

UAS Faculty Senate
March 24, 2006 3:00-3:15pm
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Note: Previous meetings convened on March 10 12:00pm and March 13 3:00pm failed to achieve a quorum.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by Chuck Craig, President-Elect, as the President was out of town.

Senators physically present: Virgil Fredenberg, Jane Terzis, Robin Walz, Brian Blitz.
Senators via phone: Eve Dillingham, Joe Liddle, Yuliya Ivanova.

Motion: That the resolution "Constitutional Amendment: Benefits & Marriage (SJR 20 & HJR 32)" be approved by the UAS Senate.

Proposed by Eve, and seconded.

Jane wanted a general clarification on the status of where the Legislature was on this and Jim Johnson's response.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectively submitted:

Chuck Craig

***RESOLUTION ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: BENEFITS & MARRIAGE
(SJR 20 AND HJR 32)***

WHEREAS, Discrimination against faculty on the basis of marital status is expressly prohibited by the University of Alaska Board of Regents Statement of Non-discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the UAS Faculty Senate affirms the importance of complying with university non-discrimination policies; and

WHEREAS, to comply with SJR 20 and HJR 32 the university would deny financially interdependent partners (FIPs) insurance benefits, family membership at the Student Recreation Center, tuition waivers, faculty housing, and other valuable benefits currently offered counter to university policy prohibiting discrimination based on marital status; and

WHEREAS, The Faculty Senate affirms that providing insurance and other benefits to FIPs is a valuable way to recruit and retain excellent faculty; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the UAS Faculty Senate is opposed to SJR 20/HJR 32; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the UAS Faculty Senate commends the University of Alaska statewide administration for its ongoing support of financially interdependent partner (FIPs) benefits.