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Minutes

Faculty Alliance

Friday, November 18, 2016

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Audio: 1-855-280-1855

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Voting Members:

Megan Buzby, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate
David Fitzgerald, President, UAA Faculty Senate,
Maren Haavig, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
Lisa Hoferkamp, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Orion Lawlor, President, UAF Faculty Senate
Debu Misra, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate
Tara Smith, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

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

Members Absent:

Sharon Chamard, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
Chris Fallen, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate

2. Adoption of Agenda

Maren moved to adopt, and Megan seconded. There were no objections. The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of September 23 and October 14 Minutes

Maren moved to approve, and David seconded. There were none opposed. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Report from Chair

Tara noted she met with Andy Anger and Statewide on faculty benefit rates earlier in November; they will meet next sometime in December to continue to review the issue of faculty being charged higher-than-necessary rates for overload assignments. Tara also sent

a follow-up to President Johnsen regarding an event coinciding with the Regents' retreat in January. Tara also noted that at the November BOR meeting, Regent Anderson thanked the Alliance for being so responsive to Regent requests. The Regents will also hold a special meeting on Dec. 14 to address teacher education.

5. Public or Guest Comments: Vice President White to join at 3p

Questions for VP White:

Distribution of materials for BOR special meeting for review and comment by Faculty Strategic Pathways Phase 3 nominees
General discussion on shared governance

Concerning the proposed COE consolidation, VP White noted the Board had voted 6-4 to amend the motion so that it did not identify Fairbanks as the main campus for COE admin, and then the motion was postponed until the next meeting. The Board has announced they will meet on Dec. 14 to revisit the issue. The agenda has not yet been published, however, VP White noted he thinks it will be to revisit the postponed motion. He noted he does not think materials will specifically be sent to Faculty Senates for review or feedback. However, he noted he does not think major decisions will be made at that meeting (i.e. the motion will only be up for discussion and not approval).

After a brief discussion on faculty representation on Strategic Pathways review teams, VP White asked for the Alliance to send him nominations on or before Friday, December 9 for SP Phase 3 teams.

Regarding shared governance, VP White noted he felt it was a relationship that can and should continue to evolve.

6. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents)

- 6.1. The UAS Faculty Senate is working to distribute a morale survey (put together using Qualtrix). They are also looking at the McDowell group report and ways to increase enrollment. There has also been recent discussions about decolonization of the curriculum. The Senate will also look at credit hour definition, align chemistry courses, and review how the dean of Arts & Sciences is implementing the move of the SOM into that college.
- 6.2. The UAA Faculty Senate will have Abel Bult-Ito and President James Johnsen speak at their upcoming meeting.
- 6.3. The UAF Faculty Senate is working on a resolution to say UA should abandon Strategic Pathways and that the program review as laid out in Regents' Policy and University Regulation should be followed instead of Strategic Pathways, because ultimately the faculty don't want to end programs but rather try to make them better.

7. Ongoing Business

- 7.1. Common Calendar – Members will continue to work on a response to common calendar issues and will review at the next Alliance meeting.
- 7.2. Budget information requests – VP White noted during his time with the Alliance that he will send information to Tara to share with members.

8. New Business
 - 8.1. Strategic Pathways Phase 3 nominations – Members agreed to start working on a nomination document to submit to VP White by Dec. 9.
 - 8.2. Retreat dates & January meeting schedule – Members discussed skipping the Jan. 13 meeting, holding their retreat the next weekend, and then possibly meet Jan. 27 if necessary to wrap up from the retreat. No action taken and the issue will be brought up at the December Alliance meeting.
 - 8.3. New Vision proposal – Postponed to the December meeting.
 - 8.4. Draft comments on reductions to Statewide – Postponed to the December meeting.
 - 8.5. President’s Professors – Members will email Tara with nominations to submit to VP White for consideration.

9. Agenda Items for December 9 Meeting
 - 9.1. Strategic Pathways Phase 2 Options—if released

10. Agenda Items for January 13 Meeting or January 23 Retreat
 - 10.1. Faculty Benefit Rates
 - 10.2. Enrollment Plan from Statewide
 - 10.3. Strategic Pathways Phase 2 Options—if released

11. Comments, concerns, and announcements

12. Adjourn

Megan moved to adjourn, and Debu seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

November

- 18- Faculty Alliance meeting, 2:30-4:30 via Google Hangouts
- 25-National Buy Nothing Day (No Faculty Alliance meeting)

December

- 2-UAA Faculty Senate, 2:30p-4:30p
- 2- UAS Faculty Senate, 3p-5p
- 5-UAF Faculty Senate, 1p-3p
- 9- Strategic Pathways, Phase 2 presentations
- 9-Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
- 14- TS meets with President Johnsen, RESCHEDULED
- 16-SAC
- 23-No Faculty Alliance Meeting

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January

- 13-Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
- TBD: SAC
- 27-Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
- 19-20, BOR Retreat, Anchorage SAVE THE DATE FOR FA RETREAT

30-Faculty Alliance report due to Statewide Governance

February

3-UAA Faculty Senate, 2:30p-4:30p
3- UAS Faculty Senate, 3p-5p
6-UAF Faculty Senate, 1p-3p
10- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
TBD: SAC
21- BOR Public Testimony, 4p-6p, audio
23- BOR ASA Committee meeting, 8:30a-11:30a, video
23- BOR Facilities Committee meeting, 1p-5p, video
24- BOR Audit Committee meeting, 9a-11a, video
24- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts

March

1-SAC?
2-3, BOR meeting, Anchorage
3-UAA Faculty Senate, 2:30p-4:30p
3- UAS Faculty Senate, 3p-5p
6-UAF Faculty Senate, 1p-3p
10- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
13-17: SPRING BREAK
24- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts

April

3-UAF Faculty Senate, 1p-3p
7-UAA Faculty Senate, 2:30p-4:30p
7-UAS Faculty Senate, 3p-5p
14- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
TBD: SAC
28- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts

May

1-Faculty Alliance report due to Statewide Governance
1-UAF Faculty Senate, 1p-3p
5-UAA Faculty Senate, 2:30p-4:30p
5-UAS Faculty Senate, 3p-5p
12- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
TBD: SAC
22- BOR Public Testimony, 4p-6p, audio
25- BOR ASA Committee meeting, 8:30a-11:30a, video
25- BOR Facilities Committee meeting, 1p-5p, video
26- BOR Audit Committee meeting, 9a-11a, video

June

1-2, BOR meeting, Fairbanks

