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**Faculty Alliance
Minutes
Friday, March 13, 2015
Via Google Hangout
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Call to Order and Roll Call occurred at 1:05 p.m. Quorum was met.

Voting Members Present:

Mark Fitch, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate
Virgil Fredenberg, Past President UAS Faculty Senate
Maren Haavig, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate
Diane Hirshberg, President, UAA Faculty Senate
Kevin Krein, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Cécile Lardon, President, UAF Faculty Senate
Debu Misra, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
Tara Smith, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
David Valentine, Chair, Faculty Alliance; Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Rick Caulfield, UAS Provost, Acting VPAAR
Dayna Defeo, LRC Coordinator, UAA

College Readiness Addendum Liaison to Dayna Defeo

Diane and Dayna explained where they were in the process for college readiness. President has agreed to help fund Dayna Defeo to work on the project. Dayna and Diane will work on the college readiness project and then run it by Steve Atwater before the deadline. Deadline for a response: April 8, 2015 SAC meeting.

Adopt Agenda

Virgil motioned to adopt the agenda and Maren seconded. Agenda was adopted.

Approve Minutes

January 16, 2015 - minutes were approved unanimously.

State of the University Discussion

Consideration of Statewide reduction and what the legislators have recommended for cuts.

Communication with statewide Human Resources concerning systemwide standard LMS use: syllabus, goals, grades

Erik Seastedt contacted David Valentine about LMS use. David met with Erik about it and did not see a problem adding syllabus and goals but that mandating grades may create friction with faculty. While discussing the issue, several faculty opposed to the mandate. Faculty wanted to know what the board/Summit Team/Administration wants and why they want it. More information is needed before agreeing to anything. David will craft a response to Erik Seastedt with the faculty concerns.

Quick updates from retreat notes, including progress and projected dates:

- **Letter to Presidential Search Advisory Committee with copy of Alliance letter to Regent Heckman and expressing concern over rush to select and how it impacts credibility of ultimate hire**

David asked for major points the faculty wanted to add to the email/letter.

- **Develop list of collaborative efforts, desires, and opportunities across the 3 universities**

David led the discussion what to include on the list. The list would inform everyone to what is going on and give something to feed back to the BOR.

- **Develop Google Sheet for brainstorming items needed to attract and retain top/core faculty during difficult budget times**

David stated this would be a work in progress. This would be a way to forward ideas to upper administration. President Gamble suggested this one.

- **Discussion took place on Statewide Reduction and the relationship between Statewide, UAA, UAF and UAS**

Diane will draft up a document concerning issues with Statewide.

- **Thank you letter to common calendar task force members, cc: to President Gamble**

Faculty discussed who the task force members were.

- **Contact Karl Kowalski concerning coordinating LMS survey**

David will contact him about the survey.

- **Draft resolution supporting allowing written testimony to be read in advance of meetings and allowing oral testimony to be offered from other sites.**

Tara drafted a resolution.

- **Resolution or letter to President and BOR outlining FA support for maintaining 3 universities and drastically trimming statewide**

- **Diane: Letter to BOR communicating our interest and desire to continue dialogue, capitalize on opportunities to interact with local faculty, etc.**

- **Diane: Offer training to BOR on shared governance. Ask Chair Heckman what we should provide in addition to the AGB document she distributed at the January BOR retreat**

- **Diane: Monitor “building partnerships” committee**

Diane said there was legislation already passed: UA/Mallot Task Force. This is all the ways the university should be working with the State.

Plus Minus Grading Issue

David had a draft resolution for faculty to look over and he asked for feedback. David will talk to Regent Powers about this issue and see if it is an overall issue for students.

Comments

Kevin said UAS passed the Student Code of Conduct

Meeting Adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Minutes taken by LaNora Tolman