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Faculty Alliance Minutes

Friday, May 16, 2014
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
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, Alliance Chair Elect

Staff:

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

Guests:

Patrick Gamble, President, University of Alaska
Dana Thomas, Vice President, Academic Affairs and Research
Gwen Gruenig, Associate Vice President, Institutional Research and Analysis
Maren Haavig for Kevin Krein, President Elect, UAS Faculty Senate

Called to Order and Roll Call

Robert called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

Adopted Agenda and Approved Minutes

David moved to adopt agenda. None opposed. Agenda adopted. Mark moved to approve the April 11, 2014 minutes “as is” and Cecile seconded. None opposed. April 11, 2014 minutes were approved.

Report of the Chair

Robert met with President Gamble twice. Robert shared that FA. BA minimum still ongoing, hoping for a modification on the developmental resolution. Robert was tying up loose ends to pass the baton to David Valentine as the Faculty Alliance chair for next year.

Statewide Academic Council

Topics: Common schedule and how to move forward on a common academic calendar

Robert and Mark talked to Faculty Alliance about UAA having the majority of the student population and shared the UAA Faculty Senate Handout pertaining to calendar options and some of the conflicts between universities.

Student Services Council

Robert missed May 8 meeting – he reviewed the notes from the April 22 meeting but nothing worthy of mentioning.

Instructional Technology Executive Council/ITEC

Mark missed the last meeting but nothing on the agenda pertaining to faculty. They discussed better software for managing - at the last meeting no one shared any interest in it

Tuition Task Force

Virgil said the discussion was about raising tuition.

GELO Task Force

UAA - UAA's GERC (General Education Review Committee) made a motion that UAA adopt the GELO outcomes. This was not brought to Faculty Senate in May, so UAA has not passed it. However, it is expected that they will be passed early in the fall which allows time to figure out what has to change in terms of catalog & assessment including accreditation before they come into effect.

UAF - Passed the motion to adopt the learning outcomes but pending UAA and UAS doing the same thing.

UAS - The outcomes match their competencies already established. They look like what they are already doing and wondered what they should do now.

Faculty Alliance Suggestion for BOR Policy and Regulation Revision Process (vote)

Robert explained the need for the revision after talking to VP Dana Thomas. He drafted motion 2014-01 to revise the governance process.

Motion: “The Faculty Alliance recommends a clearly defined process, which provides a reasonable time period for review and input from affected governance groups, for revisions to the Board of Regents' Policy and University Regulation.”

Votes:

Yes -David, Cecile, Mark, Robert, Virgil, Diane, Jennifer: All in favor.

Mike and Kevin were absent.

Motion carried.

Summit Team Memo re: Faculty Governance Recommendations for Principles to Guide Resourcing Decisions for Academic Programs

Suggestion made to strike Principle 10. Cecile motioned to strike Principal 10. No one seconded.

Motion: Take to Summit Team

All in favor: Mark, Robert, Diane, Cecil, Virgil, Mike, David, Jennifer, and Robert

Absent: Kevin

Motion carried.

Mike Stekoll joined at 3:00pm.

SAC Representation

David explained who would sit on SAC. Having a different alliance chair, they wanted to be sure each MAUs represented Cecile and David represent UAF. Dana did not like having 4 faculty and there is no real vote only consensus, David will go to face-to-face and Cecile will go to audio meeting. Both will probably always be there with only one having a voice. David has to be there as Faculty Alliance Chair. Cecile thinks it's not necessary for both her and David to attend. She believes it is more important for David to be there and he will update her.

Constitution and Bylaws

Faculty worked on finishing up the revisions in the constitution and bylaws.

Cecile motioned to approve the Constitution and Bylaws as amended. David seconded. There was a unanimous vote to approve the amendments.

Motion: Constitution and Bylaws revisions approved.

Baccalaureate Minimum Standards Alternative Motion

Tabled: Baccalaureate Minimum Standards Alternative Motion

Jennifer suggested to table the motion until August because it is still in the same place as the last meeting and it needs to be revised pertaining to students engaging in developmental stage.

Faculty discussed GERs and common courses across the system.

Robert announced his seat on the Board A&SA committee. David will sit on it next year as FA chair.

President Gamble, VP Dana Thomas and Gwen Gruenig joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Shaping Alaska's Future Metrics

Dana said he received the Alliance's feedback on the metrics.

Gwen explained maintaining flexibility in metrics and avoiding going back to the board for changes all the time. They were taking a consolidated look by theme and will have a graphical picture. The graphs wouldn't be ready for June BOR meeting but they would have measures to see.

There are two sets of metrics to address: key indicators (health of the institution), and tracking progress towards the effects. Some national mandates may be instituted and require UA

compliance in the future. The sense of direction is important. Looking for trends to see if the university is headed the right way.

The metrics should be useful and not extra things the university has to do - useful towards accreditation etc.

Student surveys and the validity and response rate were discussed.

Gwen asked for further comments and feedback from the Alliance. She stated the metrics are a thumb in the wind to check and see how things are going systemwide at the UA level.

Faculty asked questions and discussion occurred with President Gamble and VP Dana Thomas.

Adjourned

Mark moved to adjourn and Diane seconded. Faculty adjourned at 4:41 p.m.