



Minutes  
**System Governance Council**

Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members Present:

Callie Conerton (for Mathew Carrick), Vice Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders  
Faye Gallant, Chair, Staff Alliance  
Cécile Lardon, Chair, Faculty Alliance  
Rachel Morse, UAA Alumni  
Monique Musick, Vice Chair, Staff Alliance  
Jessi Post, Manager, UAS Alumni  
Kate Ripley, Director, UAF Alumni

Members Absent:

Tara Smith, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance

Ex Officio Members Present:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests Present:

Jonathan (JT) Taylor, USUAA President  
Daniel M. White, UA Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research

2. Adopt Agenda

Rachel noted Dan White will arrive at 3pm and his update will come at that time. Chair asked for other changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Monique moved to adopt as amended. Callie seconded. None opposed. Approved by acclamation. Motion passed.

3. Approve Past Minutes

April 27, 2015 – Kate moved to approve the draft minutes, Monique seconded. None opposed. Approved by acclamation. Motion passed.

4. Chair Remarks—Rachel Morse

5. UA Leadership Remarks—Dan White (joined at 3:10)

5.1. SW Transformation team update – President Johnsen and the Transformation Team met with UA leadership to listen to feedback on the recommendations reported in September. The report recommended no change to the current governance structure and VP White supports that stance wholeheartedly. The president is hiring a consultant to help with implementation, which should be complete by the end of July 2016. VP White noted the report contained recommendations and some will be taken, some will be modified, and some will be discarded following thorough review and analysis. Right now, a lot of what is being looked at is, ‘How does this affect the universities?’—especially with recommendation to shift more operational functions to them. Overall, the Transformation Team wasn’t charged to look at money but they were asked to look at what makes sense to do at SW (streamlining).

5.2. VP White thanked all of the governance leaders for stepping up to participate in governance and noted he felt it was an integral part of the university system.

## 6. Discussion Topics

### 6.1. System Governance Meeting Schedule

6.1.1. Chair suggested meeting months before the Board meets. Members agreed to meet in November, January, February, March, and May. The spring-heavy schedule is supposed help increase focus on legislative advocacy.

### 6.2. SCG leadership structure and elections schedule

6.2.1. Bylaws don’t say much regarding terms. Chair proposed having terms run December to December to help with the membership turnover. Following review with members of their local election schedule, it was suggested the terms remain somewhat fluid and that elections be held at the Council’s second meeting of the year.

6.2.2. Motion: The System Governance Council will hold chair elections at second meeting of the new fiscal year and will delegate duties to its executive committee (chair and XO) over the summer for any activities that come up – Monique moved and Callie seconded. Members voted by acclamation. The motion passed.

6.2.3. Chair suggested having an alumni representative testify at the Board of Regents’ meeting. Another suggestion was to eliminate the System Governance Council report at the BOR meeting and then have an alumni report. Then, if Council has something important to report there can be a joint statement crafted. Substantial discussed ensued with no overall agreement on the subject. The issue was postponed until a future meeting.

### 6.3. Tuition increase

There was overall agreement that no response from Council is necessary.

6.4. R03.01—proposed regulation revisions, status update  
VP White will resubmit to UA General Counsel and the chancellors for review before final submission to the president for approval. System Governance will keep on agenda to track and ensure completion and implementation.

7. Information from Reports/Roundtable/Announcements

Callie – The Coalition of Student Leaders is having its retreat in Anchorage on Nov. 5. They are also attending the BOR meeting on Nov. 4. They have invited UAA governance leadership to attend a working lunch on Nov. 5.

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 8.1. R03.01(L) – check up
- 8.2. Alumni testimony
- 8.3. Chair elections
- 8.4. Transformation team update
- 8.5. Budget outlook for FY17

9. Adjourn

Callie moved to adjourn, Jessy seconded. Adjourned at 3:24pm.