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System Governance Council Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2014

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Audio Conference

1-800-893-8850 PIN 8266781

Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members:

Faculty:

Mark Fitch, President, UAA Faculty Senate

David Valentine, President, UAF Faculty Senate

Virgil Fredenberg, President, UAS Faculty Senate

Staff:

Brad Krick, President, UAF Staff Council

Gwenna Richardson, President, UAS Staff Council

Elizabeth Winfree, President, UAA University Assembly

Dory Straight, President, Statewide Administration Assembly, Interim Chair

Students:

Teresa Cross, Kenai Peninsula College Student Union

Ayla O'Scannell, Associated Students of UAF-Fairbanks – present part of the meeting

Alumni Representatives:

Jim Dixon, President, UAF Alumni Association

Keni Campbell, Manager, UAS Alumni Association – present part of the meeting

Rachel Morse, Interim Director, UAA Alumni Relations

System Governance Staff:

LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance

Joseph Altman, Coordinator, System Governance

Guests:

Carey Brown, Chair, Staff Alliance

Monique Musick, Vice Chair, Staff Alliance – present part of the meeting

Shauna Thornton, Speaker, Coalition of Student Leaders

Joe Hayes Resignation Email – LaNora Tolman

Vote for Interim Chair

Dory Straight was unanimously accepted as interim chair. None opposed.

Adopt Agenda

Gwenna motioned to adopt the agenda and Brad seconded. The agenda was adopted.

Approve Past Minutes

Brad moved to approve the November 18, 2013 minutes and David seconded. The minutes were approved.

Ethics Code Task Force – Monique Musick

Monique presented the present task of creating a code of conduct or some kind of ethics code for employees – to be overarching systemwide value statements. It has not been spelled out in the policy and regulations. The council discussed the reasons and issues driving the creation of an ethics code. Some members were concerned about the code being vague and taking the time and energy to create and concern it will be so broad it will lack any meaning. The suggestion was to have the local group using this code of conduct with performance evaluations to draft up the document and have others review it when completed. Statewide and UAF had member involved in the draft.

System Governance Council Constitution Changes Continuation and Discussion

The council talked about the proposed changes in the constitution. The council membership would change from the present leaders of the university campuses' faculty senates, staff councils, and student governments to two members from the Faculty Alliance, Staff Alliance and Coalition of Student Leaders' along with the three alumni association reps. The membership would include the chairs and vice chairs, and/or appointed representatives, to make the group smaller to create a "think tank" for issues crossing the university system and pertaining to issues overlapping two or more groups from the faculty, staff and students. The students posed concerns that the smaller campuses would not have representation. The council wanted time to think about the changes and discuss the details further at the next meeting.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting on March 24, 2014

- Constitution Changes
- SB 176 – Firearms on Campuses

The council talked about the proposed bill in the Senate to allow students to conceal and carry on campuses. It was suggested to find out how much backing the bill has.

Comments and Guest Comments

Carey Brown, Staff Alliance Chair stated he supported the realignment as it flows into what the president is doing with the Summit Team.

Adjourn

Dory motioned to adjourn and Gwenna seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.