The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following motion at Meeting #193 on Oct. 7, 2013:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to revise the Faculty Senate Bylaws of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Section 2, Article IV: Officers, to establish an internal process for handling appeals by Faculty Senate members to decisions made by the President and/or President-Elect.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: In the event that a senator disagrees with a decision or recommendation of the President or President-elect (e.g., a committee appointment), no process currently exists to enable the senator to appeal it beyond asking the President and President-elect to change it. This lack of recourse can lead to the appearance of politically motivated or arbitrary and capricious decision-making. The proposed addition to the by-laws provides a procedure through which a senator may appeal a decision or recommendation to the Faculty Senate Administrative Committee.

President, UAF Faculty Senate

BOLD CAPS = Addition
[[]] = Deletion

Sect. 2 (ART IV: Officers)

The President of the Senate shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of all elected and appointed committees of the Senate. The President-Elect of the Senate shall be chairperson of the Administrative Committee of the Senate and shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of such elected and appointed committees of the Senate as the President of the Senate shall direct.

THE FOLLOWING INTERNAL APPEALS PROCESS WILL BE FOLLOWED TO RESOLVE DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN MEMBERS AND THE FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT AND/OR PRESIDENT-ELECT.

- 1. APPELLANT MAKES A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT AND/OR PRESIDENT-ELECT. IF APPELLANT IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESOLUTION, CONTINUE WITH THE FOLLOWING STEPS.
- 2. APPELLANT REQUESTS TIME TO SPEAK TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. (STANDARD TIME ALLOTMENT WILL BE FIVE MINUTES' SPEAKING TIME.) APPELLANT MAY SUBMIT A BRIEF SUMMARY TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS A WRITTEN HANDOUT TO THE COMMITTEE AT THE MEETING, IF DESIRED, IN ADDITION TO BEING PRESENT AND SPEAKING. THE HANDOUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FIVE BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE DECISION BEING APPEALED, THE REASONS FOR THE APPEAL, AND THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION.
- 3. AFTER THE APPELLANT HAS SPOKEN, THE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT MAY RESPOND. (STANDARD TIME ALLOTMENT WILL BE FIVE MINUTES EACH. ONE OR BOTH MAY SPEAK.) THE PRESIDENT OR PRESIDENT-ELECT MAY ALSO PROVIDE A WRITTEN RESPONSE AS A HANDOUT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.
- 4. THE APPELLANT WILL LEAVE THE MEETING AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER TWO OPTIONS: A. NO CHANGE TO THE ORIGINAL DECISION; OR, B. SUSTAIN APPEAL AND COME TO AN ALTERNATE DECISION BASED ON THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATION. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON THE MATTER. AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN THE APPEAL.
- 5. A BRIEF REPORT IS SHARED AT THE NEXT FACULTY SENATE MEETING BY THE CHAIR OF THE FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. THERE IS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER AT THE SENATE MEETING.