

Meeting Minutes
UAF Faculty Senate Meeting #267
Monday, November 7, 2022
BP Design Theater ELIF 401 or zoom
1:00 - 3:20 PM
[Livestream](#)

I. Call to Order - Ataur Chowdhury 1:00-1:05

A. [Roll Call](#) - sign in on the google doc at the start of the meeting

B. Approval of [Minutes for Meeting #266](#)

Leah Berman moves to approve, Jak Maier seconds.

Meeting Minutes approved as written.

C. Adoption of Agenda

Leah Berman moves to approve the agenda, Jak Maier seconds.

Agenda adopted as written.

II. Status of Chancellor's Office Actions 1:05-1:10

A. Motions approved/acknowledged:

1. [Motion to Create a Masters of Science in Earth System Science](#) -
Approved

2. [Motion to Create a PhD in Earth System Science](#) - Approved

3. [Motion to Require Faculty Senate Approval of Deletion of Concentrations within Graduate Programs](#) - Approved

4. [Motion to Reaffirm and Update the AdHoc Committee on COVID-related Academic Policy](#) - Acknowledged

5. [Motion to Extend AdHoc Committee Report on Faculty 180 Annual Activities Report to May 2023](#) - Approved

B. Motions vetoes: None

C. Motions/memos pending: None

III. Remarks 1:10-1:30

A. President's Remarks - Ataur Chowdhury (4 Min.)

Ataur thanks everyone for attending and being here. Thank you to the volunteers for FIF and the faculty 180 committee. Send us your name if you are interested in serving. Chancellor White is not able to attend the meeting today. He prepared some remarks that are linked below, these address the motion linked below as item E regarding course and syllabus content put forward by FAC. A question was raised by Provost Prakash that this could be in violation of the CBA. This went forward to Tara Ferguson with labor relations for review. Tara's response was forwarded to the chair of FAC.

Ataur states the textbook adoptions need to be submitted for Spring, so please make your textbook adoptions as soon as possible. Provost Prakash states if you are having any bookstore issues to reach out to Owen Guthrie or Ali Knabe.

B. President-Elect's Remarks - Jennie Carroll (4 Min.)

Jennie states the faculty initiative fund was extended to November 14th, 2022 and they are looking for more submissions, so you still have some time if you would like to submit a proposal. The faculty alliance leadership meets with the president once a month, the president mentioned they will have a Board of Regents retreat in December to look at the future of the University. Taking a look at how changes in delivery, the public attitude toward higher education, open content and how these things will impact the university. Jennie recently attended the 3 minute thesis presentations and it had a great turnout and she would like to remind us to encourage your graduate students to participate next year.

C. [Chancellor's Remarks](#) - Daniel White (4 Min.)

Chancellor White is not able to attend today, he has provided his remarks in the link above.

D. Provost's Remarks - Anupma Prakash (4 Min.)

Provost Prakash states Chancellor White is out of town and his remarks pertain to item E under new business.

The Student success center is making headway on the 6th floor of the Rasmuson Library. This center will be a one stop student success service. This will offer first year comprehensive advising to our first year students. They are making the space more inclusive with some renovations.

Course registration week will be December 3-9. All students that register for 9+ credits prior to December 10th will be sent a registration care pack. We would like to promote early registration so there is not a backlog to meet with advisors right before classes.

The Provost has a request from general studies to rename the undeclared studies program to an exploratory studies program. There can be negative connotations with the term undeclared, and exploratory studies is more positive and used more nationally. This is where students begin their careers and should be encouraged to explore their strengths and advisors then help them find their majors. Please contact Alex Fitts or Provost Prakash if you have any questions. The provost will wait until the end of the week to approve the name change.

E. Senate Members' Questions/Comments (4 Min.)

How is the student success center going to impact the book collection?

Karen Jenson has been working through this for the past 2 years. There was a very thoughtful process to review and remove outdated items. Other books in circulation were moved to the 5th floor, and some science faculty reviewed reading material and items were moved to the arctic health library.

Was the differential tuition already approved by the Board or Regents, what is taking place now? Yes, we do already have differentiated tuition. Differentiated tuition happened in three steps. We've already had two steps of the three step process already in place. This is step three for differentiated tuition for UAF to move to one consolidated rate for undergraduate tuition. It was agreed that this would be a 2 year process.

The faculty alliance would like to know how the differential tuition will impact our whole system. They would like clarification and how these changes will be tracked. Provost Prakash states they are tracking student enrollment and if there are any changes on where students are taking courses from.

IV. Reports

1:30-1:50

A. Staff Council - Ronnie Houchin

Ronnie states the staff council will be announcing their election results tomorrow. They will have seven new members, and only a couple empty seats. They will be voting on a resolution requesting to change the name of thanksgiving break to Fall break.

Staff Alliance got a response from President Pitney in regards to the staff compensation memo that will be linked on the staff council agenda for tomorrow.

Administration may have a different view on shared governance and we would like to increase dialog with decision making.

The governance coordinating committee met to find some alignment and pursue the communication pathways group.

Over the weekend we held a pinning ceremony for first-gen students and tomorrow Nov. 8th is National First-Generations College Celebration day. Congratulations to those students.

B. ASUAF - Ashlyn Espinosa

Ashlyn states ASUAF is preparing their elections and recently passed some travel funding.

Please share any funding opportunities with your students so they can diversify where they get their funding. They are working on some concerns with online course content and will reach out to eCampus and the teaching and learning committee.

C. UNAC - Kate Quick

Kate joins us today to give an update on the TA contract, this has been signed and we hope it will keep moving forward towards ratification. It will go to the representative assembly to review the TA contract and the CBA changes. All faculty should have received this on Friday via email.

On Saturday the RA is meeting to discuss the TA contract. Depending on the RA decision, a timeline would be determined and we anticipate before the end of this semester. Faculty members in good standing that have been paying dues for at least 3 months can vote.

We have Statewide officer elections coming up. We hope that any member in good standing who's interested will consider running, that'll be for a president, secretary, and treasurer.

D. Athletics - Amy Cooper

Amy states volleyball is wrapping up and on the road this week. Amy attends weekly staff and coaches meetings. We want the coaches to emphasize their travel schedule to the students so they can communicate with their faculty. They are doing grade checks for students and it is important for students to have those internations with their faculty. You may be getting those paper grade check forms.

Rylan Kissell with the Rifle team just broke a NCAA record, he is the first shooter to ever shoot three 600's in a season.

Kendall Kramer just won the GNAC Women's cross country female of the year.

Amy is here as a resource to interact with the coaches so please reach out to her if you have any issues.

E. Faculty Alliance - Sandra Wildfeuer

Sandra states the faculty alliance passed a resolution to encourage UA and UNAC to come to an agreement, Anchorage and Juneau passed similar resolutions and not long after we had an agreement.

Alliance in planning retreat in Juneau for next March.

HR sent out a recent statement calling the November holiday Fall break, so that change may be coming down the lines.

ANSI leaders are working on the search committee for Pearl Brower's replacement.

F. Senate Member's Questions/Comments

Can the Chancellor make an announcement stating UAF will now refer to it as fall break?

Having direction from the top down with a statement would be beneficial. HR may be taking the lead with their announcements referring to it as fall break as we approach the upcoming holidays.

V. [Public Comment](#)

1:50-1:55

BREAK

1:55-2:00

VI. New Business

2:00-2:30

A. [Motion to revise the undergraduate walk at commencement policy](#) - CAC

Doni Bret-Harte moves the motion to the floor, Abel seconded.

Motion passes unanimously. No objections.

B. [Motion to require instructor permission to add spring and fall classes during week 2](#) - CAC

Leah Berman moves to the floor, Donie Bret-Harte seconded.

28 yes, 7 no. The motion passes.

C. [Motion to approve Minor in Health Sciences for Pre-Professionals](#) - CRC

1. [Proposal](#)

Leah Berman moves to the floor, Jak Maier seconded.

Motion passes unanimously. No objections.

D. [Resolution, Chancellor response to UAAC letter](#)

1. [Email request for information from Susan Henrichs](#)
2. [UAAC Letter](#)
3. [Susan Henrichs' Report](#)
4. [Chancellor's Response](#)
5. [December 2021 Faculty Senate meeting recording](#)
6. [July 29, 2022 Friday Focus](#)

Donie Bret-Harte moves the motion to the floor, Jak Maier seconds.

Donie Bret-Harte moves to extend the meeting by ten minutes, Leslie McCarthy seconds.

Leah Berman motions to move the resolution to old business for the next faculty senate meeting. Mara Bacsujlaky seconds.

The resolution will be postponed to the December faculty senate meeting. No opposition.

E. [Motion on Course and Syllabus Content](#) - FAC

Postpone to next meeting agenda. We are out of time for further meeting discussions.

VII. Discussion Items 2:30-2:40
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VIII. Information Items 2:40-2:50
A. [Resolution to support UNAC and urge President Pitney and the Board of Regents to agree to a fair and competitive contract](#) - Approved and submitted to President Pitney and the Board of Regents
B. [The Sun Star](#) (Student Newspaper for those interested)

VIII. Members' Comments/Questions/Announcements 2:50-3:20
A. General Comments / Announcements
B. Committee Convener/Chair Comments
(An active link is added if minutes are submitted.)

Standing Committees:

1. Administrative Committee - Jennie Carroll [9/23/22](#)
2. Curricular Affairs Committee - Haiwei Chen or Jak Maier [10/20/22](#)
3. Faculty Affairs Committee - Mara Bacsujlaky/Bill Howard [9/6/22](#), [9/20/22](#), [10/4/22](#)
4. Unit Criteria Committee - David Henry [8/23/22](#)

Permanent Committees:

5. Committee on the Status of Women - Morag Clinton and Tori McDermott [9/19/22](#)
6. GER and Core Committee - Andrés López [10/14/22](#)

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7. Curriculum Review Committee - Asikluk Topkok and Leah Berman
8. Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee - TBD
9. Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee - Donie Bret-Hart
10. Information Technology Committee - Margaret Short
11. Research Advisory Committee - Falk Huettmann or Maya Salganek [9/29/22](#)
12. Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee - Judy Atkinson [8/23/22](#)
and [10/19/22](#)
13. Teaching and Learning Committee - Latrice Bowman or Retchenda George-Bettisworth
[10/14/22](#)
14. Faculty Administrator Review Committee - has not convened

Ad Hoc Committees:

15. COVID-19 Committee - Jennie Carroll convener
16. OER Committee - Anja Kade

VI. Adjournment

3:20

Leah Berman moves to adjourn, Eileen Harney seconds.
Meeting adjourned at 3:28PM

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