

Call to Order and Introductions: Lisa, Robin, Orion, Sharon, Chris, Megan, Dave, Donie (via Hangouts); Maria could not join due to a last minute personal issue;

Guests: Diane Hirshber, Dan Klin

Agenda

Robin moved to adopt the agenda with amendments, seconded by Sharon. There were no objections.

Senate Reports

UAA – held retreat last Wednesday; discussed shared governance; Sharon had attended an AAUP conference that discussed governance and she shared her thoughts on that with the Senate; asked senators for priorities and goals for AY18; will send a survey to senators to rank the priorities; on Friday will hold a P&T ceremony; new interim provost at UAA—Duane Hrcir; will have first meeting with him on Tuesday; new interim chancellor—Sam Gingerich (formerly the UAA provost); chancellor search—Eboard met with Johnsen and he committed to hiring a search firm and noted he had heard the Senate’s request for a candidate with a commitment to diversity—president noted 1/3 of committee will be faculty (asked for ½--Johnsen pushed back and said about 6-7 faculty on a committee of 15 should work); also want faculty to choose who their reps are and not have them selected by administration;

UAF – The UAF Faculty Senate met recently to take care of administrative review process; working on a faculty “blue” handbook put together—it hasn’t been updated for several years; looking at Faculty 180 reporting software—it is up for renewal, currently on a year-by-year basis, previously had more choice in the format of the process, the new process is tedious and rather onerous; IT committee—has been challenging to fill due to bylaw parameters; wish list: faculty are somewhat concerned about non-teaching day; UAF chancellor and provost have opted for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; concurrent enrollment issues— due to protection of minors policy; new governance coordinator—Emily Perryman—no previous academic experience;

UAS – The UAS Faculty Senate members attended the chancellors cabinet meeting—there was a lot of emphasis on enrollment; discussion of changing the GERs at UAS; faculty potluck after first FS meeting to help with morale; Pride and Privilege symposium; thinking of proposing the Wed before thanksgiving for non-teaching day; Indigenous Peoples Day, News Engagement Day;

MORALE SURVEY

Diane noted she met with the Staff Alliance and they had a lot of interest in developing a system-wide survey that could be done annually to track staff and faculty morale. Three approaches were discussed: a) having an external consultant conduct the survey (Nowell Levitz had been used in the past but the results were never widely shared); b) partner with university unit that has the capacity to conduct a survey; c) have UA governance conduct the survey; Diane noted she thought UNAC was supportive of developing an annual survey;

- Need to differentiate between local campus leadership and SW administration
- Subcommittee from Faculty Alliance

- Sharon will chair; Diane will assist externally; Orion will also help
- Morgan will let staff alliance know about this committee for faculty process and will help the connect the chairs of the two subcommittees
- ACTION: faculty senates will collect general sentiment and solicit for 1-2 members for the committee and will report back at the Sept. 8 Alliance meeting

GER ALIGNMENT

Asked by BOR to summarize barriers that remain to implementing the common barrier

COMMON CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Beginning of Nov 2017 is deadline for changes to AY19 calendar

Registrars will be added to the common calendar group

Can currently make informal changes (create a local non-teaching day) but major changes require roughly one year

Once the committee gets a rhythm, changes will be relatively easy to make but for the first year or two, we are kind of behind the ball and having to play catch up

The committee recommends having another non-contact day to even out the fall and spring semesters

Maren noted she will not be able to chair the CCC this coming year; she will continue to serve on the committee just not as chair

QUESTIONS for PRESIDENT JOHNSEN

Common calendar—faculty are supposed to be in charge of selecting class length and calendar—but that doesn't seem to be the case; every course, whether offered in the fall or the spring, should have an equal number of contact hours—and that isn't currently the case; Lisa/Megan will loop back with Maren to discuss what they communicated to President Johnsen

SP Phase 3 OPTIONS FEEDBACK

Members reviewed the feedback and worked to put it into a final document to share with UA administration.

STAFF COLLABORATION

Challenge – enrollment – Eric and Shiva will share a proposal with the Faculty Alliance at their Sept. 8 meeting

PRESIDENT JOHNSEN

1. Common calendar and faculty involvement in developing the calendar at UA
 - a. FA requested two non-teaching days – ST approved one day
 - b. JRJ noted some of that decision was due to public perception
 - c. Faculty explained it creates a disparity between different sections of the same course in the same semester
 - d. President Johnsen noted he would take this issue back up with the executive council next week
2. SWAC – eLearning subcommittee
 - a. Alliance does not feel there is adequate faculty representation
 - b. FA want standing faculty representation from each university
 - c. JRJ asks how they should be selected
 - d. Alliance would like to leave up to the Senates to select their representative
3. SWAC – Alliance representatives
 - a. FA asks that the representation reverts to old model – the Alliance chair, vice chair and upcoming vice chair rather than the current senate presidents
4. Developmental Education
 - a. Changes to dev ed – cor-equisites – not popular with FA
 - b. JRJ – wants to learn from what other universities are doing
 - c. If that exploration shows we are doing good, UA won't change
 - d. But if there are opportunities to see if we can improve
 - e. ALEKS math placement – concern from faculty that we won't know if it works until after purchasing the product
5. System-wide Councils
 - a. Alliance want to include faculty representatives on each council
 - b.