

SENATE FACULTY MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY October 3, 2008  
Egan Library 211

Present: Jill Dumesnil, Jonathan Anderson, Chip McMillan, Priscilla Schulte, Leslie Gordon, Rick Wolk, Tony Martin, Mary Claire Tarlow, Jeremy Kane, Caroline Hassler, Dan Monteith

Guests: James Everett

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (3:04pm)
2. Agenda approved
3. September 5, 2008 minutes approved with the addition of Leslie Gordon's name as among those present.
4. Chancellor's report: None
5. Provost's report: Provost Everett noted that President Hamilton will visit Juneau Monday October 6 for a campus review. Provost Everett noted a decline in credit hours in Arts and Sciences. He also shared UAS's Performance Based Budgeting report and stated he would share it with any faculty upon request. He noted a continuing discussion on the understanding of UAS as a teaching and learning institution and said he would be meeting with each department to further address the subject. He noted that UAS is proceeding with the renovation of the Anderson building. Jonathan Anderson noted that the planned pedestrian overpass would not be built because state DOT stated it might require it to be torn down in the unspecified future to accommodate road straightening. Provost Everett confirmed the situation.

He noted UAS is currently allocated 6% of the University budget and must always struggle for funding.

Jill Dumesnil shared Faculty Alliance's concern with the limited faculty participation in the UA-wide Academic Master Plan.

Jonathan expressed concern with the lack of full shared governance at all levels of the University.

6. Report from the President. Jill Dumesnil reported the Chancellor had vetoed the 5/2/08 Senate Resolution on UAFT Faculty Evaluations. Jill and Provost Everett will meet to discuss this further.

Jill announced a full Faculty Assembly meeting to be held Friday October 10 from 3-5pm in the Egan 104 media classroom. The first item will be getting faculty input on the UA Academic Master Plan, prior to the 10/15 Alliance meeting with the Statewide Academic Council (SAC).

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The second item will be a discussion about re-evaluation of General Education Requirements (GER's), and the third item will be discussion of how to get regular faculty input from academic groupings that do not have chairs or departmental meetings.

7. Committee Reports: Jonathan Anderson reported for the Communications committee that the Senate portfolio site is now linked to the UAS website, Faculty Senate page.
8. Old Business: There was continued discussion over the issue of GER's which had been stimulated by the School of Management's proposal to include a Business course as a Social Science GER. That proposal was rejected by the Social Science faculty and is no longer being considered by the Senate. The larger issue is how any proposed GER should be considered if it does not fall into current categories. This will be discussed at the 10/10 Assembly meeting.
9. New Business: Chip McMillan and Rick Wolk shared the work of the Sustainability Committee. It has done some work on energy use, greenhouse gasses and waste issues. They are interested in starting a discussion on a Sustainability academic credential. Dan Monteith suggested they might want to consider the model of the BLA. More information at:  
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/FacultySenate/sustainability.html> and  
<http://wiki.uas.alaska.edu/page/Sustainability>
10. Reports from Senators: Leslie Gordon reported an upcoming Science and Technology Fair in Sitka for school children.
11. Next Faculty Senate Meeting: November 7, 2008
12. Senate adjourned at 5:05pm