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Minutes

System Governance Council

Monday, November 30, 2015

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Video: [Google Hangout](#)

Audio: 1-855-280-1855

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting came to order at 3:05 p.m.

Voting Members Present:

Mathew Carrick, 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

Jessy Post, Manager, UAS Alumni

Kate Ripley, Director, UAF Alumni

Tara Smith, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance

Jeff Woods, Representative, Coalition of Student Leaders

Ex Officio Members:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests

James R. Johnsen, President, University of Alaska

Daniel M. White, Vice President, Academic Affairs and Research, UA

Andy Harrington, Associate General Counsel, UA

2. Adopt Agenda

Adopted with one revision: move item 7 (revisions to R02.09) to item 3. None opposed.

3. Revisions to University Regulation 02.09 – Public Safety

Andy Harrington reviewed the proposed changes with the Council. Currently, under state law, campus police have authority off campus. However, this authority is not explicitly stated in Regents' Policy or University Regulation. Previous cases in Alaska regarding jurisdiction and police authority have involved municipal and airport police. Regents' policy and University Regulation has never endorsed or limited police authority off campus. Regents have the authority to say campus police cannot exercise off campus or they can say do it to the extent of the state law. Trouble could arise if campus police arrested/cited someone—

they may have a case that the campus officer acted outside of their authority. So, General Counsel (GC) has determined it is the duty of university to indemnify campus police, otherwise in those cases, it would become unclear. The revision were drafted by a committee that included chancellors and campus chiefs of police. Overall, the committee agreed they want to avoid extremes of having no campus authority but also don't want university police to start regularly patrolling off campus locations.

There are no new policy revisions attached to the proposed regulation changes. GC analysis felt existing policy was sufficient to allow the president to set the scope of the police authority.

This issue was brought up by the UAF police chief when they reviewed a previous GC recommendation and during that time GC noticed the gap between state law and the Regents' policy. Not aware of any court challenges.

A formal resolution of support is not necessary. Counsel wanted to offer the opportunity for feedback on the revisions. Please send any feedback to Morgan (mdufseth@alaska.edu) by Dec. 15.

4. Approve Past Minutes

4.1. October 28, 2015

Jessy moved to approve, Monique seconded. None opposed. October 28 minutes were accepted as presented.

5. Chair Remarks – Rachel Morse

Rachel noted this would be her last meeting as chair and opened the floor for questions about chair duties and responsibilities.

Duties include preparing agendas, presiding over the meeting, providing testimony at the Board of Regents' meetings. More prep ahead and more intense during when you are chair. But not a lot of extra work if you are already an engaged member.

6. Chair election

Rachel opened the floor for nominations. Mathew nominated Jeff and he accepted. Faye nominated Monique and she accepted.

Cecile moved to close the nominations, seconded by Faye.

Mathew moved to hold the election by email ballot (or paper ballot in the case of Monique), seconded by Cecile. There were none opposed to this method of voting.

Monique provided a brief statement – She works in SW Public Relations. Has worked at UA for seven years and has been involved in governance since the beginning. Has chaired Staff Alliance and is familiar with testifying before the Board of Regents and enjoys being engaged in the process. Cecile asked what role Monique sees SGC having in shared governance. It is the only time these leaders really get to talk to each other so it provides the

opportunity to ask questions and get a more informed picture of the issues, which helps create a stronger position.

Jeff provided a brief statement – He has been involved in governance since high school. Has a good deal of experience local student governance and likes participating in community events. He is the Kodiak representative on the Coalition of Student Leaders, and the vice president for the Kodiak Student Association. He is a sophomore and wants to become more engaged.

By a vote of 5-4, Monique was elected chair.

7. 2016 Meeting Schedule

Monique suggested Mondays from 3-5—with the possibility of moving the day around within the month to fit the president’s availability. Morgan will work with the president’s assistant to find days that work for him on Mondays before BOR meetings. General agreement from the group to move ahead.

8. Transformation Team Update – VP White

Following recommendations presented in fall 2015, the group is now transformed into an advisory group. There is a new set of groups that were formed to help with implementation. A number of staff and faculty involved in the implementation groups (see www.alaska.edu/swbir/transformation-team/). VP White indicated he would follow up regarding staff and student involvement in the new advisory implementation groups.

R03.01 revision update – The revisions have not yet been approved but will be distributed to chancellors shortly for review.

VP White noted that the motion introduced by Regent Parker at the November BOR meeting was not automatically added to the December agenda, however, she can re-introduce it at the December meeting. He added he will give a report on differential tuition and tuition surcharges to the Regents’ in December. In June, the Regents had asked for a review of differential tuition—however, what they really wanted was tuition surcharges (which are often used for high-demand programs). VP White’s report will address who is eligible, what the regulations say, and how it has been implemented in the past. The other differential tuition discussion is about charging lower rates for lower division courses—that will likely not be introduced. There are other issues, like non-residential tuition—some programs (like distance courses) charge residential tuition for out-of-state students. However, that will also likely not be brought up at the Board meeting.

9. UA System Update – President Johnsen

Alaska Public Higher Education Roundtable – This new roundtable will be facilitated by the presidents of WICHE and NCHEMS and convened by Ed Rasmuson and Aaron Schutt – Cecile will be a member – approximately 30 Alaska constituents (business, community, university, industry). The roundtable will help provide high-level articulation for why UA does what it does, as well as advocate with state leaders on our behalf.

The president also discussed his preparation for the upcoming December Board of Regents' meeting and reviewed plans for developing an FY17 contingency budget should the university's request be reduced by the governor or the legislature. The president was adamant about providing opportunities for governance input and feedback, and noted he was committed to creating a transparent process. Also discussed was the president's plan for a new fundraising campaign that will include efforts to rebuild UA's relationship with its alumni, strengthen UA's relationship with private donors, and a public relations effort funded by the Foundation to promote the value of education in Alaska. Overall, the president noted he felt UA needs to focus on growing at this time even if it is in a sharper and more focused direction.

The president indicated he wanted to schedule more time with the Council at future meetings. If Council members want to share any ideas, comments, or concerns with the president outside of meetings, they can forward them to Morgan (mdufseth@alaska.edu) or share them directly with the president at ua.president@alaska.edu.

10. Information from Reports/Roundtable/Announcements

Monique – The Butrovich Building is gearing up on the active shooter training on December 8. The drill will help employees find the best evacuation routes and/or best hiding places for their departments. The coordinating group is hoping they will be able to develop a manual following the event that will eventually benefit other buildings on campus.

Jeff – Students are still concerned the Board will entertain removing lower differential tuition for Kodiak College and Prince William Sound College.

Faye – Regarding the current format for public testimony – might be worthwhile to pursue having the option for video or audio testimony, and suggested adding this item to the next meeting agenda.

Monique – Regarding health plan changes – the out-of-network fee (now 125% of Premera max) creates the potential that employees will have larger doctor's bills. Advice is to focus on finding in-network providers, however, that is difficult when certain specialists are in-network. Other suggestions are to use TeleDoc – a virtual doctor's visits for \$40.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 11.1. BOR Public Testimony – invite Brandi Berg to next SGC meeting
- 11.2. Legislative discussion – review advocacy materials and invite Michelle and/or Chris to attend to discuss the governor's budget
- 11.3. Title IX

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.