

MINUTES
UAF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #167
Monday, May 3, 2010
1:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Wood Center Ballroom

I Call to Order – Jonathan Dehn

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

B. Approval of Minutes to Meeting #166

The minutes were approved as distributed.

C. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

II Status of Chancellor's Office Actions

A. Motions Approved:

1. Motion to Reaffirm ANLC/ANLP Unit Criteria
2. Motion to Approve an A.A.S. Degree in Drafting Technology
3. Motion to Approve a Minor in Mining Engineering
4. Motion to amend the UAF "Policies and Regulations for the Appointment and Evaluation of Faculty"

B. Motions Pending: None

III Public Comments/Questions

No public comments or questions.

Note: Jon D. allowed public comment again right before the break on behalf of Dana Thomas, who had missed it at this portion of the meeting. See page 9.

IV A. President's Comments – Jonathan Dehn

Jon thanked everyone for the eventful past year and for their support for the coming term, with particular thanks to President-Elect Cathy Cahill.

Faculty Alliance continues to focus primarily on the Academic Master Plan, and they want feedback from the faculty at each of the MAUs. Also, Faculty Affairs will request that the System Academic Council include faculty representatives from all three of the MAUs at each meeting. The current rotation regularly leaves one of the campuses unrepresented at each meeting.

A University of Alaska Senate Summit has been mentioned to the Board of Regents and discussed at Faculty Alliance. It would be a once-per-year meeting of the Faculty Senates from each of the MAUs to address university-wide issues.

The Graduate Student Conference was mentioned which takes place in the fall. August 1 is the registration deadline. The abstract deadline is in one week. There is a flyer at the back table.

B. President-Elect's Report – Cathy Cahill

Cathy mentioned the campus-wide survey that is being distributed electronically to follow up on the single point of failure situation that occurred at the power plant recently (the fried squirrel incident).

Discussion of the Core Curriculum is on the agenda; and, please plan to be involved in the broader discussions that will be starting up in the fall. It's important to the accreditation process, as well as our students.

Cathy reminded committee chairs to turn in their annual year-end reports which are so important to provide for those new to the committees when starting up in the fall.

Cathy thanked Jon for his service this year, and mentioned that a more formal recognition of his service will take place at the end of next year's term.

V A. Chancellor's Comments – Brian Rogers

Promotion and tenure letters were sent out last Friday, and the Chancellor remarked upon what a major commitment to the institution's future these actions are, as well as an investment in the university's future. He congratulated everyone, and thanked the peer unit committees for their work on the files.

The university did as well as he can remember in the last 25 years on the legislation side of things in the current session, with half-a-dozen bills passing that contain positive effects on the university. He mentioned specifics of those. On the disappointing side, the Life Sciences building ended up on a bond issue to go out for vote next year. Deferred maintenance fared better than most years (\$22 million), while there is still a large portion unfunded. We're still better off than public institutions in 45 other states. But the legislation doesn't cover our core costs. Reallocation is required to meet costs, and administrative program review will begin, along with looking at academic and research programs after that, also. The university is facing a \$5.5 million shortfall for next year.

There will be a reception on May 14 here at Wood Center for President Hamilton.

Ballot measure 1 will be on the August primary ballot. It's an initiative that prohibits public organizations or persons employed by the state from using public resources for any political agenda such as campaigning or lobbying. So, to spend university dollars to go lobby on behalf of the university will become illegal. He calls this to everyone's attention so that they take this into account as they go to vote.

Cecile L. asked about money for technological upgrades, mentioning the need for such in classrooms. The Chancellor said there's no new money for technological improvements; however, there is some deferred maintenance money for electrical upgrades because of last week's electrical incident. Unless we're able to turn the legislature's thinking about higher education, we're in for some grim years. There's legislative intent (which he hopes the governor will veto) that would set a ratio in the budget – meaning what counts for us is how

much money we raise, and to the extent that we raise more money, the state will give us more

respond. The demonstrators are not intending to go into classrooms, but, if it occurs then notify campus police (if it can be done in a low-key manner).

Weekly meetings of the Planning and Budget Committee (PBC) are occurring for discussion of new budget requests. They will also be considering what criteria should be used to look at what the university should continue to support or build up, what they can no longer support at the same current level, and what new things can be added. They will prepare a FY12 budget request.

Regarding the recent promotion and tenure process which is not yet completed (some responses are still coming in) a summary of results will be given to Jayne when they're compiled. She was impressed with the files and proud of the accomplishments of the new faculty. A few signs, however, show that new faculty need careful mentoring by their deans and by senior faculty in their units. Faculty are encouraged to talk about this with other faculty in their departments. If there is a department in one's unit that only has junior faculty, look for ways to help them develop their research, teaching and service capabilities.

VI Governance Reports

A. Staff Council – Martin Klein

Staff Appreciation Day is on May 19. Ashley Munro has coordinated the ice-cream social and they have a complete list of faculty helping to serve for that.

The union organization efforts are now limited to just ASEA. The statewide Labor Relations web site has lots of information available about the unionization effort. Maria Russell will soon be taking the reigns as president, and a vice president will be elected.

B. ASUAF – Todd Vorisek for Adrian Triebel

Incoming president Nicole Carvajal was introduced.

The Graduate Student Committee will be hosting a research conference in the fall. Looking into public domain textbooks, some of which are free to use in classrooms. Todd asked how FS feels about this and if the library could compile a list of these. He is seeking a resolution by ASUAF to support the use of public textbooks.

C. UAFT/UNAC

No report available.

VII Guest Presentation: Academic Advising Center (AAC)

Presenter: Linda Hapsmith, Director

A complete PDF of Linda Hapsmith's PowerPoint presentation is posted online at the Faculty Senate Meetings page, and more information is available at the Academic Advising Center's website:

A brief history for the Academic Advising Center was given, along with a full description of its current structure and the services being offered. Housed within the Division of General Studies; Dana Thomas is their vice provost.

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Academic Advising 301
Academic Advising 401
Capstone (Feist/Shamel Panel)

- NACADA Webinars
 - Don't Cancel that Class program
 - Academic Advisor Professional Development Resources for Check- Out
- Academic Advising Council
- Plan for Improvement Submitted to Chancellor Rogers in March, 2009
 - Six Recommendations:
 - Web-Based Advising Resources and Training
 - Student Advising Development
 - Faculty, Staff, and Peer Advisor Development
 - Targeted Advising for Identified Student Populations
 - Academic Advising Council
 - Assessment

Purpose of Council:

- Provide an advising development plan
 - Continuously improve the quality of academic advising at UAF
 - Communicate the purpose of academic advising
 - Help UAF implement best advising practices
 - Executive Committee members:
 - Mike Daku, Justice
 - Karen Eiler, School of Education
 - Linda Hapsmith, Academic Advising Center
 - Kacey Miller, Northwest Campus
 - Michele Stalder, Tanana Valley Campus
 - Debbie Toopetlook, Rural Student Services
 - Council members:
 - AAC – Linda Hapsmith
 - CEM – Cheng-fu Chen & Ryan Smith
 - CLA - Mike Daku
 - CNSM – Carolyn Pennington-Chapin
 - SFOS – Katie Straub
 - SNRAS - Dave Veazey and Meriam Karlsso
 - SOE - Karen Eiler
 - SOM - Kate Gramatico
- CRCD:
- RSS - Debbie Toopetlook
 - TVC - Scott Culbertson & Michele Stalder
 - CDE - Brighton Brooks
 - NWC – Kacey Miller
 - Rural Heath – Jodi Baxter

Linda provided details about the General Studies

behind them. There will be more meetings next fall. Then the plan goes back to the BOR in December 2010 to prepare it for President Gamble's approval.

The plan addresses issues that have not been settled by any means. Some areas highlighted in the plan include: engineering, education, distance education, and the development of doctoral programs. There will be no duplication of PhD programs in the system. The plan, when finalized, will be used for approaching the legislature and other constituencies. Its development takes time (taking three years already), as it's an ambitious document. The goal is for everyone to take ownership of the plan and for it to become institutionalized.

Cecile L. asked about the process for faculty input. VP Julius reiterated that the charge for the AMP outlines the process and timeline. At this point the senates are discussing it and are giving their input to the senate presidents. Input from senate presidents will go to the System Academic Council and move forward from there.

Rajive G. observed that new program creation and budget requests will obviously need to be in alignment with the plan, and asked VP Julius what he thinks about how the legislature will respond to the plan. Will the legislature honor this plan and pay attention to it in the event someone goes to their legislator to circumvent it? VP Julius responded that he doesn't see how any campus will be able to go around the plan. The way it's structured and being approached and discussed at the institutions will make it very difficult to go around this plan. He would be shocked if it occurs because of the checks and balances the plan contains. He's not saying circumvention wouldn't be tried, but it's unlikely because all the campuses benefit from the plan.

Ken A. asked what areas VP Julius sees the campuses taking leadership in, according to the plan. He responded that the AMP will institutionalize what the status quo is. Here at the UA system there's been a lack of adherence to what the status quo is in recent years. The major contribution of this plan will be to stay consistent to what exists now before creating new programs. Valid academic criteria for biomedical programs, for example, will have to be met before developing new plans. Rather than every campus replicating programs, the plan will help define who has what strengths and build from there. It's more than politics – it's about meeting academic criteria with substantive underpinning.

Jon D. reminded everyone of where to get copies of the AMP to give him their feedback on it.

Public comment was taken from Vice Provost Dana Thomas. After strongly encouraging every faculty to read the AMP and provide feedback, he reminded them that at the last senate meeting he spoke about the voluntary system of accountability (already adopted by 368 universities) – an agreement and process that was reached via the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities – and the need to select one of three official exams for incoming freshman and exiting seniors to provide assessment data for UAF.

Of the three exams that he had described at the last senate meeting, he is recommending UAF adopt the MAPP (Measures of Academic Proficiency and Progress) by ETS. It's components of critical thinking, reading, writing, and math (with sub-scores for humanities, social sciences and natural sciences) lines up the best with the existing (and proposed) UAF

baccalaureate core. Further, the test can be completed in 40 minutes (within a regular course period). Results relate clearly to UAF core areas and will give guidance for what might need improvement. Finally, its cost is the least of all the tests.

<http://www.voluntarysystem.org/docs/cp/LearningOutcomesInfo.pdf>

BREAK

IX Adoption of Consent Agenda

- A. Motion to approve the list of 2009-2010 degree candidates, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Attachment 167/1)
- B. Resolutions for the Outstanding Senators of the Year Award, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Attachment 167/2)
- C. Special Recognition of Senate Service

The consent agenda was adopted unanimously.

X New Business

- A. Motion to Reaffirm the CLA Departments of English and Philosophy & Humanities Unit Criteria, submitted by the Unit Criteria Committee (Attachment 167/3)

Orion L. called the motion to question and the motion was seconded. The vote to reaffirm was unanimous.

- B. Motion to Reaffirm the CLA Department of Theatre Unit Criteria, submitted by the Unit Criteria Committee (Attachment 167/4)

Andy A., Unit Criteria committee member, commented about the process of reviewing these criteria, and noted the committee was satisfied with them. The motion was called to question and seconded. The vote to reaffirm was unanimous.

- C. Motion to Reaffirm the CNSM Natural Science Unit Criteria, submitted by the Unit Criteria Committee (Attachment 167/5)

Rajive G. mentioned the numbers and ratings for IAS scores mentioned under the assistant professor section of these criteria. He was wondering if these scores should be focused upon; however, no one had further concerns. Julie M. noted that the committee had suggested that fixed number be removed; but the unit wanted very much to keep it in there. Andy A. said that units are free to do that and if they want it (and it doesn't conflict with

B. Faculty Affairs – Jennifer Reynolds (Attachment 167/10)

K. Advisory Research Committee (ad hoc) – Roger Hansen

Orion L. reported that they did not meet during spring semester.

XIII Members' Comments/Questions

Abel Bult-Ito addressed the group to express his opinions about the election process for the extension of terms of the president and president-elect. According to his reasoning, he believes the new senate should be convened by Cathy Cahill, not Jon Dehn. He believes that to accept Jon Dehn as president is to violate the Faculty Senate constitution.

Kenan H. commented that he didn't think anything in the constitution was violated. He asked about taking another vote to quiet this discussion. Jennifer R. said that Faculty Senate accepted the voting results as final at the last meeting. Kenan concurred with her statement.

Jon D. commented that part of the process is to carry out the will of the majority while not withholding the rights and voice of the minority. He noted that we can't keep revisiting this

Ken A. commented about the electronic election that was held after the Administrative Committee met to discuss the concerns of those who've spoken today. They were present at that meeting of the Administrative Committee and they participated and agreed with the decision to hold an electronic election as the appropriate action to take. The bylaws and constitution were followed and we did do the proper thing by holding an election.

Jon D. noted that a new agenda item can be discussed in the future, if desired; but, not today. In the interest of time and the meeting running very late, the comment session was concluded.

XIV Announcement of Award Recipients

A. Presentation of the Outstanding Senators of the Year Awards
(Reference Attachment 167/2)

The OSYA resolutions for Anne Christie and Jennifer Reynolds were read and presented to them. Each also received an award of 25,000 airlines miles.

***OUTSTANDING SENATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
FOR ANNE CHRISTIE***

WHEREAS, Anne Christie has served the university in the UAF Faculty Senate for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, Anne Christie has served as a valuable member of the Faculty Affairs Committee during the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years; and

WHEREAS, Anne Christie worked tirelessly to change the Faculty Senate bylaws to ensure all faculty and units are fairly represented in the Faculty Senate; and

WHEREAS, Anne Christie performed extensive research to determine the use of non-regular faculty in teaching across UAF;

WHEREAS, Anne Christie has provided clear and intelligent input on many issues important to faculty, including promotion and tenure issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the UAF Faculty Senate recognizes Anne Christie as Outstanding Senator of the Year for Academic Year 2009-2010.

***OUTSTANDING SENATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
FOR JENNIFER REYNOLDS***

WHEREAS, Jennifer Reynolds has served the university in the UAF Faculty Senate for six years; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Reynolds served as a valuable member of the Graduate Academic Advisory Committee during the 2003-04 and 2004-05 academic years, and the Faculty

Jon read the names of the emeriti awardees into the record.

2010 Emerita/us

Mark Box, Professor of English

Godwin Chukwu, Professor of Petroleum Engineering

Joseph Dupras, Professor of English

Rheba Dupras, Associate Professor of Library Science

Members Present - continued

HAZIRBABA, Kenan
HIMELBLOOM, Brian
JENSEN, Karen
JOLIE, July
JONES, Debra
KADEN

Others Present:

Abel Bult-Ito

C. President-Elect's Remarks – Cathy Cahill

Cathy thanked everyone serving on the new senate. Commencement information was given for the faculty lineup on May 16.

The Chancellor has asked for the 2nd Amendment issue (guns on campus) to be looked at by the senate.

Please read the committee reports and be prepared to hit the ground running in the fall.

Public Comment (as provided for by the amendment to the agenda):

Abel Bult-Ito commented that this senate has now convened with an un-elected president which he finds very strange. He hopes that the issue is put on the agenda next year and addressed.

XVII Remarks by Provost Susan Henrichs

Provost Henrichs had to be at the Usibelli Awards to present them, and was unable to stay because of the meeting running overtime.

XVIII New Senate Business

- A. Motion to endorse 2010-11 committee membership, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Attachment 167/16)

Jon D. brought the motion to floor. It was called to question and seconded. The ayes carried the motion unanimously.

- B. Motion to approve the 2010-11 Faculty Senate Meeting Calendar, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Attachment 167/17)

Jon brought the motion to the floor. He also mentioned the idea for the UA faculty senate summit which would be potentially held during the winter break, in January (not during spring break which is held at different times at each campus).

The motion was called to question and seconded. A unanimous vote adopted the calendar.

- C. Motion to authorize the Administrative Committee to act on behalf of the Senate during the summer months, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Attachment 167/18)

