

Faculty Senate Agenda

March 6, 3-5 PM

Location: Egan Library 211

Zoom link:

Ali Ziegler, President
Brian Blitz, Past President
David Cox, President-Elect
Mike Boyer, Business
Luke Gibes, Career Ed
Kevin Spink, Education
Xiaofei Song, Humanities

Julie Schram, Natural Sciences
Melissa Dolese, Social Sciences
Kaia Henrickson, Library
Jay Szczepanski, Juneau
Terissia Bell, Sitka
Colleen Ianuzzi, Ketchikan
Scott Billingsley, Provost

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of agenda
- IV. Approval of [February meeting minutes](#)
- V. Announcements/Questions/Guests:
 - A. No Carin this week - Accreditation update
 - B. AVTEC Course Agreement (Neil Nickerson)
- VI. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report](#)
 - A. Add HS 116 Mathematics in Healthcare to the Health Information Foundations OE (Terissia)
 - B. Category A Programs for Final Senate Review: None
 - C. Category A Courses for Final Senate Review:
 1. MATH S113. *Mathematics in Society
 2. NWCA S240. *Beginning Northwest Coast Woolen Weaving I.
 3. NWCA S260. *Beginning Regalia Making I.
 4. OCEI S201. *Topics in Environmental Science
 - D. Category A Programs for Initial Senate Review
 1. Indigenous Studies, B.A. (Burge). Updating PLOs and assessments to better align with BA programs. Adding Indigenous Interdisciplinary Emphasis area to replace Indigenous Studies emphasis. Initiator has stated that students who do end up taking 30 credits in one area under the Interdisciplinary Emphasis will be redirected to the appropriate emphasis. This was initially put through as a Category B but is interdepartmental so it would be a Category A.
 - E. Category A Courses for Initial Senate Review - none
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Banner / Course search tools issue?
 - B. [The Compact](#) - sent!
 - C. [Ed2Go](#) - sent!
 - D. Ambassador Bookstore
 - E. [Resolution to distribute pay over 12 month period - "9 over 12"](#)

1. UA HR sent out a survey to collect related feedback
 - F. NWCCU process for accelerated bachelor degrees. [V714: Commission Opens Process for Accelerated Bachelor's Degrees - NWCCU](#).
 - G. Faculty Handbook Committee (Blitz, Ziegler, Cox, Henrickson, Martin)
 1. We need a subcommittee - administrators with rank section (p. 73)
 2. We need another subcommittee - sabbatical section (p. 91-93)
 3. We need another committee - visual and performing arts section (starting on p. 137)
 - H. [RSI Policy](#)
- VIII. New Business
- A. [LMS Course Retention Policy Proposal](#) (Henrickson)
 - B. Handbook revisions - draft sent
- IX. FS President's Report:
- A. [Faculty Alliance Chair Report](#)
 - B. We need nominations for president-elect
 - C. Faculty senate reps for next year
 - D. Faculty Time Off (FTO): Save your department's budget by taking all of your FTO. Cash out some if you want ([FTO Cash-in form](#), [Faculty Time Off FAQs](#)). The point being if you have any FTO left on May 10th, then Statewide gets the money.
 - E. [Nominations open for 2026 Staff Make Student Count Awards](#) (due 3/20)
 - F. Presidential Search Update
 1. [UAF Resolution Opposed](#)
 2. [Email from Alliance Chair](#)
 - G. Convocation set for August 18-19, 2026
- X. Provost Report
- A. Board of Regents Update
 - B. School of Career Education Dean Update
 - C. TVEP Update
 - D. RHTP Update (Rural Health Transformation Program)
- XI. Committee Reports
- A. [CELT report](#)
 1. CELT recommends that UAS adopt (and Faculty Senate approve) a 5-year course retention timeline for the LMS (Blackboard) - see separate proposal
 2. CELT's Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) webpage has been updated with new checklists for faculty and sample syllabus statements. There will be two identical programs on RSI on Feb 24th from 3:30-4:30pm and March 4th from 9-10am.
 3. CELT has a new High-Impact Accessibility Actions page, and there is a new Accessibility Support area on the UAS Employee Hub
 - B. Research and Creative Activity - no written report
 - C. Sustainability Committee -
 1. Needs a new chair

2. Good waste management news!: Reusable to-go containers AND composting.
3. We did some Earth Day planning.

XII. Adjournment. No later than 5PM.

AY 25- 26 Calendar

Day (1st Friday, 3 to 5 pm unless otherwise noted) Tentative Agenda Items

September 5, 2025

October 3, 2025

November 7, 2025

December 5, 2025

February 6, 2026

March 6, 2026

April 3, 2026

May 1, 2026

Accreditation update and CPOS update

Accreditation update

Faculty Handbook updates distributed

Nominations for President-elect

Big Accreditation Updates

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