President-elect Monteith brought the meeting to order at 3 pm and called the role.
Present: Rick Wolk, Anne Jones, Emily Wall, Caroline Hassler, Alex Simon, Robin Gilcrist, Colleen McKenna, Rose Goeden, Brian Blitz, John Radzilowski (audio), Rick Caulfield (audio), Mischelle Pennoyer (scribe)
Absent: Sherry Tamone, Carolyn Bergstrom **Guests:** Barbara Hegel, Carol Hedlin

Public Comments
No public comments offered.

Announcements
Monteith: Elections for Faculty Senate begins in March. Language, from Faculty Senate bylaws, explaining election timelines follows:

Election of Faculty Senator: Between March 1 and March 10, each faculty academic unit will elect or re-elect a Senator. All members of the Faculty Assembly are eligible to vote for one senator from their faculty academic unit and one senator from their campus

Election of Campus Senator: By March 20, members of the Faculty Assembly on each campus (Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau) will elect a Campus Senator.

Election of Officers: **(1)** At the March meeting of the Faculty Senate, the Senate President will open nominations for Senate President-Elect. All Faculty Assembly members are eligible for nomination. Nominations may be taken from the floor and will remain open until March 31. **(2)** It is the obligation of Faculty Senators organized under each Dean (or Director, if not under a Dean) to provide at least one nominee for that faculty group. Should this fail to produce a nomination, by default current Faculty Senators under that Dean (or Director) will automatically be nominated for President-Elect.

Adopt Agenda
Monteith: UAF Health Care Dependent Audit Resolution added to agenda. Asked Senate to consider all new and old business items together as business; agenda adopted with changes by unanimous consent.

Business
1. Compressed Classes: B Hegel with follow up from November meeting; seeking official notification from Faculty Senate that language can be removed/changed. In academic catalog: For classes of less than one semester in duration, course hours may not be compressed into fewer than three days per credit (no more than one credit may be earned per week, per student). Provost's Council asked for input from Faculty Senate. Provost has approved two requests with proviso to faculty that this issue will go to Faculty Senate for consideration (clarity).

    Motion from Wall: Vote to delete from the Academic Catalog wording (timeline) on compressed classes; seconded by Goeden.

All units except Blitz/Natural Sciences support striking the language from the academic catalog. Natural Sciences would prefer exceptions be dealt with individually; speaking to quality control.

Hegel reiterated that the language will be removed from the catalog.

UAF Resolution on Verification of Health Care Dependent Audit: Faculty Senate discussed aspects of health care dependent audit being conducted by Statewide.

Motion from Simon: UAS Faculty Senate supports UAF resolution; seconded by Radzilowski. Blitz offered an amendment to change UAFs to UASs, passed with unanimous consent.

Monteith will send the resolution to Faculty Alliance; and, then it will be forwarded to BOR and Faculty Alliance meeting with UA President Gamble. The resolution will be sent to Administration and Staff Council for their support. The effort is to present a united front on this issue.

2. GERs C or better: Hegel provided background on GERs with C grade or passing grade. At UAS, unless written in the course description, a passing grade is a D-. If Academic Catalog course description doesn't specify a grade of C in course description; default is a passing grade of D-. Currently only Communications GERs specify a passing grade of C.

Motion from McKenna: GERs must have C grade or better in each course taken; second from Goeden.

Hegel noted that a significant number of students will not graduate if this passes; cited math classes as example.

Monteith suggested a motion to table the issue until Senators have more opportunity to discuss with their departments.

Motion from McKenna: To table the issue to allow Senators more opportunity to discuss with their departments; Wolk seconded. Hegel and Monteith will find out UAA and UAF positions. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

3. Prerequisites C or better: Hegel asking Faculty Senate for decision about prereq grades. Currently using language in Academic Catalog as guide for programming prereqs for registration. UAS doesn't transfer in C- grades; unless from UAA UAF; and then will transfer in to a D-.

Simon suggested UAS accept D grades to avoid grade inflation. If C grades are the average, D grades are below average but still pass and demonstrates acceptable understanding of the subject matter.

Caulfield asked about consistency for sake of students how grading addressed has there been a focused conversation with Faculty Alliance, to find consensus among the three MAUs. .

Goeden asked about other specialty accreditations requiring C grades; as in health information accreditation.

Hegel explained that faculty will continue to have the ability to allow students to be added into their classes; UA on line, add/drop forms.

Motion from Simon: Unless other specified in catalog, prereqs must pass with a D- or better unless specified in catalog. A D- satisfies the prerequisite unless otherwise specified; seconded by McKenna. Motion passed; Wolk opposed.

If any prerequisites are to be changed notify Hegel immediately. Complete a minor change form C. Send it directly to Hegel to clarify course grade requirements. Doesn't need to go through curriculum committee; does require Dean's signature.

Monteith reiterated that this action will not trump anything written specifically by departments.

4. Class Scheduling: Monteith with follow up from December meeting. Faculty are interested in expanding 1.5 hour time blocks, beyond Tuesday and Thursday, to Monday and Wednesday.

   Hegel explained that expanding 1 hour blocks to 1.5 hours on Monday and Wednesday will result in fewer classrooms available for scheduling on those days; 1.5 hours is equal to two one hour blocks. Hegel is willing to work with Faculty Senate to explore other scheduling models for UAS.

5. Evaluation of Administration: Tamone not available to discuss topic with Faculty Senate. Plans to meet with Ciri to determine online options available; similar to student ratings. After discussion with units, Senators reported that most are generally in favor of exploring options for evaluating administrators so long as process is not onerous. Senators want to hear from Tamone and review options before presenting to their constituents.

6. Student Dishonesty: Tamone not available to provide update on topic; no new information posted to Portfolio. Grant wants to move ahead with revising policy. Monteith reiterated that faculty must be comfortable with revised policy. There were questions about the intent of Grant's request – to remove plagiarism policy from student code of conduct in the Academic Catalog or Student Handbook. Topic discussion tabled until next meeting. Monteith will follow up with Tamone on concerns and errors raised by Senate.

7. Plagiarism Software: Simon spoke with Grant about plagiarism software http://www.turnitin.com/static/index.php . Simon recommends that software not be made available to students: don't teach how to beat the software, teach students how to write. Software would be for Faculty use only. Senate questioned types of modules available and their associated costs. Senate asking Grant to follow up based on needs of schools with an estimate; proposal of package best suited for UAS.

8. UAF Resolution on Evaluation Process: Simon reviewed the resolution from UAF re: encouraging open committee meetings during faculty review process; distributed in November. (UNAC review candidates may opt for open committee meetings and that mandatory closed meetings be avoided.) UAF has confirmed process works well; UAA has always had open meetings process in place.

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Additional Item: Monteith to add sabbatical process as a discussion item at March meeting. Subjects to be brought up in March include: Continuous improvement to the sabbatical process, how to make it more transparent? How are proposals evaluated? Evaluate the planning process, both near and long term, for sabbatical making sure decisions are based on merit not issues of personnel. Sabbatical research – applied or pure, how to benefit faculty and UAS.

Additional Item: Monteith stated AY 11-12 Faculty Senate meetings agendas will be modeled as a business action item agenda: Senators to propose written motions and present to Senate. Senators will take motions to constituency for discussion. At next meeting, Senators should be prepared to discuss and vote on motions.

Monteith: There will be no reports at this meeting; moving to adjournment. All reports are available for reading on the portfolio.

Simon: Faculty handbook evaluation committee does not need to meet. Simon has been presenting proposals to Faculty Senate.

There was no discussion to approve minutes from December 4, 2010 (Portfolio Documents)

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.