

**University of Alaska Southeast
Faculty Senate
NOTES**

December 2, 2022
3-4:30 pm, Library Room 211
And via Zoom

President, Jennifer Ward*	X	Juneau Campus, <u>X</u> 'unei Lance Twitchell	
Past President, Andrea Dewees**		Ketchikan Campus, Ali Ziegler	X
President-Elect, Glenn Wright*	X	Library, D. Cox for Jonas Lamb	X
Business / PADM, Mike Boyer	X	Natural Sciences, Lisa Hoferkamp	X
Career Education, Neil Voelckers	X	Sitka Campus, Joe Liddle	
Education, Beth Hartley	X	Social Sciences, Dave Noon	X
Humanities, Andrea Dewees**	X	Provost, Maren Haavig*	X

Academic and Faculty Affairs, Anita Parrish*

* Denotes non-voting role.

** Denotes dual role.

Guests: R. Sand, Director of EHS, Emergency & Risk Management Services
D. Pikul, Health and Safety Manager
C. Bennett
J. Dumesnil

- I. Call to order** (TC 01:23) – President J. Ward called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll call** (TC 01:37) – Senate members and guests were introduced.
- III. Approval of Agenda for today’s meeting**
(TC 03:50) – *N. Voelckers moved to approve the meeting agenda. A. Ziegler seconded. The motion passed without objection.*
- IV. Approval of Minutes from November meeting**
(TC 04:15) – *N. Voelckers moved to approve the prior meeting minutes. L. Hoferkamp seconded. The motion passed without objection*
- V. Housekeeping**
(TC 05:08) – J. Ward plans to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 if possible.

VI. Senate President's Report

(TC 05:30) – J. Ward referred senators to her written report on the Google drive. She is serving as co-chair and faculty representative on the chancellor search committee. The applicant pool has been narrowed to thirteen candidates that are being interviewed by the committee. They intend to recommend five candidates to P. Pitney by winter break. Those five candidates will then be invited for on-campus interviews in January. The work of the committee is still confidential at this time.

VII. New Business

A. Safety Committee / communications. Conversation with Ryan Sand and David Pikul.

(TC 10:30) – R. Sand, Director of EHS, Emergency & Risk Management Services and D. Pikul, Health and Safety Manager were introduced by President Ward. They have been invited to provide more information regarding the Safety Committee and other concerns of the senate. D. Pikul provided information on his background and his approach to health and safety. Although the Safety Committee has not met since he started in the position, he stated that it has not been disbanded. He is familiarizing himself with his regional role with a focus on compliance with regulatory agencies. He is learning more about how the university operates, and the importance of Faculty Senate. His goal is for UAS to be prepared rather than to react to situations.

Faculty expressed concerns about their lack of input in areas that affect their instructional and research activities. A recent OSHA visit as well as a recent Fire Marshall visit were discussed at length. Faculty reiterated their expectation to be involved in decisions that affect their areas of responsibility.

J. Ward noted the need for additional discussions and improved communications. FS leadership, affected faculty, and Provost Haavig will meet to further the conversation.

R. Sand emphasized that the goals of the unit are to work together to ensure health and safety, and ensuring faculty needs are met.

B. Antidiscrimination Training / Proposed handbook edits from DEICS committee (senate discussion, review, and possible vote)

(TC 42:20) – J. Ward referred senators to the document from the Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Safety (DEICS) regarding proposed edits to the faculty handbook. She noted that the first numbered item regarding antidiscrimination training will not be considered at this time as it requires actions outside the scope of the faculty handbook committee. M. Haavig clarified that the provost's office supports the idea of the training described in item 1, but has not assumed the responsibility for coordinating it.

Senators shared concerns from their faculty members about some of the items. Item 5 regarding updating pronouns was discussed at length, with G. Wright expressing strong support and D. Cox noted that such changes are becoming the norm stylistically. Item 1 was

discussed multiple times, and concerns about the enforcement of item 2 were noted. It was further clarified that items 3 and 4 use language from the UA Notice of Nondiscrimination.

A. Dewees moved that the Faculty Handbook Committee consider items numbered 2, 3, 4, and 5 from the DEICS committee memo dated 10/28/2022 that can be found in the shared drive. D. Noon seconded. After discussion, the motion passed on a roll call vote.

C. Spring Startup Agenda check-in. (JW)

(TC 1:03:15) – J. Ward noted that Spring Startup will be held on January 11 via Zoom. The agenda is currently being developed. She solicited ideas for sessions and asked if there was interest in holding a Faculty Assembly meeting on that day. Mentoring and safety were suggested as topics.

D. Information item: [memo on elimination of graduation fee](#)

Not discussed.

VIII. Old Business

A. Communication Pathways Governance Committee (report on Nov. 28 meeting Dewees, Ward)

1. [Document here](#)

Not discussed.

**B. OER and Course Material Adoption Trends Research Collaboration (Lamb)
Questions for Jonas?**

1. [one page research proposal](#)

2. Additional info and answers to FAQ in [Open UAS Report Nov 2022](#)

Not discussed.

C. Strategic Enrollment Task Force – Rosemarie Alexander will be the faculty rep. [Here is the fall 2022 plan](#) (pdf)

Not discussed.

D. Tenure & Promotion file review virtual (Ziegler, Wright)

Not discussed.

E. FYI: Professional Development Funds (UNAC CBA) first round awarded

- 1. Congratulations to Awardees: JoMarie Alba: Intercollegiate Biomathematics Alliance Online Certificate of Competency in Mathematical Biology / Megan Buzby: PNW NExT and Section meetings of MAA / Melissa Dolese: Forest Therapy Guide Training Retreat / Eran Hood: snow science field campaign in Glacier National Park / Colleen Ianuzzi: 2023 Joint Mathematics Meeting / Kevin Krein: Annual Meeting of the International Assoc. for the Philosophy of Sport / Sonia Nagorski: Geological Society of America Annual**

Meeting "GSA Connects 2022" / Kristy Smith: ACBSP Annual Conference 2023 / Jay Szczepanski: AWP (Association of Writing Programs) Conference 2023 / Bill Urquhart: Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association / Forest Wagner: Western Literature Association Conference / Jennifer Ward: ACRL2023 Forging the Future / Mary Wegner: International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Conference / Glenn Wright: Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2. Update on Funds Remaining (Parrish)

Not discussed – report available on the shared drive.

IX. Committee Reports

A. CELT Report (Dumesnil)

(TC 1:09:59) – J. Dumesnil reported that they are screening applicants for the Instructional Designer position. Training on the Respondus test creating tool is scheduled for next week. J. Dumesnil also serves on the Blackboard workgroup. In response to questions about Blackboard Ultra, she noted that UAF has decided to go with Canvas instead. UAA would like to move to Canvas but finds it cost prohibitive at this time. UAA and UAS will migrate to Blackboard Ultra at some time in the future, but nothing is changing at this time.

B. TLTR Report (Dumesnil, Ingman)

See CELT report.

C. IT Announcements (Cody B.)

(TC 1:12:30) – C. Bennett noted that the Helpdesk is short staffed at this time. Please encourage students to apply for open positions. They are seeking candidates with a positive customer service attitude and will provide training on the hard skills.

Support for the current virtual desktop environment is phasing out. Please encourage faculty to provide input on what technology they require so that they can get the support they need.

Screencast-O-Matic will be available soon with up to 100 licenses available. He noted that cloud storage is becoming more of an issue as companies are beginning to charge more.

D. RCAC (Robinson) - no report

E. UGCC (Cox) - no report

F. Graduate Curriculum Committee (Medenica) – no actions to report.

G. Sustainability (Wagner) – meets on Dec. 9th.

H. UAS Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Cultural Safety Report ([Memo UAS Student Government Resolution 2021-17: In Support of Adding a Racial and Ethnic Harassment Statement to the Student Code of Conduct](#))

X. [Provost Report](#)

(TC 1:19:06) – M. Haavig’s report can be found on the shared drive. Work continues to ensure that all Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) are published in the catalog. They should be worded in response to the phrase “*Upon completion, students will be able to:*” for consistency. She reiterated that PLOs need to be public facing, while course-level Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) are made available to enrolled students through the course syllabus. These are accreditation requirements.

M. Haavig described the collaboration with Outer Coast in Sitka. There is a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) in place between UAS and Outer Coast as they seek to become a branch campus of UAS. Faculty expressed concerns about the development of this MOU, particularly around the lack of faculty involvement. They also had concerns about whether UAS will benefit from the collaboration. They have asked that the topic of MOU development be revisited at a future meeting.

XI. Announcements / Celebrations of Accomplishments / Other

XII. Adjourn –

(TC 1:31:48) – The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

XIII. Faculty Conversation