

Minutes
Faculty Alliance
January 28, 2022
3:30 - 5:30 pm

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Ataur Chowdhury, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
David Noon, Past-President, UAS Faculty Senate
Andrea Dewees, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Jennifer Ward, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate

Staff: Kelly James

Noel Romanovsky

Possible Guests: Dr. Paul Layer, Juella Sparks, Lauren Hartman, FIF review team

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| I. | Call to Order - Jak Maier | 3:30 - 3:40 |
| 1. | Approve Agenda
Ian moves to approve. Gokhan seconds. | |
| 2. | Approve Meeting Minutes from 14 January 2022
Jennifer motions to approve. Ian seconds. | |
| II. | New Business - | 3:40 - 4:30 |
| A. | Common Table discussion | |
| a. | Staff Alliance February BoR report | |
| b. | Case study - Rhodes College | |

Guest Lauren Hartman: The Ad Hoc committee on shared governance, which is a subcommittee of staff alliance, was formed during a transition of support governance staff. We wanted to discuss the processes involved in shared governance and the different ways we could improve it. There was a case study of Rhodes College, who initiated a Board of Trustees. They formed what they call a Common Table, which is a group of representatives from faculty, staff, students and the Board of Trustees all of equal standing that come up with ideas of how to improve different areas of the university. We thought perhaps our existing System Governance Council that involves faculty, students, staff and alumni to include members of the Board of Regents as part of that group, to have that group be the initiator of solutions for all of those issues. This would build a substantial bridge and a direct relationship with the board, rather than go through the administration. Staff Alliance will focus on the common stable concept to create a clear framework and submit it to the individual faculty senate. Staff Alliance asks for Faculty Alliance's input, questions and justification and to submit to their individual councils as well.

B. [General Counsel memo on shared governance](#)

Faculty Alliance will research if this approach to shared governance is happening in other universities, if this is an unfair labor practice, the Freedom of Information request, and may decide to invite General Counsel to the next meeting.

a. [AGB perspective on shared governance](#)

C. [Statement regarding COVID response](#) - Jennifer Ward

The statement will be polished for members to bring to their senates for a united statement regarding the support for a better covid response.

D. March meetings

The March 11th meeting is canceled due to Spring Break and March 25th is canceled temporarily unless something urgent arises.

III. Old Business

4:30 - 5:00

A. Request information about the institutional support expenditures data point for Goals and Measures. On January 4th I asked David Bishko if there was a more expanded definition for what that encompasses or if it matched a specific entry in the yellow book or IPeds reporting. Andrea Dewees

B. Goals & Measures

a. [GM summary](#) - 12/08/2021; [GM summary - 1/14/2022](#)

b. [GM worksheet](#)

C. [Faculty Initiative Fund](#) Debrief - we will be joined by FIF reviewers 5:00 - 5:30
Bullet points would help rank the proposals. The Board of Regents will make the decision in June. It was discussed that an earlier announcement of the award deadline would be beneficial.

D. Faculty Alliance retreat: location, timing, agendaMe

A discussion of options, which are still under review.

E. Accelerated Masters language

It was noted to look at the regulation again and see if there is a way of getting alternate language in the regulation clarifying the Bachelors and Masters degree combined into one degree. This would be an issue discussed with the president and not needed the Board of Regents approval

F. System office mission statement - a request to have Ian serve on task force

There is not a mission statement. There is discussion of a vision statement along with a mission statement. There seems to be a broad consensus that the transformation team was looking into the function of the System office. There is also a general consensus that President Johnsen ignored the transformation team's report and never resolved the issues. It would be nice to have more faculty representation on the task force and will be suggested at the next meeting.

G. CHRO search - Kelly Smith

There will be interviews Friday, February 4, 2022

H. [Resolution](#) asking the Faculty Alliance Chair be made a non-voting ex officio member of the Board of Regents. Response.

I. Potential FA message to Pitney re: “pain points,” exec admin reviews, and financials. The C&S has requests for FA that will be available for Alliance members

Tabled due to lack of time.

IV. Senate Reports

A. [Faculty Alliance Chairs report](#)

B. UAA

C. UAF

D. UAS

V. Adjourn

Chair Maier moves to adjourn. Kelly Smith So moved. Aatur seconds.