

SENATE FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY September 5, 2008

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Present: Jill Dumesnil, Jonathan Anderson, Chip McMillan, Priscilla Schulte, Rick Wolk, Tony Martin, Mary Claire Tarlow, Jeremy Kane, Rick McDonald, Caroline Hassler, Matt Heavner, David Noon

Guests: Larry Harris, Mark Speece, Vickie Williams, John Pugh, James Everett

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (3:00pm)
2. Agenda adopted with addition of statement from Chancellor Pugh
3. May 2, 2008 minutes approved
4. Chancellor's report: Chancellor Pugh stated he will try to attend as many Senate meetings as he can. He discussed the proposed FY 2010 budget which goes to the Board of Regents next week. An increase in 18 million dollars is requested to cover increases in salaries and benefits, and an additional 12 million for new or expanded programs. The #1 priority is student success followed by Energy issues, Health, and Workforce Development. New projects proposed for UAS are the campus entrance realignment, student housing, Hendrickson remodel, Sitka Hangar remodel and a davit (crane) for Ketchikan. The Chancellor was not confident these projects would be budgeted for this year.

The Chancellor expressed concern over the Academic Master Plan proposal and how UAS would fare in program allocation. He also thanked faculty who participated in the new student Guide program. He emphasized the need to work on retention

5. Report from Provost – Provost Everett stated he looked forward to developing his relationship with the Senate. He will be spending a great deal of time this year on accreditation. Quantifiable learning outcomes are important. Provost Everett talked about working through the UAS restructuring, with an emphasis on focus and alignment around the University mission. He said the emphasis on being a “Teaching and Learning led institution” is not about individual research programs, but he said he would be looking at all grants to see that they have a fit within the University mission. Likewise he said he would take an “active role” in faculty searches and emphasized the need for applicants to demonstrate “teaching effectiveness.” He will be instituting a small grant program to facilitate development of innovations in the classroom.

6. Report from President – Jill Dumesnil

6.2 Faculty Alliance

6.2.1 Electronic Activity Report: Faculty Alliance expressed concern with electronic activity reports.

https://uascentral.uas.alaska.edu/onlinelib/portfolios/FACULTY_SENATE/CLC_ONNOR_6236/5_2_1_eFAR_motion.doc

Last year the UAS School of Education used an electronic format. Dean Harris commented that they would not do so this year.

6.2.2 Statewide Academic Master Plan: Alliance is also quite concerned with the concept of an Academic Master Plan that does not have significant faculty involvement,

https://uascentral.uas.alaska.edu/onlinelib/portfolios/FACULTY_SENATE/CLC_ONNOR_6341/5_2_2a_Draft_AMP.doc

The Alliance passed a motion to withhold endorsement.

https://uascentral.uas.alaska.edu/online/portfolio/FACULTY_SENATE/2008_2009/Sept_5_2008?term=Fall-2008&behavior=UAS&session=1093033&element=136&action=show

This will be discussed with SAC later this year.

Senators are requested to discuss the charge and the Alliance motion with their departments and report in October.

6.2.3 Faculty Travel: Jill reported that President Hamilton's charge to cut travel by 10% applied only to administrative travel.

6.2.4 Distance Education Legislative Audit: This has just been completed and Faculty will receive a formal report sometime later this fall.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Mike Boyer remains chair.

8. Old Business

8.1 Double majors – Brian Blitz reported on the double major proposal raised last

May. https://uascentral.uas.alaska.edu/onlinelib/portfolios/FACULTY_SENATE/CLCONNOR_6447/7_1_doublemajor_policychange.pdf

UAA and UAF have such a policy. Mary Claire moved and Matt seconded approval of the concept. There were no objections. Brian will discuss technical issues with Registrar Barbara Hegel and then move the proposal to curriculum committee

9. New Business

9.2 BA 151 — Rick Wolk from the School of Management submitted a proposal to include BA 151 Introduction to Business as a GER

https://uascentral.uas.alaska.edu/onlinelib/portfolios/FACULTY_SENATE/CLCONNOR_6514/8_2a_BA_151_GER_Proposal.pdf

https://uascentral.uas.alaska.edu/onlinelib/portfolios/FACULTY_SENATE/CLCONNOR_6573/8_2b_FScourseproposal_catA.pdf

Social Science faculty unanimously opposed the proposal. The following statement was read from Social Sciences Chair, Dan Monteith:

“The Social Science faculty of UAS (including all campuses) have reviewed the BA 151 proposal and have unanimously voted NOT to support the BA 151 as a Social Science GER. If the School of Management would like the School of Arts and Sciences, Department of Social Science to develop and teach a Social Science GER that might better meet their needs we would be willing to enter into a dialogue. Many state and private schools around the country follow a similar curriculum to UAS. In keeping with our mission and philosophy of this campus we recommend that Business students consult the existing list of Social Science GERs. We believe the existing Social Science GER courses will not only help them in the business world but enlighten them to be better human beings and citizens. We thank the Faculty Senate for your support on this matter.”

Senators are asked to discuss with their departments how new GER's outside the current framework should be addressed, and whether GERs in general should be reviewed.

10. Next Faculty Senate Meeting: October 3, 2008

11. Senate adjourned at 5:15pm

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