General Education E-labs – everyone should read through the document Jennifer sent out and be prepared to discuss at the next

GELO Task Force

They met three times and twice through teleconference. They are almost finished in summing up learning outcomes. The question is how to move forward with the existing UA policy and regulations.

Face-to-Face Retreats- Fall & Spring

Group will think about meeting in Fairbanks at the February board of regents' meeting. LaNora will talk to Brandi about getting faculty on schedule.

Faculty will check their schedules about meeting on February 14, 2014 in preparation for the regents' meeting.

Add to November meeting agenda:

Geographic Salary Differential

Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance