

MINUTES  
 UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE #46  
 April 13, 1999  
 Chancellor's Conference Room

I Jean Richardson called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Combellick, M.  
 Frey, B.  
 Gatterdam, R.  
 Martin, W.  
 Richardson, J.  
 Robinson, T. (for S. Wilkin)  
 Schultz, M.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christensen, S.  
 Schamal, M.

OTHER PRESENT:

Mosca, K.  
 Oleson, B.

B. The Minutes to meeting #45 - December 2, 1998 were approved as distributed via e-mail.

C. The agenda was adopted as distributed via e-mail.

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Health Issues - M. Combellick

The Health Issues Committee's met on January 23rd. The first annual UAF LIFE Health Fair held on January 30, 1999 was very successful in spite of the -35 temperatures. Well over 50 blood screenings were drawn and the booths were active throughout the health fair which was 9 a.m. -12 noon. There was quite a bit of support from the Fairbanks community, as well as the UAF community. The Committee hopes to be able to offer another Health Fair again in January of 2000 and make this an annual event.

Health Issues committee member Jim Reynolds and Michelle Combellick met with Jim Johnson, Chief of Staff on Wednesday, March 26th regarding the expansion of the UAF LIFE program to incorporate other campuses and the inclusion of health incentive issues that could be directly administered by the statewide administration. The goal of the committee has been to incorporate incentives statewide to encourage participation in exercise and other health related courses, etc. for overall good health and well being of all employees and students in the University of Alaska system. The concept was well received by Jim Johnson, and there is hope that some incentives could be developed for next fiscal year. The committee is waiting to hear from Mike Humphrey who has been willing to work with the committee on the development of incentives for the entire UA system.

The UAF LIFE Program has seen a steady growth of participants. In particular, many participants are new to exercise all together. The Committee is very happy to see that this program has provided many individuals the positive path needed to incorporate exercise into their lives.

If you have any recommendations on incorporating incentives, contact Michelle Combellick at fnmgc@uaf.edu. Bev Frey stated that she started out in the UAF LIFE program and now has a family pass to the Student Recreation Center.

B. Grievance Council - W. Martin

Bev Frey contacted Carolyn Chapman regarding mediators and will forward this information via e-mail.

Wanda Martin stated that there is one grievance still pending. The grievant has been out of town. The grievance policy is currently under revision and the committee will be providing input. Madeline Schatz asked what the grievance process is for a student who is having problems with her graduate committee. She was not able to find the formal process. This type of grievance needs to be addressed. Jean Richardson stated that the Student Coalition has looked at the student policy which addresses grade appeals, as well as other areas. The grade appeal process is clear, but the other areas need to be addressed. At this time the student is speaking with the Provost. An interdisciplinary Ph.D is not as well defined as a

disciplinary Ph.D.

C. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee - T. Robinson

Randy Pitney is the new athletic director. The UAF rifle team is the NCAA division I national champions. This is the second NCAA title for the rifle team this decade, first in 1994 and now in 1999. There is a reception on April 17 for the rifle team and a re-dedication of the shooting range, E.F. Horton Shooting Range. There will also be an awards reception for student athletes. The committee selected the scholar/athlete of the year awards. The recipients will be announced at the awards reception on April 16. The committee is concerned with the University budget. Two searches are in process to replace the volleyball and the hockey coach. As a member of the search committee for the hockey team, the interview stage via telephone has just been concluded. There was a large pool of applicants and the applicants have expressed concerns regarding adequately funding athletics at UAF. The NCAA representative, Jerry Shields, will be taking advantage of the RIP and will be leaving UAF. The new NCAA representative has not been officially announced.

III OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2000-01 Academic Calendar

Faculty Senate and Staff Council have both approved the following calendar. ASUAF passed the calendar at their last meeting. Discussion took place on why spring semester starts on a Thursday. After a brief discussion a motion was made to approve the calendar. The vote was unanimous.

MOTION PASSED (unanimous)  
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The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee moves to approve the following 2000-01 academic calendar.

EFFECTIVE: Upon Chancellor's Approval

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS - Fairbanks Campus  
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2000-2001

FALL SEMESTER-2000

Registration for the 2000 fall semester begins	Mon., Apr. 3, 2000
Fee payment begins	Wed., July 5
Application for admission deadline for fall semester	Tues., Aug. 1
Orientation for new students	Sun.-Wed., Sept. 3-6
Labor Day (no registration or fee payment)	Mon., Sept. 4
Residence halls open, 9 am	Mon., Sept. 4
Financial aid disbursement begins	Tues., Sept. 5
First day of instruction	Thurs., Sept 7
Late registration begins	Thurs., Sept 7
Late registration and fee payment end	Fri., Sept. 15
Last day for 100% refund of tuition and materials fees	Fri., Sept. 15
Last day for student-initiated and faculty-initiated drops (course does not appear on academic record)	Fri., Sept. 22
Last day for 50% refund of tuition (only)	Fri., Sept. 22
Low grade reports for freshmen due not later than	Fri., Oct. 13
Last day to apply for 2000 fall graduation	Fri., Oct. 16
Last day for student-initiated and faculty-initiated withdrawals (W grade given for course)	Fri., Nov. 3
Registration and fee payment for the 2001 spring semester begin	Mon., Nov. 13
Thanksgiving holidays (no classes)	Thurs.-Sun., Nov. 22-26
Last day of instruction	Fri., Dec. 15
Final examinations	Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 18-21
Residence halls close, noon	Fri., Dec. 22
Grades due to the Registrar's Office	Fri., Dec. 22
Campus closed 5 p.m., Fri., Dec. 22, 2000 - 8 a.m., Wed., Jan 3, 2001	

SPRING SEMESTER-2001

Application for admission deadline for spring semester	Wed., Dec. 1, 2000
Residence halls open, 9 a.m.	Mon., Jan. 15
Alaska Civil Rights Day (registration and fee payment continue)	Mon., Jan. 15
Orientation for new students	Tues.-Wed., Jan. 16-17, 2001
Financial aid disbursement begins	Tues., Jan. 16

First day of instruction	Thurs., Jan. 18
Late registration begins	Thurs., Jan. 18
Late registration and fee payment end	Fri., Jan. 26
Last day for 100% refund of tuition and material fees	Fri., Jan. 26
Last day for student-initiated and faculty-initiated drops (course does not appear on academic record)	Fri., Feb. 2
Last day for 50% refund of tuition (only)	Fri., Feb. 2
Last day to apply for 2001 spring graduation	Tues., Feb. 15
Low grade reports for freshmen due not later than	Fri., Feb. 23
Spring recess	Mon.-Sun., Mar. 12-18
Last day for student-initiated and faculty-initiated withdrawals (W grade given for course)	Fri., Mar. 23
Registration for the 2001 fall semester begin	Mon., Apr. 9
All Campus Day (no classes)	Fri., Apr. 27
Last day of instruction	Fri., May 4
Final examinations	Mon.-Thurs., May 7-10
Residence halls close, noon	Sun., May 13
Commencement	Sun., May 13
Grades due to the Registrar's Office	Wed., May 16
Fee Payment for the 2001 fall semester begins	Mon., July 2

#### B. Rural Affairs - B. Oleson

Barb Oleson from Northwest Campus thanked the Coordinating Committee for allowing her to address the issue of the Rural Affairs Committee. Barb asked that the Coordinating Committee maintain the committee and reactivate it. A recommendation was made to have a rural faculty member chair the committee. Ron Gatterdam asked for examples of what this group might do. Barb Oleson stated that health issues would be one example. The rural sites are unique in their health issues needs. Lobbying and grievance issues can be addressed by this forum. Barb also stated that this committee brings together rural faculty, staff, and students to address issues unique to the rural campuses. Bev Frey stated that leaving this committee in is a good idea. The main purpose of this committee is communication. Any chance that we can give rural sites a means of communicating and coordinate efforts is beneficial to the University as a whole.

Rural sites have a different calendar than the main campus. The committee in the past has been developing a unified calendar for the rural sites. Jean Richardson stated that today there will be the student rally and if their had been a rural committee they could have assisted in coordinating the rally at the rural sites. Michelle Combellick stated that a goal of the UAF LIFE program is to expand to the rural sites. Currently, there is no mechanism for contacting the rural sites and she sees a committee as an advantage and is in favor of retaining the committee. Members stated that this committee could be very useful and will maintain it.

#### C. Frequency of Meetings

After a brief discussion, the Coordinating Committee will amend their procedures to reflect the number of times they actually met a semester, which is twice.

### IV GOVERNANCE REPORTS

#### A. ASUAF - J. Richardson

**Budget** In the past, KSUA has not been fully funded, to the extent of \$20,000 each year. KSUA funding will have to be put to a student vote. There will be a referendum prior to finals with four options. The rental department will be dissolved. Frigs will be sold to Residence Life, and videos will go to the Library. Rentals have not been profitable for ASUAF. They loose about \$8,000 a year on rentals. The campground is another area which has not been profitable.

**USSA - ASUAF** is thinking about joining this national student organization.

**Student Rally** - Today there will be a student rally system wide in support of the University budget.

**Student Fees** - Coalition of Student Leaders spoke with Mark Neumeyer from the General Counsel Office regarding student fees. The student organization policies were reviewed. Consensus was that student fees should be a separate policy. Also there is a policy that student bylaws have to be reviewed by

General Counsel, which could take up to 45 days or longer. The new bylaw draft states that the students do not need to consult with General Counsel prior to an amendment.

B. Faculty Senate - R. Gatterdam

The Senate addressed the usual academic course procedures at their last meeting. The new proposal for a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree will be coming up in the fall.

President Hamilton - Faculty expressed their dislike of how the new chancellor was selected. This is behind them now and the faculty are looking forward to working with the new chancellor. Committee members asked members for their impression of the new chancellor. Ron Gatterdam stated that he has known Marshall Lind since he was first appointed as chancellor to UAS and looks forward to working with him. Students are in favor of the new chancellor. His background in education will be very helpful since ASUAF receives a number of complaints regarding the Education Department.

AQSI It is hard to say how The Alaska Quality Schools Initiative will affect the University.

C. Staff Council - B. Frey

Health Benefits - The UA2000 plan was reluctantly passed. Staff Council had recommended a number of changes. Staff unions were contacted and efforts were coordinated.

Internal Recruiting The five days for internal recruiting was clarified as five working days.

Longevity Awards Program The staff longevity awards program will be on May 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Wood Center Ballroom. Syun Akasofu and Ann Tremarello will be recognized for 40 years of service. Also, Helga Wilm from Geophysical Institute has 30 years of service. The staff picnic will immediately follow the awards program. The dean's offices take care of the faculty awards.

Make Students Count This award will be presented by President Hamilton to a staff member from each MAU whose efforts stand out when they make students count. The awards will be presented at the June Board of Regents meeting.

V ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

VI The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

A tape of this Governance Coordinating Committee meeting is available in the Governance Office, 312 Signers' Hall, if any one wishes to listen to it.

Submitted by Kathy Mosca, Governance Coordinating Committee secretary.