

MEETING MINUTES
University of Alaska Southeast Faculty Senate
November 7, 2014 Egan Library 211

In Attendance (in Juneau): K. Krein, M. Haavig, C. Brown, E. Hayes, H. Batchelder, A. Sesko, M. Buzby, R. Caulfield and G. Hays, recorder.

Via Audio: C. Ianuzzi, T. Anderson, J. Ward and S. Feero

Guests: C. Hay-Jahans (Chair, Curriculum Committee)

I. Call to Order

President K. Krein called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

M. Buzby moved to approve the agenda of November 7, 2014 as amended. A. Sesko seconded. The agenda was approved as amended without objection. Inserted the topic Removal of UAS On-line as Item XII and rearranged the agenda so that the curriculum committee agenda items would be addressed first.

III. Approval of Minutes (4:47)

M. Buzby moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2014. H. Batchelder seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as amended.

IV. President's Report (41:53-54:49)

Senate Meeting with President Gamble

K. Krein announced that President Gamble will be visiting the Juneau campus on November 17th. It was decided to meet with him from 2:30-3:30 pm, location to be determined. K. Krein said he is assuming that the focus of the meeting will be the change in leadership, but to also think of other items of concern for discussion.

Shared Governance Event

K. Krein said that most faculty could meet with Dr. Dana Thomas on Friday, November 21st at 2-4:30 pm – hopefully in the Lecture Hall. He will present on university budget trends across the US, and then a reception will follow. This event is open to all faculty, deans and staff. An invitation will be emailed with the details.

College, Career, and Cultural Readiness Definition

K. Krein reported that Ashley Pierson from Education Northwest was on the Juneau campus November 5th to receive comments on the definition of college, career, and cultural readiness. He said he had to explain to some faculty that this survey was not funded by UAS, and that it was an opportunity to provide input on this definition. S. Feero commented that Sitka was pleased to offer their input. H. Batchelder said that many of the education faculty became more informed of this effort by taking the on-line feedback survey.

V. Provost's Report (55:04-1:28:45)

Budget - The Provost distributed copies of the budget passed by the Board of Regents (BOR) at their recent meeting. He pointed out the various faculty position proposed in the FY 16 operating budget, and some student life space proposals and renovation projects in the capital budget. There will be another \$1.6M expected budget reduction in the coming year. Provost Caulfield noted there will be up to five new regents

appointed by the new Governor. K. Krein said that Faculty Alliance has drafted a document of what they believe are the qualities of a Board of Regent member.

Diversity Action Committee – Chancellor Pugh is supporting the development of a Diversity Action Committee with representation from all 3 campuses, and faculty senate. The Provost said this committee will need a Faculty Senate approved co-chair. The charge is to develop diversity amongst faculty and staff, and to track the status. As some senators had not received information about the committee, the Provost would give the information to K. Krein to distribute.

Secondary School Student Enrollment / Dual placement Draft Policy - During the review of the draft policy the Provost confirmed that the 7 credit cap was eliminated and various edits were offered. Senators wanted to make sure that the instructor approval signature would be required. It was also agreed that language to address home-schooled students should be added.

UAS Bookstore – M. Buzby asked if upon registration, students would be notified about the lack of a bookstore on campus. The Provost said he would find out about what happens during registration, but said that on the Registrar’s website there is a link to MBS Direct book ordering site. He said the distribution of this information might be a topic the TLTR could put on their agenda. He also said there is discussion on where a convenience store could be located on campus to purchase such things as art supplies, and that perhaps textbooks for 100-200 level courses could be available in the library for a week or two while students purchase books. Tom Dienst is interested in having an advisory committee with faculty representation to make sure all these concerns are addressed.

VI. Committee Reports

Shared Governance (1:29-1:37:54)

- Strategic Planning and Budgeting Advisory Committee (SPBAC) – M. Haavig said the committee had not met since the last Faculty Senate meeting. However, she took the opportunity to ask the Provost about the proposed budget. He subsequently explained some of the possible budget impacts due to the vote by the BOR to not to accept the 4% increase in tuition.
- Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) – K. Krein reported that the committee had not met since the last Faculty Senate meeting. He encouraged senators to submit questions or agenda items to him to be put on the next MPIC meeting agenda. M. Haavig asked if the design team meetings for the student union would be open. The Provost would get back to her on that – not yet decided.
- TLTR - The TLTR did not meet prior to this Faculty Senate meeting so there is nothing to report.

Faculty Senate Committees (5:00-1:39:16)

- Curriculum Committee: Chris Hay-Jahans, chair of the Curriculum Committee, explained the difference between a first and second reading. He directed them to the academic catalog and the faculty handbook as a resource.

15-43 Financial Institutions Occupational Endorsement – Category A New Program (14:41-24:08)
M. Buzby moved to forward the proposal to the Curriculum Committee. A. Sesko seconded. Motion passed without objection.

15-46 GEOG 313 Natural Resource Management – Category A New Program (25:10-27:26)
H. Batchelder moved to forward the proposal to the Curriculum Committee. M. Buzby seconded. Motion passed without objection.

15-47 GEOG S375 Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Climate Change – Category A New Program
(27:38- 39:16)

M. Buzby moved to forward the proposal to the Curriculum Committee with the various concerns. A. Sesko seconded. Motion passed without objection. The senators asked that the CC add more information in the proposal about the faculty teaching the course and what requirements there are for faculty to teach the course. They believe it would be appropriate to formalize that it is a team-taught course, and indicate the frequency the course is offered.

- Graduate Curriculum Committee: Lee Graham, chair. Nothing to report.
- Research and Creative Activities: K. Krein reported on behalf of Brian Vander Naald, chair of the Research and Creative Activities Committee. He said the committee will present a proposal for consideration at the December meeting regarding allowing co-authored publications to count towards promotion and tenure as much as single authored publications. The committee also want faculty to know that the URECA applications are now available.

Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committees (1:41:18- 1:51:04)

- Academic Integrity: M. Haavig reported that the committee is working on a resolution of disputes regarding academic decisions or actions process (see report). The intent is to clarify the catalog content with this new language. She asked that senators solicit comments from their faculty, and send them directly to her or Lori Klein. She said Deans and Directors have already reviewed this with no objections.
- Electronic Evaluation: The senators reviewed the report submitted by V. Fredenberg about developing criteria for review. The Provost asked that a representative from the Provost office be included on the committee (non-voting) to address such items as process, and cost considerations.
- Update on Math/English GER Committees: Names recommended to be on the committee so far are Nina Chordas, and Emily Wall. M. Buzby reported that she and Brian Blitz traveled to Anchorage on the 24th and met with the group. While there are still many details to figure out (i.e. UAF removing developmental designator), they agreed on course numberings, and are working on the getting SLO and course descriptions matched up. E. Hayes said that English faculty are now taking a watch and see attitude. They are, however, forging ahead with developing SLO's.

VII. Credit for Prior Learning (1:51:55-1:52:04)

T. Anderson said the committee met two weeks ago and established what 'credit for prior learning' means. He reported they will meet again next Monday to continue this exercise, and start crafting policy language – which will be presented to Faculty Senate.

VIII. Minimum Baccalaureate Admission Standards (1:53- 2:05:04)

The senators again reviewed the intent behind the request by the Statewide Academic Council, Dr. Dana Thomas, and discussed the motion with the minimum admission standards options for entering students. During the review, it was noted that the GPA's in options 1 and 2 were different enough that senators were not comfortable approving the motion without again having their faculty feedback. It was decided that senators would present their faculty with this most recent document and get back to K. Krein or M. Haavig with a decision within the next couple of days. The urgency of this request is due to the fact that Faculty Alliance meets next Friday.

IX. GELO Outcomes (2:05:14- 2:11:36)

M. Haavig explained that Faculty Alliance wants to know if UAS will adopt the proposed set of baccalaureate SLO's that were presented to them last March. The senators reviewed the cross-walk of UAS competencies to GELO student learning outcomes and confirmed that they align with UAS competencies. K. Krein said he would take this information to Faculty Alliance.

X. Removal of UAS On-line (2:11:40 –2:20:11)

C. Ianuzzi reported that Fairbanks and Anchorage students cannot see their UAS classes from Blackboard and voiced faculty and student interest for a universal log-in between all MAU's. UAS on-line is not adequate. It was explained that TLTR has been advocating for this change but was told to bring the official request to Faculty Senate.

The Provost said that because TLTR is a regionally shared governance committee, this should be on their agenda to allow for adequate review by faculty, and IT. They could then present a concrete proposal in writing to Faculty Senate. K. Krein asked senators to ask faculty to give comments about this issue to their TLTR representative.

Adjournment

The Provost and recorder were excused 15 minutes early so faculty senate members could have a discussion without administrative presence. Nothing further came before the committee and the meeting adjourned without objection at 5:00 pm.

The next meeting of Faculty Senate is scheduled for December 5, 2014 at 2:30 pm.