

## SENATE FACULTY MEETING Minutes

FRIDAY May 2, 2008

### NOTE TIME CHANGE NOON TO 2 PM

Egan Library 211

Present: Patty DeAngelis (CIOS), Rick Wolk (School of Management), Leslie Gordon (Sitka At Large), Priscilla Schulte (Ketchikan At Large), Caroline Hassler (Library), Matt Heavner (Natural Sciences), Jeremy Kane (Humanities), Chip McMillan (Education)

Guests: Jonathan Anderson, Brian Blitz, Jim Everett, Robin Walz

1. Call to Order at 12:15pm
2. Minutes Approved for April meeting –Spelling changes  
Chair's report:  
-Faculty Alliance  
- **External Administration Advisory Group- reactivated to respond/comment** to Pres. Hamilton concerning the McTaggart/Rogers report.

Hamilton, Julius and others working on agreements with universities in China to more easily recruit Chinese graduate students to UA campuses

**Q: Electronic activity reports?** RS: UAS is preparing to use electronic activity reports. Deans will work with faculty on identifying individuals faculty who want to use the electronic mechanism. Maria Moya/Heather Hadley are points of contact between UAS and programmers. UAF and UAA faculty have rejected their use.

**-Faculty Excellence Award Selection** – Teaching Awardee is Priscilla Schulte; Research Awardee is Clive Thomas; Service Awardee is Sherry Tamone.

**-Emergency Preparedness**-(Earthquakes to Active Shooter Scenarios)-Fall Convocation – Chancellor's Cabinet participated in Emergency Preparedness Training last Monday, April 25. CC recommends some faculty awareness of available emergency response options be offered in faculty training sessions. Priscilla noted training on individual campuses would be most useful.

**-Sustainability Web Page** Off of Faculty Senate – Heather Hadley has created a web page for sustainability off the FS page.

<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/sustainability.html>

#### 2008-2009 Faculty Senate Members

President-Jill Dumsenil  
President Elect-Jonathan Anderson  
At-Large Juneau-Chip McMillan  
At- Large Ketchikan-Priscilla Schulte  
At-Large Sitka-Leslie Gordon  
Management-Rick Wolk

Career Education-Tony Martin  
 Education-Mary Claire Tarlow  
 Humanities-Jeremy Kane  
 Information Systems-Patricia DeAngelis  
 Library-Caroline Hassler  
 Natural Sciences-Matt Heavner  
 Social Sciences-David Noon

### **Standing Committees**

Faculty Alliance-Dumesnil, Anderson, Connor 08-09  
 Chair Curriculum Committee-Mike Boyor Chair 08-09  
 Graduate Student -Mark Speece Chair 08-09  
 Faculty Evaluation-TBA United Academics and ACCFT will appoint  
 Communications Dumesnil, Anderson 08-09  
 Academic Info Services-On reserve  
 Advising Learning Center-On reserve

### **Ad Hoc**

Research-Heavner  
 Sustainability-Wolk, McMillan

### **5. Action Items-**

-ACCFT Faculty Handbook language revision 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Academic Catalogue-Schulte – See report from Rod Landis, Leslie Gordon, Tim Powers and Priscilla Schulte – several considerations: 1) ACCFT concluded negotiations and union contract specified the current processes remain in effect unless agreed to by both parties. Union contract says that the Administration assigns workload; committee is not recommending any changes to current wording.

2) Committee recommends that the current calendar of deadlines be retained.

3) Committee recommends that the evaluation/review timelines mirror those of UA faculty. Committee recommends moving evaluations for non-tenured faculty from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years to 4<sup>th</sup> year. For tenured faculty members, the committee recommends that Sitka and Ketchikan faculty would have evaluations written by the Director and the Juneau ACCFT faculty would be evaluated by the Dean. Q: CM What is the purpose of these evaluations? Punitive or formative? Ans: The pre-tenure reviews are formative assessments to assist the faculty members in achieving tenure/promotion. JA Administration can have “disciplinary review” in any year. The 4<sup>th</sup> year comprehensive review is indeed formative. The 7<sup>th</sup> year review is different. Q: Does this wording work for accreditation purposes? RS It gets us 99% of the way. The faculty committee has done excellent work on coming up with this wording.

4) Faculty Evaluation Committees – Under item 2, change “prior to August 15” to whatever date coincides with UA date (May 1, May 4, etc.) RS This reflects current practice operating by sidebar agreement with union.

Motion: (CM, RW) Move to vote on the proposed document with the friendly amendment indicated in 4) above. Unanimously approved.

-BLA Program Changes– 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Walz – Working group has been working since August 2007 to evaluate and redesign the BLA degree. Degree is currently in “crisis mode.” The Institutional Review Committee has unanimously endorsed the committee recommendations for revision of the BLA degree.

From an implementation point of view, the committee recommends creation/appointment of a BLA degree/program coordinator. Each new BLA student will have a preliminary intake interview at which a faculty advisor will be assigned. There will also be orientation to the liberal arts and introduction to portfolio courses through which the students will create a plan of study.

Implementation goal is Fall 2009 after Curriculum Committee approval Fall 2008.

Motion: (MH, LG) Approve as written to move on the Curriculum Committee. Unanimously approved.

#### 6. NEW Business-

**The difficulties of the Double Major** at UAS-Blitz – At UAF and UAA there is the ability to get both two bachelor’s degrees and/or a double major. At UAS we do not have the capability to get a double major.

**Policy Change Proposal** – The proposal is to allow/create a double major analogous to what is available at UAA and UAF. JE Consider the implications for us as an institution with respect to learning outcomes and pedagogical considerations. Urging a wider context for discussion of proposal beyond increasing the efficiency for students. CM Do we have any tracking data from other institutions with both options (Double majors and double degrees) available.

The issue will be carried into the fall and the 08-09 academic year.

#### 7. Other Items

Sustainability update: RW Energy crisis in Juneau. Keith Gerken has many ideas for increasing sustainability (use less energy, create fewer greenhouse gases, and spend less money). MH Recycling on campus is currently funded through SGA. Natural Sciences wishes for recycling to be institutionalized. JA Juneau Assembly has agreed to fund an expanded recycling program in town.

Motion: Faculty Senate is asking Keith and/or Facilities to provide an itemized list of sustainability recommendations that can be used both short term and long term.... Supporting and commending on his efforts – asking for more information on sustainability issues/actions....Recycling and conservation of electricity and being a good steward of resources.... Recognize efforts

Senate resolves that the University should do everything is can to encourage sustainability without harming the educational mission. --- approved

8. Adjourn </= 1:50 PM

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