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## **System Governance Council**

### **Minutes**

**Monday, November 24, 2014**

**2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Google Hangout

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

#### Voting Members Present:

##### *Faculty Alliance:*

David Valentine, Chair

Cécile Lardon, Vice Chair

##### *Staff Alliance:*

Monique Musick, Chair

##### *Coalition of Student Leaders:*

Toby Wark, Chair

Mathew Carrick

##### *Alumni Associations:*

Rachel Morse, Assistant Vice Chancellor, UAA

#### Ex Officio Members Present:

LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance

#### Guests Present:

Patrick Gamble, UA President

Dana Thomas, UA Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research

#### Members Absent:

Kathleen McCoy, Staff Alliance Vice Chair

Heather Mitchell, Alumni Manager, UAS

Kate Ripley, Director, UAF

### **Agenda Adopted and Minutes Approved**

The Nov. 24, 2014 agenda was adopted and the Oct. 27, 2014 minutes were approved.

### **Chair Report**

Rachel asked the Council to list the important topics to discuss with President Gamble: Budget, Coalition trip to Juneau, Stay on Track and Board of Regents appointments.

## **System Governance Reports on Systemwide Topics and/or Concerns**

### **Faculty Alliance**

Common Calendar – The group facilitated by Saichi Oba was making progress collecting data and working on alignment. The goals were to get a report to President Gamble in Dec. and a target date of Feb. to finish the task.

General Education Requirements (GER) – Math had the most progress. English was just getting started. Both Math and English would get responses to Faculty Alliance by March. Other subject areas are on the Board of Regents' list as well. Faculty Alliance formed a working group to interpret and strategize for planning alignment.

Student Code of Conduct Policy Revisions – Administration asked each faculty senate to give feedback on the revisions. FA asked the student coalition to look at it and respond before the Dec. BOR meeting in Anchorage.

### **Staff Alliance**

Core Values – The draft was sent out to all the staff councils. Kathleen McCoy took the lead on this project.

Letter to Governor-elect Walker – The letter would state the support BOR appointments with candidates who had higher education experience.

### **Coalition of Student Leaders**

Title IX Training Resolution – The Coalition drafted a resolution to support training for student government leaders.

Tobacco Policy – Students were responding to the draft policy.

Student Regent Transition - There will be a new appointment in June.

Office of Sustainability – There was a need for a systemwide committee to look over the UA Foundation investments. The existence of such a committee would raise the STAR rating across the system. Students would discuss championing the cause. Mathew Carrick planned to present this to the Coalition of Student Leaders and send out a proposal.

Stay on Track Committee – The committee was looking at offering tuition credits instead of Alaska Airline tickets because it is better correlated to the mission of Stay on Track. They would need to fundraise. Mathew would send out more information once he obtained it.

### **Core Values**

See Staff Alliance report above. Monique asked for faculty and student input. Dana Thomas asked to have this finished up soon.

### **Smoking Policy**

UAF proposed designated smoking areas. Staff Alliance sent a motion supporting designated areas but the action occurred as the proposed regulations were emailed out by SW HR. Rachel and LaNora would work on wording for a unified message for the Dec. 5 deadline.

### **President Gamble joined at 3:20 p.m.**

He stated the Jan. BOR retreat would have a robust discussion about future plans for the university. Dana Thomas would be the facilitator at the retreat since he would be retired.

President Gamble will attend about 10 – 12 meetings from Jan. to May waiting on the budget from the state.

### **Comments and Guest Comments**

Comments were made about having less SGC meetings and having them close enough to BOR meetings that the BOR agenda would be out.

SGC agenda needed more detail to help trigger conversation.

Council talked about having someone present at the BOR retreat to be in on the discussion when possible. The alternative would be to send a letter about the concern of having faculty, staff and student input.

SGC decided to leave the Jan. and March 2015 meetings as is but to leave the April meeting open for discussion and possibly removing from the calendar.

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting January 26, 2014**

AED motion  
Core Values update

### **Adjourn**

David motioned to adjourn and Cecile seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

*Minutes taken by LaNora Tolman*