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Minutes

Faculty Alliance

Friday, December 9, 2016

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2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 2:31 p.m.

Voting Members:

Megan Buzby, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate
Sharon Chamard, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate
Chris Fallen, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
David Fitzgerald, President, UAA Faculty Senate,
Lisa Hoferkamp, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Orion Lawlor, President, UAF Faculty Senate
Tara Smith, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate; Chair, Faculty Alliance

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

Dan Kline, Chair, GER Coordinating Task Force

Members Absent:

Maren Haavig, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate
Debu Misra, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

2. Adoption of Agenda

Dave moved to adopt the agenda, and Lisa seconded. There were no objections. The agenda was adopted as presented

3. Approval of October 28, November 9, and November 18 Minutes

Morgan asked for clarification regarding January business meetings. Members agreed there would be no meeting on Jan. 13 and a possible meeting on Jan. 27 if needed following the retreat. Tara noted UAS should be included in the Oct. 28 minutes under item 5.2.

Chris moved to approve as amended, and Lisa seconded. There were no objections and the minutes were approved as amended.

4. Public or Guest Comments

Dan Kline, GER Task Force – Dan opened his comments by thanking his colleagues on the task force and the Alliance for their hard work to date. He reported the disciplinary areas are beginning to form their teams. He noted that his interpretation of Board’s charge would be to not align everything but to tweak courses that are very similar in order to get them to align. He noted they are still looking for a humanities member from Fairbanks—an area where there is a lot of work to do. He also noted one of his main objectives was to prove faculty can work together to solve these problems to avoid any damaging intervention from the Board or SW.

5. Report from Chair

Tara noted she would meet with President Johnsen on Dec. 16. She will try to nail down Board/Alliance January retreat agenda. See also her report to the Senates.

6. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents): Items under consideration/discussion; motions/actions taken; questions or comments to Faculty Alliance

UAA – David reported that Abel Bult-Ito gave a review of his proposal regarding SW at their last Senate meeting. He noted that President Johnsen and Chief Information Technology Officer Karl Kowalski also attended the Senate meeting. President Johnsen and CITO Kowalski discussed the decisions to switch to Google and a single instance of Blackboard. UAA Faculty noted they felt there was a lack of transparency or pre-action analysis to support the decision. At the Senate meeting, UAA Faculty made a motion to support the Bult-Ito proposal, however, there was no vote taken. David also reported the UAA Faculty Senate is considering a vote of no confidence for Karl Kowalski and then a vote of no confidence for President Johnsen, as well as pass a motion to support Bult-Ito’s proposal, at their January 2017 special meeting.

UAS – Maren reported the most recent UAS Senate meeting centered on opposing the consolidation of the School of Education at UAS into a combined model managed out of Fairbanks. The Faculty also participated in a morale survey, which showed the majority of respondents had seen a decline in morale over the past two years. Overall, the current theme among faculty at UAS focuses on a lack of confidence in Strategic Pathway process.

UAF – Orion reported the UAF Senate meeting focused on a discussion of Strategic Pathways. One member suggested if additional faculty members were not involved in the process, the Senate censure President Johnsen. The most recent UAF Faculty Senate agenda can be viewed [HERE](#).

7. Ongoing Business

7.1. Strategic Pathways Phase 3 nominations (finalize)

Members discussed and agreed upon Phase 3 faculty governance representatives, and Tara noted she would send a final memo to VP White.

7.2. Budget Information from VPAAR Dan White

Members reviewed budget information shared by VP White.

7.3. Retreat planning

Members agreed to a schedule of 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner with regents on the Thursday, Jan. 19, and meeting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20. Tara asked members to send agenda items to her.

8. New Business
 - 8.1. New Vision (Abel Bult-Ito's) proposal
Members suggested having Abel present at the retreat and there was general support for the idea.
 - 8.2. Draft comments on reductions to Statewide
Tara asked members if they wanted to continue to pursue the memo first drafted by Kevin Krein regarding SW cuts. There was general agreement to review/redraft Kevin's original memo.
 - 8.3. Enrollment Strategy
Tara noted she thought a plan for increasing enrollment should have involved faculty earlier in the process. Members were not sure if they wanted to continue to review the report since it was already presented to the Summit Team by AVP Oba.
9. Agenda Items for January 13 Meeting
 - 9.1. Strategic Pathways Phase 2 Options—if released
10. Agenda Items for January Retreat
 - 10.1. Common Calendar
 - 10.2. Budget information requests
 - 10.3. Strategic Pathways Phase 2 Options—if released
 - 10.4. New Visions Proposal
11. Comments, concerns, and announcements
12. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

December

9- Strategic Pathways, Phase 2 presentations (some, others moved to January 18)

9-Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts

?14- TS meets with President Johnsen, RESCHEDULED

16-SAC, 2p-4p, Audio

23-No Faculty Alliance Meeting

2017

January

11: SAC, 3-5p, Audio

13-Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts

19-20, BOR Retreat, Anchorage

19: Faculty Alliance Retreat, Anchorage, 10:30a-4p & dinner with regents

20: Faculty Alliance Retreat, Anchorage, 9a-5p

27-Faculty Alliance Meeting, CANCELLED

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
17: SAC, 3-5p, Audio
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

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
16: SAC, 3-5p, Audio
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
21: SAC, 3-5p, Audio
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
19: SAC, 3-5p, Audio
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
16: SAC, 3-5p, Audio