

Faculty Senate Minutes

October 3, 3-5 PM

Location: Egan Library 211/Zoom

Ali Ziegler, President	X	Julie Schram, Natural Sciences	X
Brian Blitz, Past President	X	Melissa Dolese, Social Sciences	X
David Cox, President-Elect		Kaia Henrickson, Library	X
Mike Boyer, Business	X	Jay Szczepanski, Juneau	X
Luke Gibes, Career Ed	X	Terissia Bell, Sitka	X
Kevin Spink, Education	X	Colleen Ianuzzi, Ketchikan	X
Xiaofei Song, Humanities	X	Scott Billingsley, Provost	X

The parentheses represent (person who made motion/person who seconded)

- I. Call to order (3:02)
- II. Guests: Heather Batchelder
- III. Approval of agenda (Terrissia/Jay)
- IV. Approval of [September meeting minutes](#) (Kaia/Kevin)
- V. Announcements/Questions **Senators should not approve curriculum proposals**
- VI. Graduate Curriculum Committee: Final approval for the following Category A Proposals: (Jay/Kaia) **unanimously approved. There was discussion about who would be teaching these classes and if the stacked classes should have the same last two digits.**
 - A. EDIL S620: Indigenous Language Revitalization
 - B. EDIL S621: Foundations of Indigenous Language Education
 - C. EDIL S624: Indigenous Language Curriculum Design & Instruction
 - D. EDIL S626: Indigenous Language Instructional Strategies
 - E. EDIL S630: Indigenous Language Field Methods
 - F. EDIL S691: Indigenous Teacher Mentorship
 - G. EDIL S694: Practicum in Indigenous Language Education
 - H. EDIL S698: Master's Research Project or Portfolio
 - I. Teaching Indigenous Languages, M.A.T.
- VII. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report](#): Initial approval for the following: **A and B (Luke/Terrissa), unanimously approved**
 - A. Construction Management, Certificate (Gilcrist). New certificate preparing students for apprentice in various areas of construction, engineering, and architecture. There will be several CT courses that will need to be reactivated for this program.
 - B. Construction Technology, A.A.S. (Gilcrist)

C (Kaia/Mellissa), unanimously approved

- C. BA S373: Principles of Data Analytics (McKenna). New course emphasizing data analytics. Course is in interdisciplinary degrees (in process also)

D and E (Terrissa/Kaia), unanimously approved

- D. BHS S101: *Introduction to Behavioral Health (Niecko). Name change removing "Practices" to a GER.

- E. BHS S135: Beginning Therapeutic Practices (Niecko). Name change from "Interventions" to "Practices" Course is in interdisciplinary degrees

F was tabled, Amy Samuel was invited to a Social Science department meeting

- F. HS 106 Human Behavior in Healthcare a GER

- G. Important deadline – proposals should have been submitted through the workflow to either Faculty Senate or UGCC by 10/1 to be heard by UGCC this AY.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Ambassador Bookstore Terissia mentioned that her students are having difficulty getting books from Ambassador because they are on backorder. Kaia was trying to help a student return a book and get a refund and said it would be helpful to have a contact number to call. Ali and Brian will speak to the Provost about this at the next FS leadership/Provost meeting.

- B. Faculty Handbook Committee (Blitz, Ziegler, Cox, Henrickson, Martin) First meeting will be mid-October

- C. W change date no update

IX. New Business

- A. Change in registration deadlines starting Spring 2026 The Spring 2026 schedule will come out a week earlier than normal.

- B. Enrollments - banner issues Ali and Luke are finding that the schedule planner and registration process are difficult to navigate.

- C. [UAA Resolution to distribute pay over 12 month period](#) (Kaia/Kevin) We unanimously voted to endorse the UAA resolution that gives the option to distribute pay over 12 months.

X. FS President's Report:

- A. [Faculty Initiative Fund](#): due Oct 6, 2025

- B. NWCCU process for accelerated bachelor degrees. [V714: Commission Opens Process for Accelerated Bachelor's Degrees - NWCCU](#). BYU-Idaho has a 3 year bachelor degree because NWCCU decided to pilot that process. NWCCU is now making this a permanent option, so we might see this coming down the road.

- C. Juneteenth – CCC Summer schedules are not part of the Common Calendar Committee. Although classes will not be cancelled for this holiday, if appropriate faculty are encouraged to provide opportunities for discussion and engagement about Juneteenth.

- D. [Faculty Alliance Chair report](#)

XI. Provost Report - no written report 1) Bill Urquhart will be chairing an advising pod that

will assess current advising processes. 2) There will be a dean search for career

education starting soon. 3) The URECA award will accept applications until October 15th

XII. Committee Reports

- A. [CELT report](#)
1. UAS has access to a 24/7 Blackboard Helpline until Dec. 10th (1-833-367-8316). Ask to speak with an agent right away, rather than using the automated question & answer system.
 2. Blackboard course shells for spring classes will be available one week earlier than usual.
 3. Keep an eye out for a technology survey from CELT in mid to late October. There will be a prize drawing for people who complete the survey.
- B. Research and Creative Activity - The Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity (URECA) awards are currently accepting applications until October 15th. The instructions and application form can be found here:
<https://uas.alaska.edu/research/index.html>
- C. Sustainability Committee - Currently discussing various sustainability initiatives across UAS campuses, including electric vehicle charging stations, writing submissions for newspapers, environmental events, composting initiatives, and plans for cross-campus collaboration.
- XIII. Adjournment. No later than 5PM. (Mike/Kaia) (4:02)

AY 25- 26 Calendar

Day (1st Friday, 3 to 5 pm unless otherwise noted)	Tentative Agenda Items
September 5, 2025	
October 3, 2025	
November 7, 2025	
December 5, 2025	
February 6, 2026	
March 6, 2026	
April 3, 2026	
May 1, 2026	