

DRAFT MINUTES
University of Alaska Southeast Faculty Senate
April 6, 2012 Egan Library 211

In Attendance: C. Bergstrom, S. Neely, A. Jones, D. Monteith, R. Goeden, C. McKenna, V. Williams, R. Caulfield, P. Schulte via audio, W. Girven, B. Blitz, R. Gilcrist, D. Noon via audio, M. Pennoyer, scribe.

Guests: E. Hill, K. Krein, K. DiLorenzo

There is no digital record of these meeting minutes.

Faculty Senate President Dan Monteith called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Approval of the March meeting minutes was moved to the May meeting.
2. Nominations for Faculty Senate President and Senators is closed.

Representatives at Large:

Juneau	Chip McMillan
Ketchikan	Christopher Donar
Sitka	Rose Goeden
Natural Sciences	Brian Blitz
Humanities	Sol Neely
Social Sciences	Amanda Sesko
Library	Wendy Girven
CIOS	Rick McDonald
SOM	John Blanchard
SOE	Anne Jones
Career Ed	Pete Traxler

Since there were fewer than two candidates nominated for Faculty Senate President Elect, no election will be held. During the Faculty Assembly at Fall Convocation, the new Senate President will make the nomination and election of a President-Elect the first item of business.

Action Item

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3. Curriculum Committee – Update

Erica Hill

E. Hill reported that the committee will be considering AAS Law Enforcement – 2nd reading at the meeting on Friday April 13, 2012.

4. Associate of Arts Degree Changes

Jill Dumesnil

B. Blitz moved to accept the changes to AA degree as proposed by J. Dumesnil at the March meeting; W. Girven seconded the motion. With Humanities abstaining, the motion passed.

5. Outdoor Studies Emphasis BLA

Kevin Krein

V. Williams moved to accept the BLA Outdoor Studies Emphasis; S. Neely seconded the motion. Discussion included an observation from Natural Sciences that the curriculum was not rigorous enough. With abstentions from Natural Sciences and the Juneau Representative at Large, the motion passed.

6. AK Native Studies Emphasis BLA

Kevin Krein

W. Girven moved to accept the BLA Alaska Native Languages Emphasis. S. Neely seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. UA E Lab Task Force Recommendations

Update from Dan Monteith

D. Monteith provided an update to the Senate: Faculty Alliance approved the recommendations of the UA E Lab Task Force. President Gamble has asked the task force to continue to work on issues of transferability; and, to continue to act as a standing committee. Monteith asked that any decision on the part of Faculty Senate be delayed until the May meeting. He has spoken with several UAS science faculty, but has more with whom he'd like to follow up.

UAS faculty will provide recommendations on the review process. Further work may take place over the summer or at Fall Convocation. UAF has suggestions and Monteith will circulate them to the Senate.

R. Caulfield stated that this issue arose at SAC because faculty in certain disciplines, from other MAUs – not specifically UAS, were reluctant to accept student credits for those who had taken labs online.

Monteith reiterated that UAS and Natural Sciences are not fixing the document, but deciding what UAS wants the review process to look like.

P. Schulte proposed that each department review their course outlines every seven years, or as required, to address the broader issue of courses, including labs, staying current and up to date. Monteith suggested this discussion be placed on the May meeting agenda.

Caulfield added that the next NWCCU accreditation report is due in September 2013. This report will include mechanisms for reviewing GERs. As an ongoing need for UAS, Dean Sousa, D. Monteith, P. Schulte and several other faculty, will attend a workshop for national best practices for what GERs and student outcomes look like.

http://www.aacu.org/meetings/institute_gened/index.cfm

This team will help chart a course for how UAS addresses GERs courses and labs, including frequency of reviews. Caulfield is hopeful the team will lead a GER workshop during Fall 2012 Convocation.

7. B PADM Natural Resource Management Emphasis Kathy DiLorenzo

K. DiLorenzo presented an overview of the PADM with a Natural Resources Management emphasis: the degree has been in the planning stages for two years. Brought on by request of students in natural resources and environmental policy; and, with support of long-term department adjunct faculty, the Public Administration department feels it has an opportunity to pursue and develop this type of emphasis – to grow their own. The new emphasis is supported by the 2011 SOM Program review and focus groups.

The classes, including student learning outcomes and competencies of the MPA program, syllabi, and grading rubrics, have been piloted for the last two years. Enrollments have been averaging 10-12 students. Students from the Environmental Science and Geography and Environmental Resources programs have been enrolled in some of the pilot classes. Enrollments in the piloted classes have not diluted numbers in other MPA program classes.

DiLorenzo explained that adding this emphasis to the MPA program will not require any new faculty; existing faculty, including long-term adjuncts, are in place to teach all courses.

B. Blitz: How can an emphasis in natural resource management not require any courses in statistical modeling, chemistry, biology?

DiLorenzo: This emphasis is a supplement to a general management degree about natural resource policy; how it is created, evaluated and disseminated through public organizations in Alaska and the Yukon.

D. Monteith: For this program, who are the full-time faculty and what is their expertise?

DiLorenzo: I am the only full-time faculty in the department; and, director of the program. As director, I provide the guidance to get students into the program. Teaching of this emphasis relies on long-term adjunct faculty and their professional expertise in the field.

R. Caulfield: Natural resources management is very broad. Should this emphasis be called natural resources policy – systems of government, laws, policy and regulations? This change might sharpen the focus of the emphasis and mitigate the confusion brought up by Brian Blitz's statements about science issues.

DiLorenzo: Discussion did include naming the emphasis Natural Resources Policy. There is no aversion to changing the name, and after the questions, it would probably clarify the intent of the program.

D. Monteith: Suggests that Senate move to approve and move on to graduate committee; and, Senators get feedback from their units. The graduate committee approved proposal will be brought back to Faculty Senate for a vote at the May meeting.

B. Blitz moved to have PADM department move this proposal to the graduate committee; and, to have the Senate vote on it during the May meeting. With a second from C. Bergstrom, the motion passed unanimously. DiLorenzo will be available at the May meeting to answer questions.

7.C UAF Resolution

Dan Monteith

D. Monteith introduced the UAF resolution opposing President Gamble's proposed no-hire policy of tobacco users.



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W. Girven moved to have Faculty Senate send a letter (via email) to the UAF Faculty Senate in support of their resolution. With a second from C. Bergstrom, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Student Ratings

Committee Update

D. Monteith reported the Student Ratings committee is moving away from the use of course evaluations to the term student ratings. The Committee has decided on ten questions. At the April 11th meeting, the Committee will finalize the questions and send them out to faculty for their review. After the faculty review, the questions and potential amendments will come back to Faculty Senate for their vote at the May meeting; voting in September may be an option.

9. TLTR and Blackboard Update

Colleen McKenna

C. McKenna reported Blackboard workshops, led by Maureen O'Halloran, for Juneau faculty are scheduled on April 19 and 20. For Ketchikan faculty, workshops are April 16 and 17. Fall 2012 blackboard sites are live next week and training will focus on getting faculty ready for the semester.

10. Honors Program Update on Dept Tracks Sol Neely

S. Neely reported that two tracks are in place: social sciences and humanities. Language for the Honors Program will be in the AY 12-13 Academic Catalog. Neely will teach the HNRS 293 one credit course. He is planning to present the completed department tracks for a Senate vote at the May meeting.

11. Faculty Handbook Update for 2012/13 Dan Monteith

The committee includes D. Monteith, N. Chordas, L. Hoferkamp, P. Schulte and T. Powers; follow up with P. Traxler to determine his interest and availability. Their first meeting is on Monday April 9, 2012. The committee plans to present changes and updates at Faculty General Assembly during Convocation, and then, for a vote to the Faculty Senate during the September meeting.

12. Other Action Items Dan Monteith

UAA Faculty Senate Resolution: Listening Session Process

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D. Monteith asked the Senate of their interest in writing a letter of support to UAA Faculty Senate. Monteith will send out the final version of the resolution to Senators for discussion with their departments.

R. Caulfield reported that he had received transcribed notes of the Listening Sessions which took place on the UAS campuses. Monteith asked to have notes posted to the Faculty Senate website.

Caulfield said he anticipates a directive from UA Statewide asking UAS to develop responses to the findings of the listening sessions.

UAA and UAF Faculty Senate Resolution: Code of Conduct

Monteith expects a resolution(s) to come before the end of the academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM