

SENATE FACULTY MEETING Minutes

FRIDAY March 7, 2008

3:00-5:00 pm Egan Library 211

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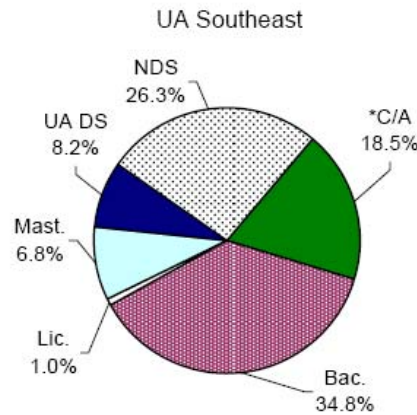
Present: Cathy Connor (President), Jill Dumesnil (President-elect), Lynn Shepherd, Leslie Gordon, Priscilla Schulte, Jeremy Kane, Tony Martin, Rick Wolk, Cara Wicks-Ortega, Sanjay Pyare, David Noone, Matt Heavner

Absent: Rick McDonald

Guests: David Goyette, Nina Chordas, Robbie Stell, James Everett, Kevin Krein

1. Call to Order 3:00
2. Minutes of February meeting approved
3. No BRIEF Comments from Assembly Members, Ex-Officio members
4. Chair's report:
 - McTaggart (Consultant) Report on Statewide System Evaluation: ODF copy of report is posted on Faculty Senate portfolio site for this meeting.. A summary of the report:
Praise for President Hamilton's ability to consistently get additional money from legislature.
 - Question was raised in report about whether Statewide is satisfying the campus "customers" with its various roles. Delivery of programs by SW is sometimes contentious; program delivery should be the purview of the campuses although sometimes arbitration between campuses is necessary.
 - President Hamilton's timeline for response/action, is also posted...June for action.
 - Preliminary Spring enrollment Figures: **Looking fairly hopeful from UAS perspective-Low percentage of Baccalaureate majors is a concern. (34.8% of total UAS student population, Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses are closer to 50%)**

Table 11. UAS Student Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment by Degree-Seeking Status Spring 2008



Occupational	Associate		Bachelor		Licensure	Master	Ph.D	UA DS	NDS	Total
Endorsement	Certificate	(AAS)	(AA)							
3.3	53.9	95.2	87.2	476.5	12.4	111.0	105.0	336.2	1,280.5	

*Spring enrollment figures UA statewide

<http://www.alaska.edu/swoir/students/opening/Spring2008OpeningEnrollmentReport.pdf>

-Electronic Faculty Activity Reports: UAF and UAS have agreed to continue with the electronic activity report. UAS has agreed to pay its share to participate for (at least) another year. There will continue to be “glitches.” Schools of Education and Management participated in pilot this year. Next year will be another pilot year. Q: The form in the Handbook will probably “go away” next year and be replaced by the electronic activity report.

-Solicit ADHOC Committee for Faculty Excellence Award Selection: No entries for teaching award.... One more week to solicit teaching award... Leslie Gordon, Cara Wicks-Ortega and Rick Wolk volunteered to serve on the selection committee with Cathy Connor and Jill Dumesnil.

-2008-2009 Faculty Senate Members needed by March 15: Department reps needed by 3/15 and at-large reps needed by 3/31. Rick Wolk (MGT), Caroline Hassler (LIB), Jeremy Kane (HUM), Leslie Gordon (SIT), Priscilla Schulte (KET) will represent various groups.

-ACCFT Faculty Handbook language revision... progress toward a 2nd reading

Update on ACCFT Handbook language: (PS) Informal working group met 3/6 (Cathy Connor, Tim Powers, Chuck Craig and Priscilla Schulte) Rewriting language

for handbook and will send to ACCFT faculty in Ketchikan, Sitka, and Juneau and after approval by relevant faculty, the issue will be returned to Faculty Senate.

5. ACTION ITEM

-Academic Catalogue Proposed Changes-Provost Stell: Proposing admission conditions/requirements to enter various programs in line with UAA. One major change is having a high school GPA of 2.5 to enter Bachelor programs. There are other enrollment opportunities to enter Bachelor programs after completion of credits. See documents posted on FS portfolio site. Q: What does “ability to benefit” mean and to whom does it apply? Ans: (RS) It is part of a federal mandate and applies to all programs. Q: There is concern in Career education about dual enrollment students who might satisfy requirements for endorsement before age 18. A: The Dean can sign off on the occupational endorsement and age exceptions are already allowed. Q: “SAT, ACT or approved test”.... The approved test refers to whatever UAS placement testing is being used. Perhaps language should indicate who does the approving of the various tests.

Motion: (TM, SP) Move to conditionally approve the catalog language on admission requirements pending clarification of ability to benefit and adding to all takers, what screening mechanisms (define tests used), who approves the tests. Approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

HUMANITIES Department

-GER Theater Arts: (David Goyette) Changing Theatre Appreciation from 2 to 3 credits in alignment with Art Appreciation and Music Appreciation. THR111 is comparable to THR111 at UAA. Motion: (RW, PS) Approve new course. Approved unanimously. Course will proceed to Curriculum Committee.

-ENGL 215: (Nina Chordas) Title Change to GER: Change from Introduction to Literary Studies to introduction to Literary Criticism in order to more accurately reflect what is covered in the course. Motion: (LS, RW) Approve the title change. Approved by consent.

-ENG 226: (Nina Chordas) Removing course from the English major requirements and requiring English majors take ENG226 as their Humanities GER. CC: This issue doesn't require Faculty Senate approval. Issue should proceed to Curriculum Committee.

7. INFORMATION ITEM

Provost Roberta Stell: Winter Report to Faculty Senate distributed. Re-accreditation efforts are well underway. Factbook has been updated on the IR website.

Vice Provost James Everett:

The UAS Learning Community and Academic Affairs-a view from the Provost's Office- Still in the anthropological mode of listening and learning – not in the evaluation stage. UAS is, despite its size, very complex and complicated. Jim has been working on Statewide Student Success Committee and on the Administration's

UNAC negotiations team. Working with Chancellor on branding strategy for UAS and refining marketing issues related to UAS. Working with Learning Center and TRIO Program.

Distinctive Learning Community Concept: Morphed from previous plans. UAS has teaching and learning as a centerpiece as its reason for being. UAS has a variety of “extraordinary opportunities” making it a fantastic place to be. There are still a number of issues with regard to the “heart of the place” with regard to teaching and learning.

Q: What issues on campus seems “strange” to a relative outsider. Ans: The strange dichotomy/tension between distance and face-to-face delivery of programs. Managing programs should be independent of modes of delivery. We have an enormous range of innovative practices with regard to teaching and learning.

Accreditation team will focus on recruitment and retention trend lines. Q: What about the tension between claims of quality programs while focus is on developmental/remedial programs? Ans: Very tough issues. The issue needs to be addressed through the Provost’s office, and it is being addressed there. RW: We haven’t done a very good job selling the benefit of the distance-delivered business programs to Alaska programs - The regional issue will be a risk measure for accreditation....

8. Other Items/ FS Committee Reports, Task Force updates, all the info you want to share

Sustainability Committee: Been meeting regularly all year working in conjunction with the CBJ Sustainability Committee. Workshop on “Juneau: Sustainability and Energy” scheduled for April 4. Committee is also assisting with Staff Development Day with regard to sustainability. Take Juneau-specific survey at uas.alaska.edu/pub/energy survey. Report on survey results will be made at the workshop.

Peripherally: Each MAU is working on developing a “center” on sustainability issues at UAS, UAA and UAF and their respective communities.

9. Adjourn ~ 5 PM