

UAS Faculty Senate

Draft Minutes

October 1, 2010

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1. Call to order and Roll call 3:00 pm
Present: Sherry Tamone, Carolyn Bergstrom, John Radzilowski, Rick Wolk, Anne Jones, Emily Wall, Caroline Hassler, Brian Blitz, Robin Gilcrist, Colleen McKenna, Alex Simon, Dan Monteith, Rick Caulfield
2. Announcements
 - 2.1. Marsha Sousa, new Dean of Arts & Sciences, has arrived and is settling in.
3. Adopt agenda (Portfolio Documents)
Spelling correction to 6.1 from Meier to Maier. Agenda adopted.
4. Approval of Minutes for September 3, 2010 (Portfolio Documents)
Minutes approved without change.
5. President's Report
 - 5.1. Faculty Alliance
Audio conference held with the Board of Regents during their Sept. 23 and 24 meeting in Juneau. Discussion included the Academic Master Plan (AMP). The Board made it clear that they "hated" the AMP as presented. Per the Board, the Plan is too wordy, missed the mark, President Gamble needs to take a more active role in the Plan creation. Tamone stated that comments from faculty on the Plan are not being solicited at this time - she will remove the current version from the Senate portfolio page and keep the Senate updated.
Faculty Alliance passed a resolution to support students in their efforts to keep tuition rates at the lowest possible level and still adequately maintain programs. Alliance did not resolve to support a specific numerical percentage increase. During the BOR meeting in Juneau, the board did not approve a new tuition increase, keeping rates at the 2009-2010 level. The Board will likely revisit tuition rates next academic year.
Discussion was held on the visits from the Fisher Group – UA Review consultants on UAS campus September 10 – no updates/reports have been received to date. Alliance will meet with President Gamble in Fairbanks on October 18.
 - 5.2. Provost Council
Discussion was held on the UAS Performance Review. A copy is posted on the Senate portfolio page. Metrics used for projecting, and the data collected (some new program data has been added) follow Performance Based Budgeting as used by President Hamilton. It remains to be seen exactly how President Gamble will use this information and conduct reviews in the future. Senators are encouraged to share this data with their departments.
The Vice Provost search has ended as a "failed search".
The Academic Leadership series requires a commitment of five half Saturdays from October – March, meeting monthly. There are 14 participants for the first

series. The focus is on building leadership from within and is funded by Academic Innovation dollars from the Provost's office.

5.3. Chancellor's Cabinet

Topics included: Anderson Building remodel, budgets, UA Review, Board of Regents Juneau meeting.

6. Old Business

6.1. Sustainability Committee—Kevin Maier

The Sustainability ad-hoc committee was a result of the 2007 Spring Forum on Sustainability. Maier has been chair since fall 2008 and the committee continues to meet monthly. Members of the committee represent all campus groups, not just faculty. The original charge to the committee in 2007 was to produce reports on system changes/behaviors that UAS could undertake to make the university more environmentally sustainable. In spring 2008 that charge was renewed by the Senate and Senate resolved that the university should do everything it can to encourage sustainability without harming its mission. Maier requested renewal of the committee charge and MAU support. Radzilowski made a motion to renew the committee charge and retain it as an ad-hoc committee, Wall seconded. The motion passed. Maier will designate someone to report to the Senate as needed. Caulfield requested historical information and is interested in participating in committee discussions and receiving concrete commendations. He further stated that he believes that there is a direct link between the committee and reaccreditation requirements in the area of sustainability.

6.2. Research Committee—Sanjay Pyare

The original charge to the committee was to evaluate research guidelines as they relate to faculty evaluation. Pyare envisions the committee as an entity to look at all aspects of UAS research – create centralization/a point of contact for all faculty. Pyare stated that he was appointed committee chair and that the concept of the committee was accepted by Senate. Current members include Erica Hill, David Tallmon, and Kevin Maier. Sitka recommended Jan Straley, and Wolk (School of Management) will check with Yuliya Ivanova regarding participation. Blitz made a motion to renew the Sustainability ad-hoc committee, Simon seconded. Discussion: Wall recommended that faculty involved in creative scholarship be part of the committee. Pyare acknowledged the need to broaden the scope to cover research and creative activity. Wolk asked if it would be useful to have someone on the committee to help with securing grants. Caulfield suggested the committee could assist with processes and streamlining. The motion to retain the Research ad-hoc committee passed.

6.3. Academic Master Plan (Portfolio documents)

Addressed in the Senate President's report.

6.4. Dissolving standing committees---Tamone

Removal of standing committees requires changes to both the Constitution and Bylaws. Bylaws can be changed by the Senate, but changes to the Constitution require a General Assembly vote.

Radzilowski made a motion to remove the Communications committee from the bylaws, McKenna seconded. The motion passed.

Caroline Hassler will look into the Academic Information Services committee and report out at the November 5 meeting.

Caulfield requested that the Advising, Learning Center, and Tutoring committee be retained, committee charge be explored, and faculty be solicited for participation. Gilcrist made a motion to change the name to the Student Success committee and go to departments to solicit committee members, Radzilowski seconded. Discussion: UAS already has a task force on student success. Is there Faculty Senate representation? The motion failed. Senators request a member from Student Success Task Force come to Faculty Senate to inform of membership and activities.

6.5. Honors Program---Tamone

Faculty feedback:

School of Business and Public Administration – Michelle Calvin-Casey will participate on the committee.

School of Education – Supportive but no volunteers as yet

Humanities – Sol Neely may be interested in participating.

Library – Jennifer Ward has volunteered to research library components of other honors programs/models.

Natural Sciences – The department is unsure if it is a good or not-so-good idea, but Andrzej Piotrowski will explore ideas.

Social Sciences – Have not addressed the idea but will bring it up.

Career Education – Have not discussed but in general think it's a good idea - no volunteer.

Ketchikan – There is general support especially in the area of distance BLA, but would like details.

The charge to the committee is to research options and provide feasible recommendations for honors programs at UAS.

Blitz made a motion to form an ad-hoc Honors Programs committee, Wall seconded. The motion passed.

Tamone is the de facto chair and will get in touch with those identified, welcoming others, and schedule an initial meeting in November. The committee will report to the Provost.

6.6. Student Dishonesty---Tamone/Monteith

This item is tabled until the November meeting.

6.7. Evaluation of Administration (Portfolio documents)

The form/checklist/survey posted on the UAS portfolio website, via archived documents from Jonathan Anderson and Kirk McAllister, did not appear to serve the purpose. Tamone will find out if the process/forms used in Fairbanks will work for UAS purposes.

7. New Business

7.1. Review of the Faculty Handbook and Evaluation Practices (Memos in Portfolio documents) - Radzilowski/Tamone

Blitz made a motion to accept the memo from Radzilowski titled “Proposed change to faculty handbook amending procedure,” dated September 28, 2010

(attached). The following text will be added to the final bullet in the memo: The current version of the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) always supersedes any version of the faculty handbook. In the final bullet point, the word retention will be replaced with review. Radzilowski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Blitz made a motion to have Senators take the Radzilowski memo regarding faculty evaluation, dated September 24, 2010 (attached), back to departments to solicit input/feedback and volunteers for committee participation. Simon seconded. The motion passed.

Simon stated that the committee to review evaluation processes/procedures and compliance with CBAs currently has the following members: Colleen McKenna, John Radzilowski, Grant Rich, Michael Boyer, and Bill Urqhardt.

- 7.2. Compressed Classes—Tamone for Barbara Hegel (Portfolio documents)
Tabled until November meeting.
- 7.3. Professor Emeritus—mechanism for nominating and appointing (Portfolio docs)
Caulfield reviewed policy, process and timelines. Senators need to solicit feedback from departments.
- 7.4. Update on Academic Innovation Fund projects
- 7.5. Nominations for the UA Edith Bullock Prize for Excellence
Caulfield asked Senators to spread the word about the Bullock prize and encourages nominations. The deadline for nominations is December 1, 2010.
- 7.6. Update on Academic Leadership Seminar and Faculty Mentor Event
Time did not allow for discussion.
8. Next Regularly Scheduled Faculty Senate Meeting: November 5, 2010
9. Adjourn (no later than 5:00pm)