

AGENDA

UAF Faculty Senate Meeting #216

Monday, September 12, 2016

1:00 - 3:00 PM - Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom

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| 1:00 | I | Call to Order - Orion Lawlor
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes for Meeting #215
C. Adoption of Agenda | 4 Min. |
| 1:04 | II | Status of Chancellor's Office Actions
A. Motions approved May 2, 2016 :
1. Motion to approve the 2015-2016 degree candidates
2. Motion to approve Unit Criteria for the Natural Sciences
3. Motion to approve new Graduate Certificate in Resilience and Adaptation
4. Motion to extend deadline for submission of Communication Plans
5. Motion to approve new Minor in Sustainable Agriculture
6. Motion to approve revisions to the Grade Appeals Policy
B. Motions pending: None | 1 Min. |
| 1:05 | III | A. President's Remarks - Orion Lawlor (3 Min.)
B. President-Elect's Remarks - Chris Fallen (3 Min.) | 6 Min. |
| 1:11 | IV | A. Interim Chancellor's Remarks - Dana Thomas (5 Min.)
B. Provost's Remarks - Susan Henrichs (3 Min.)
C. Senate Members' Questions / Comments (2 Min.) | 10 Min. |
| 1:21 | V | Public Comment | 4 Min. |
| 1:25 | VI | Governance Reports
A. Staff Council - Faye Gallant
B. ASUAF - Colby Freel (ASUAF Report linked)
C. UNAC - Chris Coffman
UNAD - Katie Boylan - See attachment #16
UAFT - Kate Quick
D. Athletics - Dani Sheppard
E. Senate Members' Questions / Comments | 5 Min. |
| 1:30 | VII | Discussion with Guest: UA President Jim Johnsen
Topic: Strategic Pathways | 20 Min. |

1:50	VIII	New Business	10 Min.
		A. Resolution on UA Single Accreditation	
2:00 BREAK			
2:10	IX	Guest: Laura McCollough, Dean of Students - See attachment #17	2 Min.
2:12	X	Discussion Items	20 Min.
		A. Faculty Alliance Reports - link to Senate web site (2 Min.)	
		B. Q&A with Dana Thomas (18 Min.)	
2:32	XI	Public Comments	3 Min.
2:35	XII	Members' Comments/Questions/Announcements	15 Min.
		A. General Comments / Announcements	
		B. Committee Chair / Convener Comments	
		(An active link is added if minutes are submitted.)	
		Administrative Committee - Chris Fallen, Chair	
		Curricular Affairs - Jennie Carroll, Chair (Minutes of 04/27/2016 linked)	
		Faculty Affairs - Andy Anger, Chair	
		Unit Criteria - Mara Bacsujlaky, Chair (Minutes of 08/30/2016 linked)	
		Committee on the Status of Women - Ellen Lopez, Diana DiStefano - Co-Chairs (Minutes of 08/23/2016 linked)	
		Core Review - Andy Seitz, Convener	
		Curriculum Review - Rainer Newberry, Chair	
		Student Academic Development and Achievement	
		- Sandra Wildfeuer, Chair (Minutes of 04/20/2016 linked)	
		Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement	
		- Franz Meyer, Chair (Minutes of 05/03/2016 linked)	
		Graduate Academic and Advisory - Donie Bret-Harte, Chair	
		Sean Topkok, Co-Chair (Minutes of 04/20/2016 linked)	
		Research Advisory Committee - Jamie Clark, Gordon Williams - Co-Chairs	
		Information Technology Committee - Rorik Peterson, Convener	
		C. Research Report - Vice Chancellor for Research Larry Hinzman (VCR Report linked.)	
2:50	XIII	Adjourn	

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Adcom Discussion Item: Single Accreditation Resolution

Submitted by Faculty Senate President Orion Lawlor

Text of the resolution:

Regarding the recent [Thomas report analyzing single accreditation](#) [1], we agree that "Single accreditation is neither necessary nor sufficient to achieve cost savings, enhance the student experience, or improve state higher education performance measures."

We agree that the transition to single accreditation would be extremely complex and time-consuming, and the disruption due to this transition would not help the university serve its mission.

We agree that under separate accreditation, faculty at each institution can currently tailor our courses and curriculum to better meet the diverse needs of our students, rather than needing to obtain statewide approval for each new course. In the business world, this sort of market specialization is key to efficiently reaching segments of the market that may be difficult to reach with a single "one size fits all" solution.

We support the recommendation to develop efficient organizational structures to facilitate cooperation and alignment between campuses.

We recommend the board of regents use the report to inform the legislature of the negative consequences of single accreditation. The faculty senate does not support single accreditation.

[1] Dr. Dana Thomas, "An Assessment of Single Accreditation versus Three Separate Accreditations for the University of Alaska's Three Universities," July 26, 2016.