

Faculty Senate Minutes

September 5, 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 (sub for Hum)	X
Luke Gibes, Career Ed	X	Terissia Bell, Sitka	X
Kevin Spink, Education	X	Colleen Ianuzzi, Ketchikan	X
Xiaofei Song, Humanities		Scott Billingsley, Provost	X

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

- I. Call to order. 3PM
- II. Roll call.
- III. Approval of agenda. *(Kaia/Melissa) no changes to the agenda*
- IV. Approval of [May minutes](#). *(Kaia/Kevin) no changes to the minutes*
- V. Announcements/Questions *None*
- VI. [Curriculum Committee Report](#): *(Kaia/Terissia) approved unanimously*
 - A. Initial Approval
 1. Chemistry, Minor. (Behnke). Updates to reflect current offerings to serve both Biology and Environmental Science students.
 2. Health Sciences, A.A.S. (Samuel). Added emphasis areas and additional electives being added. Response to site visit during CAHliM accreditation site visit.
 3. HS S100. Understanding Dementia. (Samuel). New course in connection with JEDC to support aging population and healthcare worker shortages in Southeast Alaska.
 - B. Important deadline – proposals need to be submitted through the workflow to either Faculty Senate or UGCC by 10/1 to be heard by UGCC this AY.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. [Humanities proposal concerning A.A.S. degree requirements](#). *Terissia will be invited to a Humanities department meeting to have discussion before we make a formal proposal. It was noted that UAA and UAF have degree requirements for A.A.S degrees but UAS does not.*
 - B. W change date *This is currently being discussed in the Common Calendar Committee.*

VIII. New Business

- A. Welcome to new senators! *Ali welcomed the new Senators and let them know that they are encouraged to ask Ali questions by email.*
- B. Senate no longer has Anita's assistance -
 - 1. How will we do meeting minutes? *Past President will take minutes in the fall and President-Elect will take minutes in the spring.*
 - 2. Anything else?
- C. Faculty Handbook Committee (Blitz, Ziegler, Cox, UNAC, Sitka?) *Kaia or Jill will be the UNAC rep and Terissa is going to get a Sitka rep.*
- D. Course Program of Study (CPOS) - see CELT report

IX. FS President's Report:

- A. [Faculty Initiative Fund](#): due Oct 6, 2025 *Please remind your faculty of the October 6th deadline*
- B. We need reviewers for FIF - volunteers? *Chamaine Lewis, Kasia Polaska, Andrea Dewees, and Melissa Dolese.*
- C. Apparently, we're seeing an increase in student fraud / financial aid theft due to AI *Please keep an eye out for fraudulent students especially in online courses, notify ITS if you see something suspicious.*
- D. [Faculty Alliance Chair Report](#)

- X. Provost Report - no written report *Scott will be making "pods" to work on the following issues: 1) Telling the UAS faculty story, 2) Improving advising at UAS, 3) Preparing for accreditation site visit (Carin and Kristen are still spearheading this effort), 4) What should Career Education look like in the future (maybe the same as it does now)? 5) Improving processes and policies.*

XI. Committee Reports

- A. [CELT report](#)
 - 1. Blackboard Ultra is now the default for all classes.
 - 2. There is now a 250 MB file size limit in Blackboard.
 - 3. Ramona shared summaries of the Course Program of Study (CPoS) Teammeeting with course program coordinators via email.
 - 4. CELT is looking for presenters - let us know if you are interested in leading a session or participating on a panel - uas.celt@alaska.edu
- B. Graduate Committee - No report yet
- C. Research and Creative Activity
 - 1. First meeting will be in September
 - 2. Please keep an eye out for the 2025 URECA funding call for proposals, which will hit inboxes shortly!
- D. [Sustainability Committee](#)

- XII. Adjournment. No later than 5PM. *(Kevin/Jay) (4:01)*

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	