

Faculty Senate Agenda

April 3, 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 [March meeting minutes](#)
- V. Announcements/Questions/Guests:
 - A. Carin Accreditation Visit!
- VI. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report - no new business
- VII. Old Business
 - A. [LMS Course Retention Policy Proposal](#) (Henrickson)
 - B. Handbook revisions (draft sent via email) - comments?
 - C. [Presidential Search Feedback Form](#)
 - D. [CTE Concerns / Letter](#)
 - E. Ambassador Bookstore - no news
 - F. [Resolution to distribute pay over 12 month period - "9 over 12"](#)
 - 1. UA HR sent out a survey to collect related feedback
 - G. NWCCU process for accelerated bachelor degrees. [V714: Commission Opens Process for Accelerated Bachelor's Degrees - NWCCU](#).
 - H. 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)
 - I. [RSI Policy](#) - no news
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Faculty senate reps for next year (esp. Juneau rep)
 - B. Past-president
 - C. [AI Syllabus Statement Resolution?](#)
 - D. Change term to non-tenure track
 - E. Consider a resolution re: Paid Consultants. Consider a resolution or motion requesting that administration consult with Faculty Senates before hiring outside programs/consultants (e.g., Gardner Institute) to conduct analysis. Context: UA

has been spending a lot of money hiring outside consultants for various academic and fiscal analysis, even though there is a great deal of internal expertise that could be tapped.

IX. FS President's Report:

- A. [Faculty Alliance Chair Report](#)
- B. We need nominations for president-elect
- C. 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.
- D. Convocation set for August 18-19, 2026
- E. A note to faculty: expect an email coming soon from the Provost / Anita with a link to an evaluation form for your dean or director. Sitka faculty will receive a feedback form for Jeremy. Ketchikan faculty for Bill. A&S Juneau faculty for Carin. SOE faculty for Angie. Library faculty for Elise. The questions and process were developed by a subcommittee of the faculty senate and are meant as formative feedback to the Provost on their direct reports. Next year we need to write the process out for the faculty handbook. Ask Jennifer Ward if you have any questions.

X. Provost Report

- A. SCE dean search
- B. Water main repairs
- C. Jacqueline C. Tagaban (new AVC for Alaska Native Programs and PITAAS Director)
- D. Dates to remember:
 - 1. Faculty Authors Celebration: April 10
 - 2. Commencement: May 1-3
 - 3. Faculty Excellence Awards: May 4

XI. Committee Reports

A. CELT:

- 1. CELT recommends that UAS adopt (and Faculty Senate approve) a 5-year course retention timeline for the LMS (Blackboard) - [see separate proposal](#). Answers to questions from the last Senate meeting:
 - a. Courses would be kept for 5 years plus the current semester (so around 5.5 years). CELT is willing to change this to 6 years if that is what Faculty Senate prefers.
 - b. UAA only keeps their courses for 3 years
 - c. Faculty can download the gradebooks for their Blackboard courses as .csv files
 - d. Students lose access to their UA login 8 weeks after no longer being enrolled in a course at a UA institution (and thus also lose access to Blackboard at that time)
- 2. CELT is offering a series of "bite-sized" accessibility trainings in April on structure and headings, alternative text, linking to outside content, and

accessibility tools available at UAS. See the CELT Events calendar or UAS Connect for details.

3. CELT's Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) webpage has been updated with new checklists for faculty and sample syllabus statements.
4. 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 - no written report

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

VP Smentkowski?