

SENATE FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY Nov , 2007 3:00- nlt ~5:00 pm Egan Library 211

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Present: Cathy Connor (President), Jill Dumesnil (President-elect), Tony Martin, Jeremy Kane, Matt Heavner, Jennifer Ward (for Lynn Shepherd), Dan Monteith (for David Noon), Cara Wicks-Ortega, Rod Landis (for Priscilla Schulte -Ketchikan), Leslie Gordon (Sitka), Rick McDonald,

Ex-Officio:Roberta Stell (Provost) Guests-Richard Dent Vice Chancellor of Student services, Joe Nelson, Director of Student Admissions
Called to order at 3:12pm...(uas online start up difficulties)

1. Minutes of Oct. meeting approved
2. Today's agenda (additions, deletions, re-ordering) – approved

3. President's Report

Faculty Alliance & Graduate Committee - Jill Dumesnil – Fac. Alliance met in Fairbanks with President Hamilton et al and discussed student success initiatives. Grad Committee is working on Grad. Faculty credentials and graduate competencies.

FS Curriculum Committee – Jen Brown – met and getting through proposals Jeff Loftis-Education, Yuliya Ivanova- BPADM, Alex Simon -Social Science.

FS Graduate Committee:-Jill Dumesnil attended for Connor-methodology is being considered to document/quantify the qualifications of Juneau School district master teachers who do not have advanced Education degrees but who are teaching UAS graduate level courses in the Dept of Education.

FS Distance Ed Committee and Faculty Alliance ETT Report (add Daniel Lord – SS to FS Distance Ed Comm.)

ORP 1 Retirement detachment from TRS system - University Contribution – Connor-The University has decoupled its required contribution rate to employees under the ORP1 plan which had formerly been linked with the TERS program retirement contribution rate. This was done through the Alaska State Legislature as part of its legislation to infuse funding into the state retirement systems. This means that UA is no longer required to use a 3 year running average contribution rate for their contribution to ORP1 funded employees.

UA Committees and faculty membership see spreadsheet posted on FS UAS Online Portfolio Page.

Old Business

4. Virgil Fredenberg's missing course form for new Masters in Education in Mathematics presented at last meeting is posted on the FS portfolio site

5. Revision of Outdoor Studies program change-resolving certificate versus occupational endorsement - Jeremy Kane – This really is a 34 credit **certificate** program; ODS program is changing 13 credits of it –(see email from Forest Wagoner posted on FS portfolio site.)

New Business

6. Provost's Update on visits to Ketchikan and Sitka Campuses and Status of ACCFT Faculty evaluation...the Director to Dean continuum and need for Regional Campus through schools and Department links.

RS – A committee of ACCFT faculty members is needed to address procedures/calendars not addressed in ACCFT contract on faculty evaluation committee. Rod Landis, Priscilla Schulte (K) and Leslie Gordan (S) will serve.

Timeline is mid-December to come up with agreeable language.

Faculty Handbook – posted online by Provost's office after being approved by Faculty Senate

7. Sustainability Committee Update - (postponed)
8. Faculty Research Committee-Heavner/Wolk, Standard 4b Self Study for Assessment (hasn't met yet; need a SS member)
9. Input to Faculty Senate from Schools and Departments
Deferred until next meeting

Senator reports

Noon - Social Sciences
 Kane - Humanities
 Heavner - Natural Sciences
 Wolk (proxy?) BAPDM
 McDonald - CIOS
 Wicks - Ortega Education
 Shepherd – Library
 Martin – Career Education
 Schulte (Landis) - Ketchikan Campus
 Gordon - Sitka Campus
 Pyare - Juneau Campus

Issues for FS to consider: 50 minutes for convenience of scheduling; quality control issues for differently delivered yet equivalent courses; loss of MW 1.5 hour time slot is a scheduling problem for faculty/students; SS wants to drop PSY110 and supports a GUI (guidance designator).

UAS Student Success

9. (4:00 pm) Update on Geometry Camp for JDHS students/early Scholars- Director of Admissions - Joe Nelson – camp funded by Statewide – targeted high achieving 9th graders who might wish to get to Calculus by their senior year – 3 weeks/5 days/9-1 – school district may pick up the effort and funding in the future

10. (4:30 pm) Student Services Update-Dealing with Spring and Fall 2007 enrollments/ Planning- Vice Chancellor Student Services - Richard Dent –

Data from last four years of placement scores at UAS:

Greater than 80% of those taking placement are in need of remedial work
75% of them do not place into ENG11

145 new full-time traditional freshmen started this year

“underprepared is us” – our percentage of underprepared students is not going to change any time soon - We need to do a lot of things and all at once to address underpreparedness.

Enrollment: We were “up” substantially in “prospects,” but the “yield” was “down.”

Recruitment: We are amazingly unknown in Anchorage and other AK areas. We need a recruiting presence in the Anchorage area. We are attempting to build relationships with community colleges in the Pacific Northwest. We are well-positioned to accept community college transfers. UAS is currently looking to hire a fulltime (in-state) recruiter. Admissions needs to build and sustain relationships with people who can influence college decisions (counselors, teachers, etc.)

Current efforts underway

- 1) Do the Math campaign – getting placement test out to Southeast high schools – effort triggered the switch from Compass to Accuplacer
- 2) On November 26, we will have a Southeast high school counselor/teacher conference
- 3) Early Scholars Program at JDHS was restructured last year – currently a group of 76 students – there are similar programs in Ketchikan/Sitka

- 4) Foundations Program in Banfield Hall – cohort of new students being served
- 5) Guide Program – 45 freshmen have a support “guide” to assist them in acclimation to UAS and the college environment

Idea: Offer Math055 distance free to every AK high school student who wants to take it..... Dick Dent is trying to get Statewide to tackle this.

CC note: New Dean of Arts and Sciences Pat Brown is also interested in exploring links between UAS and Midwestern universities (such as in his previous location in Michigan) to improve enrollment in place-based (Alaskan-cachet) degree programs such as in the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and the Humanities.

11. Other Business-We will continue with faculty senator reports at our next meeting.

12. 5 pm Adjourn. Next Meeting Dec 7, 2007