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Minutes

Faculty Alliance

Friday, January 20, 2017

RH 309, UAA Campus

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

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,
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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Members agreed to add discussion of revisions to the Protection of Minors regulations. There were no objections. The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Approval of December 9 Minutes

Approval of the December minutes was postponed to the next Alliance meeting.

4. Public or Guest Comments

None given.

5. Report from Chair

6. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents)

UAA – The Faculty Senate passed a vote of no confidence against President Johnsen for his actions surrounding Strategic Pathways and against CITO Karl Kowalski regarding his actions surrounding the move the Google across the UA system. The full resolutions can be read [here](#).

UAF – The Faculty Senate is working on a motion of vote of no confidence or opposition regarding the recent decision to consolidate the College of Education at the Juneau campus.

UAS – The Senate recently distributed a Faculty Morale Survey. The results were shared with the UAS provost and chancellor as well as senators. There was a complaint that identifying information should have been removed prior to distributing the results. Faculty are looking into class break scheduling and whether they need to develop a policy. UAS faculty are also reviewing anti-plagiarism software (Safe Assign) and are worried about student papers being automatically added to a global database. UAS Alliance members noted they did not think UAS faculty would unanimously support a vote of no confidence against President Johnsen or the Board of Regents, and noted that after a brief poll they feel roughly two-thirds of faculty would support it.

7. Ongoing Business

7.1. Common Calendar – The original Common Calendar committee has not met since Oct. 2015. As such, there hasn't been anyone the Alliance can contact with suggested changes to the current calendar. Alliance members reviewed a draft memo with three recommendations for changes to the current common calendar. The three recommendations called for the committee to be reformed, designate non-teaching days for the fall semester, and adjust the spring semester to allow for time between the last day of instruction and the start of finals. Members agreed to drafting a resolution to reestablish the committee, as well as forwarding the recommendation regarding non-teaching days in the fall semester to President Johnsen.

7.2. Writing Placement Community of Practice Report
Maren moved to approve the proposed resolution (Support for Writing Community of Practice Recommendations), seconded by Sharon. There were none opposed. The approved resolution can be reviewed [here](#).

7.3. AKNS GER Proposal
Members reviewed a draft resolution in support of an Alaska Native Studies General Education Requirement. Orion moved to approve the revised resolution, seconded by Sharon. There were none opposed. The approved resolution can be reviewed [here](#).

8. New Business

8.1. Credit for Prior Learning
Megan introduced the issue: each university has a separate practice for awarding credit for prior learning. Members discussed whether they should pursue aligned policies at each university, however, did not come to a particular decision. They agreed to take up the issue at a future meeting. Orion volunteered to draft a recommendation.

8.2. A New Vision for UA
Members agreed to forgo a response or recommendation regarding the New Vision for UA proposal.

8.3. Statewide Reductions Memo
Members discussed the draft memo and agreed specific suggestions, especially those already detailed in SW Transformation Team reports, should be included in the

Alliance's memo to administration. Sharon, Orion, and Megan will draft a revised response and will share with other members at the next meeting.

8.4. SP Phase 2 Options

Discussion of how to respond to and provide feedback on Phase 2 Options was postponed to a future meeting. Alliance members agreed to discuss and gather feedback from their Faculty Senates.

8.5. Enrollment Report

Members discussed the enrollment strategy document distributed by Saichi Oba (can be reviewed [here](#)). Megan, Orion, and Sharon agreed to work on a draft response for review at a future Alliance meeting.

8.6. Protection of Minors

Members discussed the proposed revisions and agreed they were not specific to regular classroom instruction and were more tailored to a program specifically for minors (e.g. summer sports camps or research academies held on campus).

9. Agenda Items for February 10 Meeting

9.1. Protection of Minors Policy

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

January

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