

Faculty Alliance Minutes

February 9, 2024

3:30-5:00 pm

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Members

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| <p><u>UAS</u> Jennifer Ward, Chair, Faculty Alliance, Glenn Wright, President UAS Faculty Senate, Brian Blitz, UAS Faculty Senate President-Elect</p> <p><u>UAF</u> Jennifer Carroll, President, UAF Faculty Senate; Chair-Elect, Faculty Alliance Abel Bult-Ito, UAF President-Elect Ataur Chowdhury, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate</p> | <p><u>UAA</u> Jackie Cason, 1st VP, UAA Faculty Senate Ian Hartman, Past President UAA Faculty Senate LuAnn Piccard, President, UAA Faculty Senate</p> <p><u>Ex Officio:</u> Paul Layer, Vice President ASA</p> <p><u>Support:</u> Sharon Dayton Noel Romanovsky Mary Burnham</p> |
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1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Abel made a motion to approve the agenda and Ataur seconded the motion.
3. Approval of [January minutes](#)
 - a. Abel made a motion to approve the minutes and Ataur seconded the motion.
4. Special guest: Senior Director of Alaska Native Success and Partnerships, Kristel Komakhuk.
Welcome to Kristel and introductions.
 - a. Kristel was welcomed and Kristel went on to say a few words about herself and about the ANSI (Alaska Native Success Initiative) program. Then Faculty Alliance members did a round robin of welcomes and introductions.
5. Old Business
 - a. Legislative visits / retreat.
 - i. Meeting with Chad at 3pm on Tuesday, can meet on one's own with Chad or Sara as well.
 - ii. [Master appointments schedule](#)
 1. Who to meet with and continuing to reach out to schedule meetings with legislators was discussed.
 - iii. [UA Advocacy site](#)
 1. Link shared for a reference.
 - iv. Our priorities list / strategy
 1. When completed, the list will be shared.
 - v. Bills / other
 - b. UAF proposed [motion](#) to change BOR policy on academic integrity (Jennie Carroll) - passed February 5

- i. Once the signed version is available it will be shared with the group, that way other Faculty Senates can pass the same thing or something similar.
 - c. Thought Leaders Update–Jennie
 - i. Keynote speaker update - are we willing to switch the Friday time from 9 to 1 to 10 to 2? Yes, there may be a conflict with a luncheon at UAA, but it should still be an acceptable time period.
 - d. Draft language for bylaws / constitution for faculty evaluation of admin - [draft doc here](#)
 - i. Propose to insert the following sentence in the Constitution under article 3, subsection c Responsibilities: “The Alliance shall have an advisory role in providing feedback i) to the UA Board of Regents regarding the performance of the UA President and ii) to the UA President regarding the performance of their direct reports/executives.”
 - ii. Faculty Senates will be distributed information on the potential change for any feedback they may have. The Faculty Alliance will vote on the proposed change, since there isn’t any notation in the bylaws/constitution that states the Faculty Senates have to vote on proposed changes.
- 6. New Business
 - a. BOR meeting / Fairbanks February 22 and 23.
 - i. The Faculty Alliance Chair (FAC) will attend the BOR meetings in person for all days, with topics for discussion: 1) The FAC will go over survey results as they pertain to the faculty; 2) What are some hallmarks of a healthy university in terms of faculty; and 3) Faculty Initiative Funds awards.
 - ii. Suggestions/Recommendations by other Faculty Alliance members: Advocating for full funding of the budget
 - b. UA employee engagement survey - Abel
 - i. The Alliance/Senates/Administrative Committee would like to see the original data from the survey, not what is on the website. With the actual data sets they would be able to dig into it and maybe do some correlative studies.
 - ii. Meetings with Chancellors to come up with action plans or priorities to address.
- 7. Faculty Senate Reports
 - a. UAF - A number of items have been passed at the meeting: 1) No longer calculating core GPA for admissions; 2) Eliminated the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) requirement for students; and 3) Expanded the list of acceptable English speaking countries. Both of these items were tabled because they need more work: The eligibility and involuntary removal policies. This falls into the area of faculty rights and responsibilities.
 - b. UAA - Voted on the motion to add that clause, no other formal motions. Had a major overhaul on advising structures, still trying to coordinate those, which is part of the strategic enrollment management plan to retain students and get them the best advising. There has been a shift away from direct faculty advising to a more professional core of advisors. Also, looking at the use of the facilities, with shutting down of satellite properties around the campus. Ad hoc committee at work to internationalize the campus, in an effort to have students come from other places that may need language support, with a motion undergraduate committee to lower TOEFL scores.

- c. UAS - Working through a process of developing a system for faculty evaluation of administrators.
- 8. Statewide Academic Council
 - a. It was stated that this item should be on the agenda, but it hasn't been a functioning group. Previously the Statewide Academic Council was a combination of Faculty, Staff, and Student Alliances, that met once a month

A motion was made by Abel to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ataur.