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Faculty Alliance
Minutes
Friday, December 19, 2014
Via Teleconference
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members:

Mark Fitch, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate
Virgil Fredenberg, Past President UAS Faculty Senate
Maren Haavig, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate
Diane Hirshberg, President, UAA Faculty Senate
Kevin Krein, President, UAS Faculty Senate
Debu Misra, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate
David Valentine, Chair, Faculty Alliance; Past President, UAF Faculty Senate

Voting Members Absent:

Cécile Lardon, President, UAF Faculty
Tara Smith, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

Staff:

Joseph Altman, Coordinator, System Governance
LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guest:

Dana Thomas, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research (joined at 2:15 p.m.)

Adopt Agenda and Approve Minutes

Maren moved to adopt. Debu seconded. Add furlough policy to the agenda. Adopted.
9/12 month payroll issue will be added to the retreat agenda.
November 14, 2014 Minutes - Virgil moved to approve and Maren seconded. Minutes approved.

Furlough Policy

Faculty discussed the furlough policy that was approved at the last BOR meeting and how they would respond to the shaping of the regulation. Diane, Virgil and Debu will work together and lead this forward.

Status of Common Calendar and GER working groups

Common Calendar group is underway. English GER underway and will meet in Feb. face-to-face.

Spreadsheet of ongoing tasks and future initiatives on Google Apps ([link](#))

David posted a spreadsheet as a working document on present issues for everyone to help collaborate.

GER Coordination appointment status

Faculty senate presidents will bring forward names of 3 members from their campus by Jan. 16.

Common student satisfaction survey

Sent back to SAC – faculty were happy to support the recommendations from Carol Hedlin and Robert Boeckmann.

College and Career Readiness Definition for Alaska

Broader conversation with faculty senates needed. Faculty discussed defining what readiness means. David would take the lead on this one.

Student code of conduct status at UAF, UAS

UAF referred it to committee. UAS faculty senate has not seen it yet and will bring it up in their next meeting.

Minimum Baccalaureate Standard

UAS was flexible on the issue and would support whatever UAA and UAF decided. A group was needed to finalize the standards. The Motion 2014-02 would be revised. Maren, Tara and David will revise the motion.

WICHE Passport: Should UA participate? ([WICHE Passport link](#))

Faculty discussed the issue. A March 20, 2015 deadline was set to report back to Summit Team.

Common grading system: +/- across system? Straight grading? Or maintain current?

Dana response to the board was the three universities were following the policy and regulation as it stands. Faculty decided to not pursue this issue.

Faculty Alliance response to Dana Thomas “parting comments” memo

Discussion occurred about the parting comments.

Faculty Regent—to be, or not?

Debu would review if it is feasible or not and give a report back at the end of next semester.

Core values feedback/synthesis

Maren, Tara and Debu would work together on a response for System Governance Council.

Faculty Alliance priorities for new President search

Dana Thomas stated the BOR were drafting a process for the presidential search and all the governance groups will play a part in the search. The BOR would discuss the issue at their retreat Jan. 2015. It would be an open meeting for anyone to join.

Diane, Virgil, and Debu would draft a message to give the BOR on their thoughts about the search. A draft would be circulated with Faculty Alliance by Jan. 15, 2015.

February retreat planning

Diane, Mark and David would work on the logistics for the retreat.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.