

Faculty Senate Minutes

April 5, 2024, 3:00-5:00 PM

Location: Egan Library 211

And via Zoom

Glenn Wright, President	X	B. Blitz for C. Lewis, Natural Sciences	X
Jennifer Ward, Past President	X	Melissa Dolese, Social Sciences	X
Brian Blitz, President-Elect	(See NS)	Jonas Lamb, Library	X
Mike Boyer, Business & Public Administration	X	X'unei Lance Twitchell, Juneau	X
Neil Voelckers, Career Ed	X	Angie Bowers, Sitka	X
Beth Hartley, Education	X	Kasia Polanska, Ketchikan	X
Andrea Dewees, Humanities	X	Maren Haavig, Provost	X

Recorder: A. Parrish

Guests: K. Krein, K. Maier, P. Schirmer

- I. **Call to order** – (TC 04:14)
- II. **Roll call** – (TC 04:50)
- III. **Approval of agenda** – (TC 06:10) *B. Blitz moved to approve the meeting agenda. J. Lamb seconded. The motion passed without objection.*
- IV. **Approval of [March minutes](#)** – (TC 06:59) *J. Lamb requested that the minutes clarify that the Faculty Handbook items be noted as having served as a first reading. L. Twitchell moved to approve the prior meeting minutes with that suggestion incorporated. B. Blitz seconded. The motion passed without objection.*
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **[Faculty administrative evaluation. Updated Questions](#)** (TC 09:47) – J. Ward led a discussion of the document. The committee received feedback from deans, directors, and faculty. There are now eleven multiple choice questions and two open ended questions that can be used as a pilot this semester, and revised if warranted in future years. B. Blitz suggested reordering the questions. After discussion, *B. Blitz moved that Faculty Senate approve the ad hoc Administrative Evaluation Committee's recommendation of the questions for evaluating deans and directors and support the creation of a survey using the Qualtrics tool for testing this semester with implementation in AY '25). A. Dewees seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.*
 - B. **FS President-elect nominations** (TC 14:25) – G. Wright and L. Twitchell noted that there is still a need for a Juneau campus senator and will send an email soliciting nominations. G. Wright has suggested A. Ziegler for the President-Elect role, and she may be willing to serve. K. Polanska was also suggested as a candidate but declined the

nomination at this time. A. Bowers noted that J. Markis will represent the Sitka campus next year.

- C. Proposed GELO [changes](#)** (TC 18:11) – G. Wright referenced the linked memo that C. McKenna reviewed at the March meeting about changing one of the General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs). *B. Blitz moved to approve the proposed GELO change. L. Twitchell seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.*
- D. UAF [motion](#) to add academic integrity language to BOR policy** (TC 19:40) – J. Ward and G. Wright led a discussion on this item. The UAF motion aims to add policy language to emphasize the importance of academic integrity to the university. UAA has voted to endorse the UAF motion. *L. Twitchell moved that the UAS Faculty Senate vote to support the UAF motion to amend UA Board of Regents (BOR) policy Part IX Chapter 09.02.020. A. Dewees seconded. The vote passed unanimously.*
- E. Category A Curriculum Proposals: see curriculum committee [report](#) as well as BLA and AK Native Studies Minor** (TC 22:20) – G. Wright suggested that both the initial and final reviews be conducted under new business for efficiency.

P. Schirmer reviewed the proposals for initial review from her written report and the two additional proposals in CourseLeaf.

Category A Proposals for Initial Faculty Senate (FS) Review

- **Environmental Resources, B.S.** Update Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs). (Maier)
- **Environmental Science, B.S.** Category B. Update PLOs. (Maier)
- **Environmental Studies, B.A.** Category B. Update PLOs. (Maier)
- **BHS S375. Current Issues in Behavioral Health: Selected Topics.** New course. (Urquhart)
- **OCEN S101. Country Gone to Town: The Urban-Rural Divide in North America.** Outer Coast. (Szczepanski)
- **OCUN S100. Introduction to College: Skills Building and Educational Values.** Outer Coast. Initially discussed as having Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) that were too intensive for an introductory course. (Wall)
- **Alaska Native Studies Minor** (See CourseLeaf)
- **Interdisciplinary B.L.A. and Designated Emphasis B.L.A.** (See CourseLeaf)

J. Lamb moved to approve the listed proposals for initial FS review. B. Blitz seconded. The proposals passed initial FS review.

P. Schirmer led a review of the proposals listed in her report for final FS review.

Category A Proposals for Final Senate Review

- **BHS S101. Introduction to Behavioral Health Practices.** Change designator from HUMS to BHS reporting under School of Arts & Sciences. (Urquhart)
- **BHS S103. Mental Health First Aid.** Change designator from HUMS to BHS reporting under School of Arts & Sciences. (Urquhart)

- **BHS S140. Behavioral Health and the Good Life.** Change designator from HUMS to BHS reporting under School of Arts & Sciences. (Urquhart)
- **BHS S180. Introduction to Addiction, Trauma, and Crisis.** Change designator from HUMS to BHS reporting under School of Arts & Sciences. (Urquhart)
- **BHS S181. Peer Support Professional Training.** Change designator from HUMS to BHS reporting under School of Arts & Sciences. (Urquhart)
- **BHS S201. Introduction to Integrative Behavioral Health.** Change designator from HUMS to BHS reporting under School of Arts & Sciences. (Urquhart)
- **BHS S135. Beginning Therapeutic Interventions.** Change designator from HUMS to BHS, rewording course description, change of reporting to School of Arts & Sciences. (Urquhart)
- **BHS S193. ST:** Change designator from HUMS to BHS, updates to fields related to this being a special topics course and content, SLOs and credits will shift accordingly. (Urquhart)
- **BHS S294. Practicum:** Change designator from HUMS to BHS reporting under School of Arts & Sciences, updates to fields related to this being a practicum course and content, SLOs and credits will shift accordingly. (Urquhart)
- **Behavioral Health Assistant, O.E.** Change designator from HUMS to BHS and align with UAA, changes of courses to show BHS instead of HUMS, change of reporting to School of Arts & Sciences. (Feero)
- **Business Administration, A.A.S.** Replacing the Fine Arts requirement that fell off.
- **ECON S101. Principles of Microeconomics.** Downgrading from a 200 level to a 100 level. (Urquhart).
- **ECON S102 Principles of Macroeconomics.** Downgrading from a 200 level to a 100 level. (Urquhart)
- **Health Sciences, A.A.S** Program change based upon feedback from 5-year program review, includes changing identifiers from HUMS to BHS adding SOC and STAT advisor approved electives. (Samuel).
- **ENGL S365. Literatures of Alaska.** Update for inclusivity and remove from list of ANKGR courses. Email from CACANE received. (Wall)
- **OCAL S191. Service Internship I-II.** Outer Coast.
- **OCAN S103. Indian Country in the American Imagination.** Outer Coast. (Haven).
- **OCAN S105. Tribal Governments in Alaska.** Outer Coast. (Twitchell).
- **OCAR S101. Art Lab I.** Outer Coast. (Kane)
- **OCAR S102. Art Lab II.** Outer Coast. (Kane)
- **OCBI S101. Community Ecology and Ecosystems of Sitka.** Outer Coast. (LaBounty).
- **OCPS S101. Neuroscience of Consciousness.** Outer Coast. (Dolese).
- **OCAL S191. Service Internship I-II.** Outer Coast (Monteith).

B. Hartley moved to approve the listed proposals for final FS review. N. Voelckers seconded. The proposals passed final FS review.

F. Proposed faculty handbook changes

1. [Resolve ambiguity in case of no Faculty Senate President-Elect](#)
2. [Intent of Faculty Senate review of Category A proposals and clarification of process.](#)
3. [Move location of FS President summer WL.](#)
4. [Remove PSY tenure and promotion research appendix.](#)
5. **Revise and update language on [grading processes and procedures.](#)**
6. [Assorted minor housekeeping changes to Handbook](#)

(TC 38:40) – G. Wright provided a brief overview of the six listed items in order. He noted that the final list item includes several informational updates and corrections. This includes a new update from the provost’s office of the academic organization section. He noted that each proposed change uses ~~strikeouts~~ for language to be removed, and *italics* for new language to be inserted. Items for general changes to the handbook only require a simple majority while items from the constitution require a two-thirds majority. Senators discussed all of the listed items and then voted on each listed item sequentially.

1. *L. Twitchell moved to approve the first listed item (related to the Faculty Senate President-Elect) for action. J. Lamb seconded. After discussion, the motion to adopt the change passed with a two-thirds majority.*
2. *L. Twitchell moved to approve the second listed item (related to curriculum proposals) for action. A. Bowers seconded. Senators discussed the proposal. After discussion, the motion failed.*
3. *A. Dewees moved to approve the third listed item (related to FS President’s summer workload) for action. B. Blitz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*
4. *B. Blitz moved to approve the fourth listed item (related to the PSY appendix) for action. N. Voelckers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*
5. *L. Twitchell moved to approve the fifth listed item (related to grading processes) for action. B. Blitz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*
6. *J. Lamb moved to approve the sixth item in the list (related to housekeeping items) for action. B. Blitz seconded. Minor corrections were made to the document. G. Wright noted that he will work with A. Parrish to get the updates made to the handbook. The motion passed unanimously.*

[*Administrative note: Keys are managed by schools and departments at UAS. Upon separation, keys are collected by administrative staff in each unit.*]

VI. New Business

- A. Summer term scheduling change proposal** (TC 1:16:18) – G. Wright led an expansive discussion on the topic of revising the UAS summer calendar to better accommodate students in some courses and programs. K. Krein and K. Maier joined this

discussion. G. Wright hopes to gather information with the intent of being prepared to hold a vote at the next meeting.

The wide ranging discussion provided further background on the programmatic need as well as some historical perspective throughout the UA system. It further explored the complex issues raised and the impacts to other campus units such as housing and financial aid. Various iterations of summer calendars and program specific calendars were discussed.

Federal rules about financial aid administration were discussed, including potential negative impacts to students in certain circumstances. It was noted that UA Legal Counsel has been involved in this discussion earlier in the year.

President Wright conducted a straw poll on the idea of an eleven week summer term to help clarify the level of support for condensing the summer term. While it did not cause concern for some units, others were opposed or lacked enough input from their departments to offer an opinion at this time.

President Wright will meet with the provost and others in the coming weeks to further explore this issue before the next meeting.

B. Campus engagement – (Not discussed.)

C. Academic affairs committee proposal – (Not discussed.)

VII. President's Report

A. Faculty Excellence Award Ceremony–May 6 at 3PM, in person and via Zoom – (Not discussed.)

B. Honors program [proposal](#) – (Not discussed.)

C. [Culturally responsive assessment](#) – (Not discussed.)

VIII. [Provost's Report](#) – (Not discussed.)

IX. Committee Reports

A. Alliance Report – (Not discussed.)

B. Indigenous Studies Proposed Growth. XLT – (Not discussed.)

1. [Current development chart](#)

2. **New Course Codes**

a) **NWCA: Northwest Coast Arts**

b) **IWBH: Indigenous Wellness & Behavioral Health**

c) **ISFS: Indigenous Science & Food Sovereignty**

3. **Current offerings:**

a) **BA Indigenous Studies**

b) **Indigenous Language Speaker Certificate**

c) **Indigenous Language Teacher Certificate**

4. **Certificates to Develop**

a) **Northwest Coast Arts**

b) **Tribal Governance**

5. **Degrees to Develop**

a)

X. Adjournment (TC 2:06:40) – *L. Twitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. M. Dolese seconded. The meeting adjourned without objection.*