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Minutes  
**Faculty Alliance**  
Friday, February 10, 2017  
Google Hangouts  
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 2:32 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,  
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:

James R. Johnsen, President, University of Alaska

2. Adoption of Agenda

Chris moved to adopt, seconded by Maren. None opposed. The agenda was adopted.

3. Approval of December and January Minutes

Maren moved to approve the minutes as amended (revisions sent in by Orion and Lisa), seconded by Chris. None opposed. The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Report from Chair

Tara noted she had updated each of the Senates on the Alliance's activities (February report available [HERE](#)). In lieu of a chair's report, members discussed questions to ask President Johnsen.

5. Report from Faculty Senates (current Presidents): Items under consideration/discussion; motions/actions taken; questions or comments to Faculty Alliance  
UAF – Orion noted he and Chris weren't fully supportive of the vote of no confidence in President Johnsen made by the UAF Senate, but felt better about the vote of no confidence in the COE consolidation decision and the rationale provided for it. Debu noted the chancellor search is going forward and so far there are ten candidates who have applied, and has heard of two others who have been suggested but have not yet applied. Interviews will be held last week of March, candidates will visit in April, and the hope is to have a new chancellor by July 1.  
UAS – Sent a letter to President Johnsen on Strategic Pathways—tried to make it as representative of the opinions of the Senate as she could. Spoke with the College of Education and asked how the Senate could support their faculty; the College didn't have any specific ideas to offer. Encouraged faculty senators to collect feedback on Strategic Pathways Phase 2 options. UAS held an enrollment summit that included faculty and staff; one faculty member the VC for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs made disparaging remarks about the faculty's ability to meet deadlines; Lisa noted she might write the VC a letter to express the faculty's concern with his comments.  
UAA – Dave noted they were still pursuing a cost benefit analysis of Strategic Pathways decisions. He also noted he was surprised the Senate did not reintroduce a motion to support the New Visions proposal from Abel Bult-Ito. Dave noted he spoke to a number of different media outlets in Anchorage, and wrote an article for the student newspaper. He noted he finally procured a meeting time with Board Chair Gloria O'Neill—they will meet on March 20. Regarding the After Action Review of the change to Google Email, several members of the UA IT attended the Senate meeting (Karl Kowalski and Toni Abbey). They agreed to put out a questionnaire for users regarding loss of function from the Outlook Exchange server. Dave also noted he is planning to review the Oregon model with a group of UAA faculty Frank Jefferies and Rashmi Prasad, and Provost Sam Gingerich.

6. Public or Guest Comments: President Johnsen

President Johnsen joined at 3:30 p.m.

Strategic Pathways – He noted he is holding feedback sessions with affected units in preparation for briefing the Board at its March meeting. Following the March Board meeting, there will be another round of feedback meetings with affected units and other stakeholders. He also plans to have VP White send a formal request for feedback on Phase 2 options. He noted that for Phase 3 they will wait until the September meeting to present options and decisions will be made at the November meeting. He asked the Alliance if they would have time to present an initial review of the options, and then a deeper look prior to the June Board meeting. The president suggested a longer meeting to discuss options in late March or April.

College of Education consolidation – There will be a Steering Committee will report to Dan White, include chancellor of UAS, provost from UAF and UAA, interim dean of Ed at UAF, and two faculty from each current School of Education (elected by the faculty). Then there will be an external advisory group, chosen by the Steering Committee. There will also be a set of groups—a series of working groups in areas like specialized accreditation,

institutional accreditation, research, student aid, etc. Goal is to have an implementation plan developed by this summer—not to implement now but a plan on how to implement next year. Implementation will not begin until formal approval from the Northwest Commission (expected fall of next academic year) and then the following fall (2018) begin implementation. It will likely take two years to fully implement.

FY18 Budget – Regent request was \$341M operating and \$25M capital, and the Governor’s budget was \$325M for operating. The president has met with members of both the House and Senate. House is more receptive to the University’s request, however, the Senate has publicly said they are planning to seek a five percent reduction in several state agency budgets, including the University. The president noted the University will like play a part in a bigger picture of how to structure the state budget and revenue plan. The president noted he asked the campuses to begin to think about what a \$16M cut (approximately 5%) would look like and how they would meet that funding level.

March Board Meeting – There will be a discussion on shared governance at the University of Alaska, how it can and should work, and what the roles and responsibilities are of the Board, administration, faculty, staff, and students. Materials (primarily sources from AAUP and AGB) will be distributed before the meeting. The president noted he expects governance members will actively participate in the discussion.

Votes of No Confidence by UAA and UAF Faculty Senates – Tara noted that the dissatisfaction is not centered on faculty not being heard but on the lack of formally recognized process. The president indicated he thought it would be disingenuous to appear to reconsider the substantive decisions that have already been made and approved by the Board. He noted the colleges of education will be consolidated and he is working to find the best way to determine the implementation of that consolidation. Tara noted it sounded like the faculty resolutions are being ignored and the president responded by saying he thought disagreeing with something was not ignoring it.

Enrollment Increase – Tara asked how the target for enrollment increases were identified (as shown in the presentations noting decrease in dependence on state funding while simultaneously increasing enrollment) and why those targets have been changed recently. The president noted he wasn’t aware of a change in target.

DriveChange Campaign – Raise up in the eyes of Alaskans the University of Alaska and that the university is leading change in Alaska (rather than being changed externally), and to connect to a younger audience and an audience that wants to be a part of something that will serve them positively. It is a privately funded campaign and that if faculty want to get involved to contact AVP Robbie Graham.

## 7. Ongoing Business

### 7.1. Common Calendar Memo & Motion

Members reviewed the resolution to create a Common Calendar Committee and memo regarding requested changes on Common Calendar issues to the Statewide Academic Council (SAC).

Sharon moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Megan. There were no objections and the resolution was approved as presented.

Members discussed whether to address the memo to President Johnsen or the Statewide Academic Council, and who would be most responsive to the request, and ultimately agreed to send it to SAC.

Debu moved to approve the memo, seconded by Orion. The motion carried 8-1.

- 7.2. Statewide Reductions  
Postponed to the next meeting.
8. New Business
  - 8.1. SP Phase 2 Initial Response  
Orion noted it might be too late to coordinate in time for the March Board meeting. Orion will distribute a Google Doc to all faculty senate members for input. Members agreed to focus on which options should be removed from consideration, and discuss at their next meeting.
  - 8.2. Coordinated motion for Faculty Senates—preliminary discussion  
Members discussed if they should try to coordinate a motion between the three faculty senates and what issues and perspectives the three university faculties share. They agreed to wait to a future meeting to discuss further.
9. Agenda Items for February 24 Meeting
  - 9.1. Enrollment Plan Response
  - 9.2. Strategic Pathways Phase 2 Options
10. Agenda Items for March 10 Meeting
  - 10.1. Protection of Minors Regulation draft
11. Comments, concerns, and announcements
12. Adjourn  
Debu moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5: 10 p.m.

#### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

#### **February**

- 15-Chair meets with President, 3p, Anchorage
- 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
- 7-Chair meets with VPAAR, 2p, phone
- 10- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts
- 13-17: SPRING BREAK
- 14- Chair meets with President, 1p, Anchorage
- 16-SAC, 3-5p, Audio
- 24- Faculty Alliance Meeting, 2:30-4:30p via Google Hangouts

## **April**

- 3-UAF Faculty Senate, 1p-3p
- 4- Chair meets with VPAAR, 2p, phone
- 7-UAA Faculty Senate, 2:30p-4:30p
- 7-UAS Faculty Senate, 3p-5p
- 13- Chair meets with President, 10a, Anchorage
- 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
- 2- Chair meets with President, 1p, Anchorage
- 2- Chair meets with VPAAR, 2p, phone
- 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