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Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Fairbanks: Butrovich 212B

Anchorage: BOB 205

Meeting conducted via video conferencing

1-800-893-8850 PIN# 6484987

Call to Order and Roll Call

Monique called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members:

Dory Straight, President (2013-2015)

Monique Musick, Vice President (2013-2015)

Tina Holland, Secretary (2013-2015)

Alex Amegashie (2013-2015)

Heather Arana (2012-2014)

Tanya Coty (2013-2014)

Linda Hall (2013-2014) Karessa Kramer by Proxy

Jeff Holloway (2012-2014)

Kathleen Miner, Anchorage (2012-2014)

Dana Platta, (2012-2014)

Chrystal Warmoth, Anchorage (2013-2015) Absent

Britton Anderson, First Alternate (2013-2014)

Debra Rimer, Second Alternate (2013-2014) Absent

Staff:

Joseph Altman, Coordinator, System Governance

LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

Carla Beam, Vice President, University Relations & President, UA Foundation

Paula Donson, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs & Strategic Direction, Statewide

Myron Dosch, Controller

Erik Seastedt, Chief Human Resources Officer, Statewide

Chris Christensen, Associate Vice President of State Relations

Michelle Rizk, Associate Vice President of Budget Development

Approval of agenda

Motion: To adopt the amended agenda for May 14, 2014

Vote: Motion carried

Resolved: Agenda for May 14, 2014 approved with the following modifications:

Paula Donson will provide the update for “Shaping Alaska’s Future” instead of Chas St. George.

Myron Dosch will provide the information regarding bond for Dr. Ashok Roy.

Approval of minutes

Motion: To approve the amended minutes for April 9, 2014

Vote: Motion carried

Resolved: Minutes for April 9, 2014 approved with the following modifications:

In the section “Guests” change Computer Operator to Data Center Operator

In the section “President Gamble’s Report” change “Operating expenses were requested in the amount of \$1.1 million dollars, but was denied.” to “An operating expense was requested in the amount of \$1.1 million dollars, but was denied.”

President’s Report – Dory Straight

Terrance Cole provided a presentation to staff regarding the history of the University. Staff are encourage to provide feedback to Anne Sakumoto, Director for Faculty/Staff Training & Development.

The session was recorded by HR to be used in the future for onboarding new employees.

Staff Alliance Report

No Report - Staff Alliance did not meet prior to the May SAA meeting.

The Staff Working Compensation Group submitted their recommendations to Executive Management and will discuss the feedback at their next meeting.

Public and Guest Comments

None

Budget and Legislative Report – Chris Christensen & Michelle Rizk

- The current session lasted 95 days, which was 5 days longer than scheduled
- House Bill 278 the Governor’s Omnibus Education Bill was sent to the Governor for approval and signature
- Governor’s proposed budget
 - 18.5% reduction in the overall state operating and capital budget
 - 14.9 million reduction in UA’s budget

- 5.3 million increase for new expenses (salary/benefit increases and operating cost for new buildings)
- 9.6 million net cut for UA budget
- Legislative approved budget
 - 50 million reduction in the overall state operating and capital budget
 - 2% reduction from FY 14 in unrestricted funds
 - 15.9 million reduction in unallocated cuts
 - 12.5 % reduction in travel equaling approximately 1 million in reduction
 - 8.3 million increase for fixed cost budget (salary/benefit increases and operation costs for new buildings)(UA to fund 11 million of those costs)
 - One time funding 400,000 for the mandatory Student Advising project
 - 1 million for new programs including ones mandated by the Legislators
- Capital budget
 - 45 million for the UAA Engineering Project including the Parking Garage
 - 5 million for the UAF Engineering Project (approx.30 million needed to complete the project)
 - 400,000 for the UAA Institute of Circumpolar Health for the proposed test and informative evaluation methods to prevent Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD)
 - 120,000 to UAS Mining and Workforce Development for training equipment
 - 50,000 to Kachemak Bay Campus Pioneer Avenue Building Addition
 - 12 million for UAA main campus deferred maintenance
 - 2.5 million for UAA community campus deferred maintenance
 - 4.25 million for UAS main campus deferred maintenance
 - .5 million for UAS community campus deferred maintenance
 - No deferred maintenance funds were allocated for UAF main or community campuses
 - 245 million for UAF Heat and Power Plant
- Senate Bill 74
 - Establishes a UA Building Fund

- Senate Bill 176
 - Firearms on campus bill died in the Senate Finance Committee
- Tuition Fee – Debt Service for the UAF Power Plant
 - Limited to 2 million dollars (based on rates at time of time UA goes out to borrow)

Human Resources Issues – Erik Seastedt

Paper paychecks

- No further feedback received on the blog
- 45% reduction in printed checks

Summer Hours

- No additional feedback has been provided by staff

Wellness incentive

- July 1 deadline to turn in the required biometrics and health assessments to receive the health care rebate (\$600.00 per employee and/or qualified spouse/partner)
- June 16 and 17 there will be a wellness screenings onsite in Fairbanks in the Butrovich Building
- Anchorage and Juneau will be scheduled at later date prior to the deadline
- 20% of enrolled participants in Healthy Roads have completed their assessments

Staff Health Care Committee

- Working on the “next phase” (additional) requirements to receive the health care rebate for future years
- Moving to an outcome based incentive program (contingencies built into the system for individuals to qualify that are unable to meet the requirements due to health restrictions or other extenuating circumstances)

Shaping Alaska’s Future – Paula Donson

Staff are encouraged to visit the updated “Shaping Alaska’s Future” website. In addition to the themes staff may find National Higher Education Association resources that show trends and studies important to Higher Education.

The Board of Regents have approved the 5 themes. The Summit Team will be providing feedback on how they will proceed. There are mechanisms in place to track and report progress on the activities tied to the themes.

The Community Campus Directors and Summit Team will be meeting with the Board of Regents on June 3rd to discuss the themes the Community Campuses will be focusing their efforts. The Board will also be meeting with the State Board of Education.

Jamie Merisodas from the Lumina Foundation will speak at the Board of Regents meeting in June regarding metrics and process effectiveness.

University Bonds - *Myron Dosch*

- UA will be looking to take out bonds to pay for certain capital projects (UAF Heat and Power Plant)
- 157.5 million is the proposed amount of bonds the University will seek (the terms have not been determined at this time) (Some of the funds for repayment are available in our operating budget the remainder will need to come from other sources like the student fees and the fuel savings recovery)
- 70 million will be in University Bonds

How Bonds Work

- There are two parties to a bond
 - Issuer – (UA)They pay the interest expense and receive the bond amount from the Bond Bank (Bonds are debt)
 - Purchaser – (People in the capital market) They receive the interest income, which is tax exempt and “some” defined principle amount at a specified maturity date
- Underwriters – Buy the bonds from the issuer and sell them to the purchasers in the secondary market (mutual funds/individuals/other brokerage houses)

Election

The SAA election website has been updated with the current information regarding elections. The election is closing.

Code of Ethics

AI: Monique to share responses to SAA

AI: SAA to provide feedback on the responses to Monique by June 1.

SAA will discuss the responses and feedback after they have been submitted, compiled and shared with SAA.

Water Stations

A water station task force have not met since the last SAA meeting, but they have done some research and will provide and update after they meet

Annual Meeting

An on-boarding format for the next annual meeting was proposed.

The System Governance Office will not be able to provide the governance groups with the same level of support that they have in the past. System Governance will be handling travel and budgets, but the governance groups will need to handle the “day-to-day operations” and meeting minutes for themselves.

SAA will need to define the Officer and committee roles in response to these roles.

AI: Tina send Joseph the amended agenda for the annual meeting

Anchorage Issues

Tabled

Fairbanks Issues

Tabled

Agenda items for the June Annual Meeting

Agenda items will be discussed via email by SAA members and submitted by Dory Straight to the Governance office for distribution.

Motion: To table the remaining items on the agenda

Vote: Motion carried

Motion: To adjourn

Vote: Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tina Holland, Secretary