

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at its Meeting # 86 on March 8, 1999:

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED
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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend Section 3, (ARTICLE V: Committees), E., PERMANENT, 8. of the Bylaws as follows:

[[]] = Deletion
 CAPS = Addition

8. The Faculty Appeals and Oversight Committee shall be composed of two tenured faculty members, elected from each college/school and confirmed by the Faculty Senate.

FACULTY APPEALS WILL BE DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE UNION CONTRACT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ACT AS A POOL TO BE DRAWN UPON TO ACT AS THE UNITED ACADEMICS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE APPEALS BOARD. THE CHAIR OF THE FACULTY APPEALS AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WILL SELECT, FROM THE COMMITTEE, MEMBERS OF THE UNITED ACADEMICS BARGAINING UNIT WHO WILL SERVE ON THE PARTICULAR APPEALS BOARD.

[[A promotion/tenure appeals subcommittee composed of five tenured faculty will hear all promotion and/or tenure reconsideration requests and report its findings to the Chancellor according to University of Alaska Fairbanks Regulations, Section IV,B,4. The subcommittee will be selected by the Chair of the Faculty Appeals and Oversight Committee and will not include faculty from the units in which the requests for reconsideration originated. No two faculty from the same unit, as currently elected to the committee, will be selected for the subcommittee.]]

[[Committee members shall constitute a hearing panel pool to serve as needed on grievance hearing panels, as specified in Regents' Policy 04.08.08.VI.A.]]

Committee members shall oversee the process of evaluation of academic administrators.

[[A non-retention appeals subcommittee composed of five tenured faculty will hear all non-retention reconsideration requests and report its findings to the Chancellor. This subcommittee will conduct business in the same fashion as the promotion/tenure appeals subcommittee, i.e., will review the available documents and made a determination on whether or not appropriate policy and due process was followed.]]

Committee members shall review issues dealing with faculty prerogative and make recommendations for policy changes to the Faculty Senate.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: Deletion of the appeals subcommittees are a result of union negotiations and are now reflected in the new union contracts. The changes reflect the need to clarify the committee's role under the United Academic contract, Article 7.34.a.

The addition of a hearing panel pool reflects activities of the committee stipulated by the UAF Grade Appeals Policy.

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The UAF Faculty Senate moves that graduate degree credit will be transferable within the UA system and from any other accredited institution for courses where the student has received a grade of B or better with the following stipulations: up to 1/2 of all graduate degree credits may be transferred with no more than 1/3 of all graduate degree credits transferred from any other accredited institution outside the UA system. For use in a specific graduate program, the student's graduate committee must approve the transfer credit and it must be clearly indicated in the Graduate Study Plan and on the Advancement to Candidacy Form.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: UAF graduate students are currently prevented from transferring more than 9 graduate credits. This motion would change university policy to permit transfer of a higher proportion of graduate degree credits. The stipulations of this policy provide greater flexibility in transferring graduate credits especially from within the UA system. Currently there is no stipulation concerning the grade of graduate credits transferred to UAF. This motion would impose a minimum grade of "B" for all graduate transfer credits. Individual departments could have other standards that permit exclusion of some credit transfers.

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at its Meeting # 86 on March 8, 1999:

RESOLUTION PASSED AS AMENDED
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Whereas, as recognized by the policies of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), effective shared university governance is necessary for the sound administration of an institution of higher learning for the common good of the community, and

Whereas, as recognized in AAUP policies, an effective system of shared governance is necessary to insure that an institution of higher learning adheres to the principles of academic freedom with respect to academic matters in the classroom and in research, academic matters of institutional policy, and issues which are in the general public interest, and

Whereas, as recognized by AAUP policies, in the search for chief administrative officers of institutions of higher learning, such as university presidents and chancellors, faculty should have a primary role in accordance with the long-standing principles of shared university governance, and

Whereas, in order for a university to work toward the common good, faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders from the general public should be allowed to participate in the search for chief administrative officers of institutions of higher learning, such as university presidents and chancellors, as well as searches for other administrative officers, and

Whereas, when the appointment process for an administrative officer such as a chancellor ignores the long-established processes of shared university governance, the ability of that administrator to effectively govern the institution will be jeopardized, now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the UAF Faculty Senate strongly condemns unilateral action of President Hamilton in appointing replacement Chancellors and demands that any further academic appointments be made in accordance with accepted academic standards.