



Agenda
System Governance Council
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members:

Kate Ripley, Director, UAF Alumni and Council Chair
Nate Bauer, Chair, Staff Alliance
Colby Freel, Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders
Lisa Hoferkamp, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance
Samantha Hoffman, Representative, Coalition of Student Leaders
Kolene James, Vice Chair, Staff Alliance
Rachel Morse, Assistant Vice Chancellor, UAA Alumni Relations
Jessy Post, Manager, UAS Alumni
Tara Smith, Chair, Faculty Alliance

Ex Officio Members:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance
James R. Johnsen, President, University of Alaska

2. Adopt Agenda

3. Approve November 1 Minutes

Reference 1

4. Chair's Report

5. Discussion with President Johnsen (scheduled for 9:30 a.m.)

6. New Business

6.1. SGC Chair Testimony at Board Meetings

6.2. Student Athletics Survey

Reference 2

7. Agenda Items for the February 6 Meeting

8. Information from Reports/Roundtable/Announcements

9. Adjourn



Minutes
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10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting came to order at 10:04 a.m.

Voting Members:

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Kolene James, Vice Chair, Staff Alliance
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Jessy Post, Manager, UAS Alumni
Kate Ripley, Director, UAF Alumni
Tara Smith, Chair, Faculty Alliance

Ex Officio Members:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Members Absent:

Lisa Hoferkamp, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance

2. Adopt Agenda

Tara moved to adopt the agenda, and was seconded by Kolene. There were none opposed and the agenda was adopted as presented.

3. New Business

3.1. Chair Election

Rachel gave a brief review of chair duties, including Governance Report, meetings with President Johnsen, and helping move System issues along.

Several members noted they were too busy to take on the chair or didn't feel they had the requisite experience to hold the position.

Rachel nominated Kate as chair, and Nate seconded the nomination.
Kolene moved to close nominations. There were no objections.
Kate was elected chair by acclamation.

3.2. FY17 Meeting Schedule

Members discussed meeting schedule and the possibility of inviting President Johnsen. Members noted they were generally available Monday afternoons between 1:30-3:30. Morgan will try to find Monday afternoon when the president is available to meet, starting in early December (Mon. the 12) and then again in January (try Jan. 23 or 30). There were no objections to this course of action. The Coalition of Student Leaders will hold their legislative fly-in conference in February (11-14) so it was suggested to perhaps skip a meeting that month. Members also noted Tuesday mornings would work too. Student members noted concern their spring schedule was not yet set.

3.3. Invitations to President Johnsen

See schedule discussion above.

3.4. Strategic Pathways Discussion

[Website](#)

Tara noted some community members are UA alums—but not sure if they are part of alumni associations. Rachel noted the alumni groups have been submitting suggestions to President Johnsen for team representatives. Is there a role for System Governance Council on Strategic Pathways—similar to last year when they sent a poll to the UA community? Colby noted he thought it might be redundant to focus the group's efforts there. Tara noted the Strategic Pathways website had its own feedback form—might be able to increase responses to it through governance networks. She also noted the Faculty Alliance was concerned about how members are selected to teams and the Strategic Pathways process as a whole. Colby noted students are going to send survey to the UA student body asking about value of Athletics and how committed they to the programs over academics and noted concern over survey fatigue. Nate noted there was diversity of opinion among staff across UA—not sure if staff feel there are major issues with the Strategic Pathways process as a whole but would be fine keeping communication lines open and the feedback mechanisms in place—but there has not been a consistent opinion of quality/effectiveness from team to team. Kate asked if, as a separate governing board, the SGC needs to do anything separate. Overall, members did not support pursuing a separate effort. Rachel noted it might be most effective to share these concerns with President Johnsen during SGC meetings. Kate asked if SGC should weigh in on the new BOR public testimony format. Rachel suggested drafting a communication to UA community regarding these issues, after the March meeting to allow any kinks in the process to work themselves out.

3.5. FY18 Budget Discussion

Reference 1-3

Members opted to postpone a deeper conversation to later in the year. Rachel offered her thanks for the distribution of the information.

4. Member Updates

4.1. Alumni Associations – Alumni met last week to start strategizing/collaborating on upcoming events; they are planning out-of-state events with President Johnsen and want to work on providing better career services to alums.

4.2. Coalition of Student Leaders – Colby noted students were surprised about the 5% tuition increase—most students were expecting 10% and there wasn't support for that. The Students will vote on a resolution Nov. 9, the day before BOR meeting. They are also planning to send out a survey on athletics shortly. The Coalition is also working on finding a better solution to a safety course for students to take at UA—looking at a GER-route. He noted the Coalition wants to ensure students and their student government leaders are included and given opportunities to participate and remind

staff/faculty that students have unique needs that need to be considered when trying to be inclusive.

- 4.3. Faculty Alliance – Tara noted there is a GER Task Force and they are re-examining ACCUPLACER for placement—Math has already decide to move away from ACCUPLACER, and she suspects English will as well but not sure what they will replace it with. The Faculty Alliance passed resolution about Strategic Pathways and also provided a detailed response on single accreditation report.
 - 4.4. Staff Alliance – Nate noted the Staff Alliance was working on recommendations for SP Phase III, reviewing morale surveys at UAF and UAA—local staff councils at UAS and SW are going to pursue as well, and also keeping an eye on furlough policy. The Staff Alliance is planning a retreat in January in Anchorage and are also working on the Staff Make Students Count award nominations.
5. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting
 - 5.1. New BOR Public Testimony Process
Tara suggested waiting to after March meeting to allow the new process to work out any issues before providing feedback.
 6. Information from Reports/Roundtable/Announcements
None given. Members were encourage
 7. Adjourn
Rachel moved to adjourn, and Tara seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.