

Faculty General Assembly meeting minutes August 22, 2012

1:30 PM August 22, 2012 EG 112

Called to order by President Mike Stekoll

This year's Senators:

Dan Monteith - Past President

Mike Stekoll - Senate President

Brian Blitz - Nat Sci

Amanda Sesko - Soc Sci

Sol Neely - Hum

Anne Jones - Ed

Lindsey Doctorman - BPA

Rick McDonald - CIOs

Caroline Hassler - Library

Tim Anderson - Career Ed

Chris Donar - Ketchikan

Jon Martin - Sitka

Chip McMillan - Juneau

Faculty Senate President Elect:

Stekoll proposed the following procedure for nominating and electing the Faculty Senate President-Elect:

- 1) Nominations will be solicited at the August Faculty Assembly Meeting
Need a nomination and a second
- 2) Nominees must be present and agree to run for office
- 3) The names of the successful nominees will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate administrative assistant (Mischelle Pennoyer)
- 4) The admin assistant will prepare a ballot to be mailed to all Assembly members on or before August 27, 2012. Each Assembly member is allocated one vote to be turned in by secret ballot by Friday, August 31, 2012 to the admin assistant.
- 5) The ballots will be counted by the Faculty Senate President and the admin assistant by Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at which time the results will be communicated to the Faculty Assembly.
- 6) The President-Elect will assume office effective upon the announced results of the election.

Motion to accept the procedure by D. Monteith

Eve Dillingham 2nd

Procedure approved by voice vote

The Faculty Senate President:

- 1) Should be tenured, must be tenure track
- 2) Will serve on UAS Chancellors Cabinet and UA Faculty Alliance, possibly Faculty Alliance leader
- 3) Is considered Leadership opportunity for promotion.

There were 2 nominations that were accepted for Faculty Senate President: Rick Wolk and Virgil Fredenberg

The two candidates will supply a brief biography to Mischelle Pennoyer.

State of UAS faculty (Stekoll)

There are 77 tenure track faculty at UAS (all campus' are included).

There are 39 tenured faculty.

There are 9 full professors (5 female 4 male).

There are 30 associate professors (14 f, 16 m)

There are 62 assistant professors (34 F, 28 M)

There are 19 term faculty.

There are 245 total faculty including adjuncts.

Past President Report (Monteith)

- Faculty Handbook (HB) Revisions: we need an ad hoc committee to make revisions to the HB. Annual revisions should be approved at the May senate meeting, so new revisions should be brought to Senate for review by March.
- Student Ratings: There was an ad hoc committee last year headed by Amanda Sesko. Their document is ready for distribution.
- Status of Evaluation of Administrators by Faculty: This lost momentum in Sherry Tamone's time as Senate President about 2 years ago. Mary Claire Tarlow urged Faculty Senate to take this topic up again.

Alliance Report

- This year the GERs are under scrutiny partly due to transferability issues between MAUs. The Alliance is proposing an institute under the aegis of the American Association of Colleges and Universities on the theme of Essential Learning Outcomes in GERs. The institute would be held in Alaska with the participation of reps from peer institutions.
- **SDI-Strategic Direction Initiative:** Listening Sessions not well designed or analyzed. More later.
- **Complete College America Gates Foundation Initiative:** Rejected by president Gambell, Chancellor Pugh, and Faculty alliance, however the Governor likes it and he will ultimately decide. English and Math would be affected because one of the ideas is to mainstream remedial students into regular university courses but give them extra help. The philosophy is that remedial classes shouldn't be taught at universities, because failure rates are very high and students tend to drop out.

- **E-labs task force:** UAA Physics department refused to accept distance courses and this caused problems. In January 2012 the Faculty Alliance established the E-lab task force. The main charge was to determine if there is a need to review teaching labs by distance and face to face. In May the UAS faculty Senate agreed that we need to start reviewing GER science labs but the process is unclear and left to the NS department. Two year clock is ticking.
- **Information Technology Executive Council:** Wants Faculty Alliance participation in its meetings. So there will be one representative from each MAU to confer about statewide IT. It was also noted that Statewide IT has indicated they don't like Blackboard!

Curriculum Committee:

Pedar Dalthorp is the new UAS Curriculum Committee Chair. The deadline for proposals is Monday Oct 1. Forms and more information can be found on the Curriculum Committee website. Proposals should be sent to Mischelle Pennoyer with electronic signatures, which is new this year. Faculty need to set up electronic signature with Adobe. Some discussion on electronic signatures ensued.

Curriculum Comm Members:

- Pedar Dalthorp – Humanities (Chair)
- Megan Buzby –Natural Sciences
- Erica Hill - Social Sciences
- Eve Dillingham - CIOS
- Anselm Staack - BPA
- Marnie Chapman - Sitka
- Alberta Jones - Ed
- Chris Urata – Career Ed
- Teague Whalen – Ketchikan
- No rep - Library

Research Committee

Dave Tallmon is the new chair. The next meeting is at 4:10 to 5 pm in Egan library 210. URECA funds is the main topic for the meeting.

Adjournment 2:40

Notes by Cathy Connor (edited by Blitz)