

Minutes
Faculty Alliance
August 13, 2021
3:30 - 5:00 pm

Members:

Julie A.K. Maier, Past-President, UAF Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance
Heather Batchelder Past-President, UAS Faculty Senate; Past-Chair, Faculty Alliance
David Noon, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Andrea Dewees, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate
Sandra Wildfeuer, President, UAF Faculty Senate
Ataur Chowdhury, President-elect, UAF Faculty Senate
Kelly Smith, Past-President, UAA Faculty Senate
Gökhan Karahan, President, UAA Faculty Senate
Ian Hartman, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

Staff: Kelly James

Guests: **VP Paul Layer**

- I. Call to Order - Jak Maier 3:30 - 3:35
 1. Approve Agenda
 - a. David moves to approve
 - b. Ataur seconds
 2. [Approve Meeting Notes from 28 July 2021](#)
 - a. Andrea moves to approve
 - b. Sandra seconds
 - c. Minutes are approved

- II. Conversation with VP Layer 3:35 - 3:50
 - Thanks the FA for recording the meetings
 - Update on the staffing - Noel Romanovsky starting at the end of the month
 - Student governance will be coming back at the end of the month - Kaley Spencer moved to the Student Regent position, so SC is looking for a new chair
 - Update/review of the Board agenda
 - Program approval - BA in Early Childhood Education
 - Policy change - SOM name change

- Provide the board with a proposal for tuition for AY23, and then ask the Board to approve it at the November meeting
- Enrollment update
- Commitment to the students on aid and support with the grant programs
- FY23 budget discussions
- Did You Know presentation - critical strategic rare earth minerals and how the University can work with the state and the nation
- Tuition increase? COVID money to be used toward student support?
 - No mention at this time of an increase, but there has been some discussion of keeping up with inflation. Moving away from a uniform system-wide policy
 - COVID - looking at the different labels in the Higher Ed investment funds. The student money has been disbursed. Looking at the second allocation of money. The American Recovery Act, the state got the money and they've posted where they plan to use it (backfilling areas they had cut).
- Executive Admin Review - President Pitney is reviewing her response on the review that Ian and Monique led. It will not be discussed at the board meeting specifically. It is not on the agenda.
- UAS concerns on tuition - Resident and non-resident tuition concerns and funding confusion.
 - There has always been differentiated tuition with lower and upper division courses. The community campuses are integrated with the universities, so the lower division and upper division split was an attempt to offset some of that.
 - Our lower division tuition is much higher than most community college tuition around the country
 - Currently working with delegation and the Federal Government on eligibility for the free community college tuition put in place by President Biden. Because we don't have community colleges, we are ineligible for the program. Discussions at this time are that the federal government would provide 75% of the money and the state would have to come up with 25%.
- Enrollment summary system wide from Monday - head counts down about 7%, student credit hours down about 9%. Fairbanks credit hours down about 3.6%, UAA student credit hours down about 12.5%, and UAS is down about 1.8%. New applications and freshman admits are up. There is an issue with retention. Enrollment has been dropping steadily since 2012, with an average of 5-7% loss on an annual basis.

1. Alaska College of Education Consortium update - Heather Batchelder
 - a. ACEC will be meeting with the State Board of Education and Regent Perdue on 8/25/21. Have been meeting as a committee throughout the summer, still defining roles and responsibilities of the liaison position.
 2. Faculty Initiative Fund process discussion
 - a. [FIF AY19](#)
 - b. [FIF review sheet AY19](#)
 - c. [Proposed FIF AY22](#)
- HISTORY: The funding is from the Natural Resources fund, which is derived from our land grant. Most of the money actually goes to the Alaska Scholars program, but President Pitney allocated \$300,000 for a fund similar to the previous FIF in the CBA in years past.
- Looking for volunteers to have a working session to work out the details of the proposal.
 - Ian, Sandra, Gokhan and Jak will work on the Rubric
 - Get recruits from each university to serve on the proposal review committee
 - Creating a message to the faculty - use Jak's initial email as a starting point

3. [Administrative Management Review reports discussion - Update](#)
<https://uaf.edu/chancellor/communications/index.php>

- [Next steps on expedited administrative management review](#) (April 22, 2021)
- [Expedited administrative review — next steps](#) (April 7, 2021)
- [Expedited administrative management review report](#) (April 2, 2021)
- [President Pitney's response to FA 23 June 2021 Memo](#) (August 3, 2021)
 - [Faculty Alliance 23 June 2021 Memo](#)

4. Goals & Measures document discussion -
[Goals and Measures document](#)

- A. Communicate to the Executive Committees of the Faculty Senates to create faculty groups to develop measures & metrics for the Academic Excellence Goal and the Grow Our World Class Research.
- B. Propose that faculty members involved in creating viable metrics for those goals be given overloads or workload revisions - no discussion occurred on this issue

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IV. New Business

4:30 - 5:00

1. [Review the language of “Accelerated Masters” and make recommendations](#)
 - a. Send this to the senates for evaluation and recommendations.
2. Innovative approaches to reduce costs for students. Ties into the FIF.
 - Linking students to employers at the program level
 - Dual-credit, Middle College type ideas

- Discussed primarily in the FIF item - no discussion on this item at this time
3. [New MOA regarding modality of delivery and telework agreements.](#)
 - [Proposed revision to BoR policy - feedback from faculty governance groups is requested by 9/9/21](#)
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4. [Faculty Alliance Chairs report.](#)
 - a. Review and make comments
5. OIT

MOTION: Kelly Smith moves to assign the OIT discussion to the Collaboration and Sustainability Committee.

- Heather seconds - none opposed
 - Collect all of the evidence that we have and provide it to the committee - Gokhan would like to help organize, Heather would like to take point on collecting and organizing the information. Andrea and Sandra will assist.
- 6. Discuss notion of having a face-to-face retreat in November between the Board of Regents, Faculty Alliance, Staff Alliance, and the Coalition of Student Leaders
 - a. Cannot do this until the Board begins meeting in person again.

V. Adjourn

- Andrea makes a motion to adjourn
- _____ seconds
- None opposed