

## **UAS Faculty Senate Meeting February 1, 2008**

Present: Cathy Connor (President), Jill Dumesnil (President-elect), Lynn Shepherd, Leslie Gordon, Priscilla Schulte, Jeremy Kane, Tony Martin, Cara Wicks-Ortega, Rick Wolk, Matt Heavner

Guests: Chancellor John Pugh, Provost Robbie Stell, Sherry Tamone, Lisa Hoferkamp, Rosemary Walling

1. Approval of December 2007 Minutes (TM, MH) There was much discussion about the education leadership proposal. Concern was expressed concerning duplication of UAA program, the feasibility of the cohort model used, and sufficient staffing for oversight. Dean Harris responded to the concerns. - approved
2. Approval of today's agenda
3. **Chancellor Pugh-Provost Selection and Other Info**
  - a. Vice Chancellor for Student Services Richard Dent is leaving UAS– Tish Satre is serving as Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Services as well as her current position – Bruce Gifford will return as of July 1 to serve as permanent Vice Chancellor for Student Services – Question to Chancellor Pugh about direct appointment vs. search? President Hamilton approved the direct appointment of a “known quantity” as opposed to expense and time needed to conduct a search.
  - b. Joe Nelson, Katy Bausler and Jim Everett are working as a team on marketing/recruitment issues. New push to have faculty and administrator contact of potential students not from Juneau. We are also working on hosting campus visits for potential students. We have recruiters in both Seattle and Portland.
  - c. Provost succession – Current Provost Robbie Stell will continue to work FY 08-09 to guide UAS through the reaccreditation process with NWCCU. An Interim Provost will be appointed as of this summer to serve until a new provost begins work in summer 2010. A search for new Provost will begin next fall with use of a headhunter/search firm (out of Portland) because this is the most critical position at UAS (same firm UAA used on their most recent Provost search and successful hire of Mike Driscoll). The firm will work in conjunction with UAS faculty, staff, and administration. Chancellor Pugh will solicit from Faculty Senate the names of faculty members who would like to serve on the Provost search committee.

- d. Budget update – first budget hearings in the House next week – Governor has put forth a good base budget. On Senate side, the response toward the University was positive in budget meetings.

4. **President's Report**-(Connor)

- Statewide External Review/DRAFT Report to Committee–Consultants have made recommendations to SW about decreasing expenses and non-duplication of MAU efforts
- Final UA-wide Student Enrollment data Fall 2007 –posted on Faculty Senate portfolio site
- Student intent survey – flowchart is posted on Faculty Senate portfolio site
- Campus Communication-Soundings (Bausler) versus Nessie's News (Swanson) -
- Faculty Excellence Awards Due Mar 1

**5.FS Standing Committees**

- **Faculty Alliance** (Dumesnil)
- **Graduate Committee** (Connor)
- **Curriculum Committee** (Connor-forms Faculty Handbook, Updates)
- **Evaluation (ACCFT, UNAC)**-see **old Business**-Schulte
- **Academic Info Services**-Shepherd
- **Advising Learning Ctr, Tutoring**-Tomlinsen

**6. FS ADHOC Committees**

- **Research**-Heavner (Faculty Research Support)
- **Sustainability**-Pyare
- **Faculty Excellence Awards** Selection Committee 2008-Connor
- **Distance Education**-Wolk

**7. Other Committees**

- **Chancellors Student Success Task Force**-Dumesnil

UAs Chancellor's Task Force on Student Success will be reinvigorated by James Everett and Tish Satre. This task force will meet before Feb. 19 – the next meeting of the Statewide (SW) Student Success Steering Committee.

SW Student Success Steering Committee: Established by VPAA Dan Julius. Members from UAS are Robbie Stell, James Everett, Joe Nelson, Chuck Craig and Jill Dumesnil. Other members are from UAF, UAA and Statewide. Committee met in Fairbanks on Dec. 19, in

Anchorage on Jan. 14 and is scheduled to meet in Anchorage on Feb. 19 and on March 19. So far the committee has identified general cohorts of UA students, barriers to student success, potential recommendations for to Statewide and for each MAU for immediate and future work. All three MAU caucuses identified the same priority recommendations for SW to address; they concerned issues that can either only be done or be better done by SW. For example, pursuing needs based financial aid sources, working on student employment issues, conducting statewide study on factors influencing student success, deploying effective/workable UA computer processes, etc....

Question concerning electronic prerequisite checking. Provost Stell anticipates turning on for summer school.

### **8. Old Business**

ACCFT Calender Evaluation revisions-Schulte – Ron, Leslie and Priscilla – Proposed language was sent to ACCFT faculty at all three campuses for input. Desire is for community campus member workloads to be developed by their campus directors and have the Deans sign off on the workload – analogous to department chair/dean on the Juneau campus. Q: Is it important for regional accreditation purposes to have chairs involved? Q: Does the proposed language address the problem with respect to the dean having clear academic authority for purposes of regional accreditation?

Proposed language: Deans review workloads initiated by campus directors (Ketchikan & Sitka) or departments (Juneau). Faculty workloads flow from the UAS 6-year course sequence that has been designed to meet local and distance program needs and to ensure workload equity and promotion/tenure pathways.

Issue: Need statement about who signs off on the workload report that ends up in the official faculty file.....

Faculty in Ketchikan and Sitka are adamant about chairs NOT signing off on their workloads.

New Issue: Faculty evaluations.... The proposed statement is not sufficient. Also doesn't say who signs the evaluation. .... more work to be done....

### **9. New Business**

-Hiring a New Provost for UAS-Establish a Timeline, Request Faculty input, Make it a transparent process. Faculty Senate request to the Chancellor- D.

(Tallmon, Heavner) See above discussion under Chancellor  
-Other?

### **10. Provost's Report**

Criteria for UAS Student Admittance Occupational Endorsements, Certificates  
-Provost (Looking at the UAA mode, Federal language) Stell – suggests that we move to UAA's admission requirements - There different levels of admissions for various undergraduate programs. Proposed language in document posted on Faculty Senate portfolio site. Consider this a first reading; take it to departments/programs and solicit feedback/input. Note: Delete any reference to "certificate;" use "occupational endorsements."

### **11. Faculty Senator Reports:**

(Department/Campus Information)

Noon - Social Sciences

Kane – Humanities (& Faculty Research)

Martin – Career Education (Marketing Director Search)

Wolk –BAPDM (Sustainability – coordinating with CBJ Sustainability Comm.)

McDonald/Feero – CIOS (Program status)

Wicks - Ortega Education (Faculty search for Elem. Ed. Generalist)

Schulte - Ketchikan Campus At Large (ACCFT Faculty Eval Language Change)

Gordon - Sitka Campus At Large (ACCFT Faculty Eval Language Change)

Pyare - Juneau Campus At Large

Shepherd – Library (We signed agreement with Elsevier and now have access to 300+ scholarly journal access is through sciencedirect link on EGAN library website.

Heavner - Natural Sciences (Faculty Research Committee/Accreditation Std  
llmon)

12. Other Business?

13. Adjournment at 5:10pm.