



**Faculty Alliance
Minutes
Friday, September 12, 2014
Via Google Hangout
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. and roll called. Quorum was present.

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

Guests Present:

Pat Gamble, President, University of Alaska
Dana Thomas, Vice President, Academic Affairs and Research

Agenda adopted and minutes approved

Agenda was adopted as amended.

Kevin motioned to approve the minutes and Debu seconded. August 23, 2014 minutes were approved. - Attachment 1

Public or Guest Comments

Dana Thomas: The VPAA search committee was chosen across the institution incorporating administration, deans and faculty from each university.

Report of the Chair

David will attend his first meetings as FA chair: The BOR meeting 9/18-19 & Academic Affairs Committee and SAC prior. He will talk about Faculty Alliance and the faculty senates' response about the common calendar and GERS.

The System Governance process was discussed. Dana Thomas suggested Faculty Alliance give a majority/minority report to the board if a university is differing on a subject from the other institutions.

Committee Reports

Committees yet to convene

Motion to send a letter to AAUP Re: BOR charge to faculty to align GERs - Attachment 2

The letter to AAUP was discussed whether to send it or not.

Motion: Debu motioned and Virgil seconded to draft a letter, share it with Alliance and obtain consensus before it is sent. Motion carried.

Dana Thomas stated he would add this topic to the next Academic and Student Affairs agenda.

Math and English GER next steps and committees

DRAFT - Charge to general education and developmental education Attachment 3

Math working group - postponed from 8-23-14 Attachment 4

Motion to support the resolution to the math working group: Virgil motioned to support the resolution for math and Debu second. Motion carried.

Action Item: The math working group motion will go to faculty senates and then Alliance will send it on to all the relative departments. VPAA office will help financially to support this group convening.

Motion: Tara Smith moved to send a letter communicating with the English community and Maren seconded. There was no objection and the motion carried. Tara will talk to Shannon about joining the next Alliance meeting. Faculty Alliance will use the wording to the motion she drafted at the July meeting.

Ready for college in Alaska (Diane)

Diane explained the Alaska State Policy Research Alliance (ASPRA) and their concern with college readiness. Alaska does not have a definition. The faculty should be helping to define college readiness.

Action Item: Diane and David will collaborate and draft up the college ready language for faculty input and bring it to the next meeting.

Status of adoption of GELO outcomes across system Attachment 5

UAA was working through the process. UAS had the subject brought up last year and will have it on the next faculty senate meeting.

President Gamble joined the conversation.

David will communicate with Faculty Alliance through email on the following topics not covered in the meeting:

- GELO recommendation for change in UA Regulations (attachment 6)

- GELO future?
- Calendar alignment follow-up (edited motion, attachment 7)
- Status of minimum admissions standards (attachment 8, 9)
- Constitution and Bylaw follow-up (attachment 10)
- Faculty Alliance involvement in Learning Management System future
- Gubernatorial candidate communication
- 9 mo. versus 12 mo. payment

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.