

University of Alaska Southeast Faculty Senate Emergency Meeting Agenda

June 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

H. Batchelder, President	X	J. Fantasia, School of Career Ed.	
D. Noon, President Elect	X	R. Landis, Ketchikan Campus	X
R. Gilcrist, Past President		K. Krein, Humanities Dept.	X
G. Sampson, AK College of Education	X	J. Dumesnil for K. DiLorenzo, Juneau Campus	X
S. Nagorski, Natural Sciences Dept.	X	J. Ward, Library	X
C. Brown for J. Hamilton, Business & Public Admin. Dept.	X	D. Monteith, Social Sciences Dept.	X
J. Martin, Sitka Campus		K. Carey, Provost	

I. Call to Order

II. Introductions

III. Announcements

- a. Thank you to all senators for working together throughout the year – your service to UAS is greatly appreciated.
- b. Thanks to Anita for support to the UAS Faculty Senate and for the work designing and administering the recent Interim Chancellor survey.
- c. Thanks to Glenn Wright for consultation on the survey.
- d. Thanks to all UAS faculty serving on Faculty Alliance committees this summer, advocating for UAS and for higher education in Alaska.
- e. There will be a series of Facebook Live Town Halls hosted by Educating Alaska's Future. Keni Campbell will send out the links.
- f. Interim Chancellor – H. Batchelder noted that President Johnsen terminated the search process for a UAS Chancellor and is soliciting input on naming an Interim Chancellor. The recent Faculty Assembly preference vote resulted in a majority for Provost Carey to take on that role. A summary of the results and draft memos communicating the results to President Johnsen and Executive Cabinet can be found on the shared drive.

Discussion: Numerous concerns were raised by senators with the recent UAS process for soliciting feedback for selecting an interim chancellor, including:

- Executive Cabinet driving the process and asserting that the interim chancellor be limited to its four members.
- Lack of candidate statements about their interest in the position, vision, or philosophy.
- Inadequate qualifications of some of the Executive Cabinet candidates.

- Lack of clarity of how the provost position would be staffed if Provost Carey were selected as the interim chancellor.
- The rushed process.
- Potential weaknesses in UAS leadership if the chancellor and the provost are both interims.

Senators also noted / discussed the following:

- Satisfaction expressed with Provost Carey's qualifications to act as the interim.
- President Johnsen can appoint whomever he wishes and intends to name someone by June 19.
- President Johnsen has invited suggestions be sent to him, and this vote does not preclude anyone from reaching out to him on their own.
- Chancellor Caulfield is leaving June 30 with no interest in serving in an interim role.
- The two memos in the shared drive are drafts that can still be edited before sending.
- Communicate that the vote was conducted with only the four Executive Cabinet candidates.
- Desire for transparency in the way Faculty Senate communicates moving forward.
- Desire for a unified front.

IV. Approval of Agenda – *G. Sampson moved to adopt the agenda. S. Nagorski seconded. The motion carried with no objections.*

V. Approval of May 2020 Meeting Minutes – *Tabled until fall.*

VI. Emergency Meeting Topics:

- **Interim Chancellor** – Senators reviewed the two draft memos on the shared drive recommending Provost Carey's selection, and discussed at length how best to move forward. *D. Monteith moved to send a memo to the president today and K. Krein seconded. Discussion continued regarding the concerns raised earlier in the meeting and many suggestions to clarify and strengthen the draft memos were offered. After discussion, J. Dumesnil moved to approve the amended memos and G. Sampson seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*
- **Board of Regents (BOR) Motion – Advocacy** – Please contact your legislators and regents to provide input on the proposed merger of UAS. Thanks to everyone for his or her advocacy so far.
- **Chancellors Reporting Directly to the BOR – Reconsider Support** – Senators discussed the pros and cons of supporting policy changes to allow the three chancellors to report directly to the BOR rather than having their

communications filtered through the president. UAA and UAF have passed resolutions in support of this change. After discussion, *senators were asked to discuss this with their faculty and be prepared to vote on this online before the end of next week.*

- **Vote – No Confidence, Demand Resignation of President** – Senators discussed the pros and cons of passing such vote, the past votes of UAA and UAF, and the current events that have contributed to consideration of such action. H. Batchelder shared that the other MAUs are planning to vote and act in a coordinated fashion through Faculty Alliance. After discussion, *senators were asked to discuss this with their faculty and be prepared to vote on this online before the end of next week.*
- **Fall Classes – The Need for Exceptions, Phase B and Phase C** – It is unclear when the decision will be made to allow for greater face to face teaching methods, but faculty should be prepared for significant distance delivery methods this fall. Please discuss this with your faculty. An iTeach training workshop to help faculty prepare to teach online is being planned for later in the summer. Funding is being sought for the trainers as well as for participant stipends.
- **Proctoring Fall/Spring** – Provost Carey recently sent out an email that can be found on the shared drive about the lack of resources at UAS for proctoring services. Statewide is considering purchasing services for all campuses, but at this time faculty are being asked to look for alternatives. There is an appeal process if an exception is needed, but funds will need to be identified for the cost. There will be a session at Convocation on alternatives to proctoring and there are links to a number of resources in the email. The importance of not passing on additional cost burdens to students was emphasized. H. Batchelder asked senators to please share this with faculty as they prepare for the upcoming year.

VII. Faculty Senate Elections Update – D. Noon is seeking a president elect candidate to run against A. Dewees, who has graciously offered to serve in that role. It is critical to have UAS representatives in place in Faculty Senate and Faculty Alliance at this time. It was noted that no senate business could be conducted at Faculty Assembly at Convocation until an election with a minimum of two candidates is scheduled.

VIII. Adjourn – *K. Krein moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Brown seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:27.*

IX. Faculty Discussion