

MINUTES
UAF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #165
Friday, March 5, 2010
1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
201 O'Neill Building

I Call to Order – Jonathan Dehn

Faculty Senate President Jonathan Dehn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call for 2009-10 Faculty Senate

Members Present

ABRAMOWICZ, Ken

Members Present (cont'd)

ROBERTS, Larry (Josef Glowa)

Others Present:

Erin Trochim, Guest Speaker

CAHILL, Cathy

BROCIOUS, Heidi

CHRISTIE, Anne (Todd Sherman)

DONG, Lily

DAVIS, Mike (audio)

FOWELL, Sarah

DEHN, Jonathan

HAZIRBABA, Kenan

GANGULI, Rajive (audio)

LARDON, Cecile

HANSEN, Roger

MCINTYRE, Julie

HOCK, Regine (Jeff Freymuller)

HUETTMANN, Falk (audio)

JIN, Meibing

JOLIE, July (audio)

KAYDEN, Ute

KERR, Marianne (audio)

Non-voting Members Present

KONAR, Brenda (Brian Himelbloom)

Tim Stickel (audio)

KOUKEL, Sonja (audio)

Denis Wiesenburg

LAWLOR, Orion (Anupma Prakash)

Pete Pinney

LEONARD, Beth

Brian Rogers

LIANG, Jingjing

B. Approval of Minutes to Meeting #164

The minutes were approved as distributed with minor correction to Rainer's statement (on page 11).

C. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with two additional announcement items (the Faculty Forum hosted by FDAI, and the Department Chair Training), and the order of discussion items was modified by moving the Academic Master Plan discussion topic to follow item A.

II Status of Chancellor's Office Actions

- A. Motions Approved: None
- B. Motions Pending: None

III Public Comments

Dana Thomas announced two items:

1. Implementation of the writing sample requirement for English placement – a copy of the plan will be posted electronically by Jayne. Dana shared some comments about the spreadsheet content of the plan. New to the process are reading placement scores that are now required, rather than only recommended as in the past. It's important to read the statements included in the footnotes to the tables. They include critical details about what test scores are used for placement purposes. Dana invites feedback.
2. First year freshman seminars – a solicitation for faculty to propose first-year freshman seminars will be circulated. Supplemental pay is available to faculty in the amount of \$1,000 for class preparation and \$2,000 for each time the course is offered (with at least 12 students enrolled). The Faculty are encouraged to submit proposals. Dana is working on the possibility of having these seminars offered free to students, without tuition or fee costs for next fall's possible that these seminars will be required for students under the future Core requirements, so they want to try these out this year and see what works.

IV A. President's Comments – Jonathan Dehn

Jon mentioned that he completed mediation training that was offered to faculty and staff, and he gained very useful tools. He recommended this worthwhile training to everyone.

He mentioned the meetings that had taken place since the last senate meeting: the Board of Regents meeting, the Faculty Alliance meeting where they submitted a motion to the System-wide Academic Council, and the meeting of the BOR presidential search committee. He'll report on these later today's meeting.

and Stanford. The ranking also included institutions like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOA), which ranks fifth in specializing on climate change.

VI Governance Reports

A. Staff Council – Martin Klein

A Staff Council report was not available. Martin Klein mentioned the Leave Share Resolution, and that Martin had mentioned that the Staff Council would support it, as well.

B. ASUAF – Todd Vorisek for Adrian Triebel

Erin Trochim read a statement submitted by Todd Vorisek, endorsing Jon D. regarding extending his term as president.

To the UAF Faculty Senate,

I understand that the chair of Faculty Senate will be back up for election at the upcoming March 5th meeting. I am serving as the president of the student body for this semester, and was vice-president of the student body last semester, and as the President of the Associated Students of University of Alaska Fairbanks, I am proud to offer my full support behind reelecting Jonathan Dehn as the chair of Faculty Senate. Jon has been an enthusiastic supporter of issues relevant to students for as long as I've known him, and has always given us a careful ear when asked. He has served as a voice for students when I or my peers were unavailable, and has been one of the most reliable persons for alerting us to issues of concern. In all of our recent lobbying efforts to the Board of Regents (Successful or otherwise) Jon has provided terrific guidance and a strong point of view to our delegates. I can think of no one else I or my predecessor, as well as our constituents, would be better able to serve with in this capacity.

Thank you for your time,
ASUAF President Todd Vorisek

C. UAFT/UNAC

Jane Weber said there was no news on UAFT. DJ briefly commented that he spoke with the UNAC rep earlier in the week who said that the ORP litigation is ongoing. More will be reported about that when it develops.

VII Guest Speaker: Erin Trochim

Topic: Organizing the graduate students, and plans for an orientation.

Erin introduced two other graduate students accompanying her, Mel Durrett (Biology and Wildlife) and John Mumm (Hydrology). The Graduate Student Committee is a subcommittee of ASUAF, and the purpose is to provide a voice for all of the current and

incoming graduate students. They recognized there was a graduate student council that's collapsed due to lack of interest, and they took that into account when they started their effort.

Last October, Erin organized a group of 14 UAF graduate students to attend the Northern Students Conference at Whitehorse. The top research students presented at the conference, and it was an overall good experience, especially getting to know others and learn about their work. There are 1,500 grad students here at UAF who do a large scope of research, and it would be interesting to get these students together for a similar type of function. Erin started here in 2006 and got her master's here. She's working on her Ph.D. From her experience, it took a long time to get oriented here as a new student, to meet the faculty and learn about the campus. If there were a graduate student conference at the start of the academic year, it would foster networking, collaboration and interdisciplinary research. It would ease the process of learning about campus and working with faculty and administrators. This past fall there were 250 new graduate students. By holding an annual conference, in three years' time over half the graduate students would never know how it had been any different. It will become the norm.

Being an alumna herself, Erin will care what graduate students are doing here even five years from now. Another advantage of a yearly conference would be the opportunity for the alumni to connect with the graduate students. Alumni and grad students can mentor each other.

Her advisor shared how he learned a third of what he knew by what he figured out, a third from what his faculty told him and a third from other graduate students. An annual conference would bring all three years together. Others she has worked with are very supportive. They're taking the full proposal to Provost's Council next week. The next task is to get organized and work with faculty. Erin shared several things that all faculty could do to support this effort: 1.) encourage their graduate students to submit abstracts and support their new grad students in attending; 2.) help them in their academic program -- all departments are invited participate and can help with editing abstracts; 3.) register for the conference; and 4.) provide feedback after the conference so they can grow and improve. A schedule is on the back of the handout.

Flyer is now posted on the Meeting web page for Faculty Senate at:
http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/09-10_senate_meetings/165/Grad-Student-Conference-Flyer.pdf

After a short question and answer time, Erin encouraged faculty in all departments to encourage their graduate students to be involved. The Graduate Student Committee posts information and meeting minutes at:
<http://www.gsc-asuaf.com>

[The break was postponed until after announcements.]

VIII Announcements

A. Outstanding Senator of the Year Award (OSYA) –

Guidelines are at back table, and online at:

http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/09-10_senate_meetings/index.html#165

Nominations are open. Two volunteers were asked for to serve on the selection committee. Jane Weber volunteered.

B. Feedback from Faculty Senate brought by NWCCU on proposed revisions to NWCCU eligibility requirements

Handout at back table, and online at:

http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/09-10_senate_meetings/index.html#165

C. Promotion & Tenure Workshop on April 23, 2010 – Handout

Morris P. asked if there was some mechanism for those who can't attend that date. Susan H. mentioned it is done yearly. Also, the provost's web site contains the policies and regs and basic guidelines. Faculty can look over the materials and then contact either Sarah Lewis or Susan H. if there are questions. The workshop is audio-conferenced and webstreamed on April 23. It's hosted by the Faculty Senate Committee on the Status Women.

D. Faculty Forum sponsored by FDAI on March 26

Josef G. talked about the Forum planned by AFDT's 12-1 pm on March 26 at the Honors House. The forum will be on Academic Duty and Academic Freedom. A book by Don Kennedy (*Academic Duty*) will be discussed, and he encouraged people to peruse it to prepare for discussion. Provost Emeritus Reichardt will be there. Joy M. has five copies available. James Huessmann will also make more copies available at the Rasmuson Library.

E. Department Chair Training – Joy Morrison

A five-part series of webinars on department chair training initiated by Anne Sakumoto at statewide HR, working with Beth Behner and United Academics. It's paid for with dues of United Academics. The series starts next Friday from 9-11 AM in 340 Rasmuson Library. Topics will be listed on the Faculty Development web site:

<http://www.uaf.edu/provost/facultydevelopment/fallworkshops/>

After each of the last four sessions, she will have some panel discussions with the Provost and a couple of the deans. It will be webstreamed at the Library Media Classroom. More information may also be found at:

http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/cafe/ets/chair-webinar.cfm#CP_JUMP_547506

F. Chancellor's Diversity Action Committee (CDAC) Award

Jane W. announced that forms and instructions for nominations for the award are at the back table. Please nominate folks. Deadline for nominations is March 31.

<http://www.uaf.edu/cdac/chancellors-diversity-awa/>

X New Business

votes in favor of tabling the motion. There were eighteen "no" votes against tabling the motion.

The fourth motion (for subsection B.4), 165/5,

language of the motion. Jon raised concerns about falling below quorum and a quick roll was taken. Cindy mentioned the need for time consideration of the motion due to the printed catalog deadlines. After determining that the meeting had fallen below quorum, it was decided to hold an electronic vote as soon as possible on this motion.

- E. Motion to Reaffirm ANLC/ANLP Unit Criteria, submitted by the Unit Criteria Committee (Attachment 165/12)

This motion was put on hold until the April meeting because the meeting had fallen below quorum.

Discussion will happen at the April meeting, in May he hopes that motions will be forwarded to SAC and BOR to make sure the voice of the faculty is documented. Thanks were extended to the Provost for her efforts on the plan.

Susan spoke to the challenge of writing this document. Each campus wants to do its own

XIII Members' Comments/Questions

No comments or questions.

XIV Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.