

MINUTES
GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE Meeting #64
Thursday, 24 February 2005
11:30-12:30 p.m.
Chancellor's Conference Room

I. Maya Salganek called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

A. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Josh Steadman, GCC Chair and Staff Council President
Maya Salganek, President-Elect
Abel Bult-Ito, President Faculty Senate
Paul Layer, President-Elect
Maria Reyes, Chair, Permanent Committee on Diversity & Tolerance
Abigail Stillie, ASUAF Vice-President
Bert Boyer, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

ABSENT:

Thomas Walker

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynette Washington

- B. The agenda was approved as submitted.
- C. Approval of GCC #63 Minutes, Tuesday, 7 December 2005 was postponed.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Bert Boyer, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Bert Boyer updated the committee on the issues and projects that the IAC has been involved with:

Student eligibility status issues
Voting for student athletes of the year
Revising the student interest survey, so that when students registrar they can respond to what sort of athletic intramural and collegiate events they are interested in as a participant or as a spectator

He said that the IAC committee hears about and participates in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCA) national convention and deals with related eligibility materials for various sports participated in by UAF. He stated that he views IAC as the sounding board for Dr. Schwartz the Director of Athletics.

Josh Steadman asked about the recruitment for a swimming coach. Bert Boyer replied that a coach was recently hired and his name is Scott Lemley, formerly the coach of the Midnight Sun swim team.

B. Maria Reyes, Diversity & Tolerance.

No report at this time.

Campus Diversity Action Committee – Abel Bult-Ito

Abel Bult-Ito reported that the Chancellor signed and approved the Campus Diversity Action committee. He stated that Earlina Bowden, Director Campus Diversity and Compliance informed him that the committee members will be sent appointment letter by the Chancellor.

Maya Salganek asked if the committee would be funded. Abel Bult-Ito stated that when the chair is elected the funding issue can be approached.

3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Abigail Stillie – ASUAF Vice-President

Abigail Stillie reported that the students just completed their full funding campaign for the University down in Juneau. The ASUAF Club Council is in the process of completing the funding of clubs. She stated that ASUAF is working on organizing a drive to collect toiletries for the Women's Center.

Abel Bult-Ito – Faculty Senate

Abel Bult-Ito reported that the policy on Identification and Use of Acceptable Academic Degrees is now in place at UAF and that the Chancellor has signed. He stated that the Senate is still trying to get it in place for the UA System, but UAA said that they don't need it. He stated that he is hopeful that we can work together and get it as a UA-wide policy.

He stated that he has been involved with the Enrollment Management Task Force and that the executive summary of the report would be available for distribution. Abel stated that the main finding is that a lot of good

enrollment service is being done, but management is lacking. He stated that the deans should lead the way in getting different units to formulate really good enrollment management plans, so that we can maintain and increase our enrollment. Abel remarked that there is a large emphasis on retention, because it is going to be easier to retain the students that we have now than to recruit more students.

He stated that he visited the Kuskokwim campus in Bethel to visit with the leadership of the campus and attend faculty meetings. He stated that Kuskokwim would like to have better communication with the main campus, especially to be more integrated with main projects that are going on here. They would like to see visiting speakers that are brought up to be able to visit the rural campuses.

Bert Boyer stated there are a lot of opportunities to interact with them.

Maria Reyes stated that there is very little cooperation between rural and UAF faculty. She stated that maybe video conferences would help.

Abel Bult-Ito stated a little more initiative from our side might help to get things going.

Paul Layer stated that the video idea sounds intriguing; he said that it takes resource commitment and set-up by some one to make sure it runs.

Abel Bult-Ito stated that he still feels that personal contact is very important.

Abel Bult-Ito informed the committee that President Hamilton recently signed regulations pertaining to classified proprietary research. He stated that the Faculty Affairs committee is re-evaluating classified research looking at how we can fit into that regulation or how we can propose to change it.

Abel Bult-Ito stated that a new Ph.D. program in psychology is being reviewed and that it should be on the Faculty Senate agenda soon.

He stated that unit criteria was recently approved for Natural Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, which is a continuation of the efforts to get unit criteria in place for all the units on campus.

He stated that he went to Anchorage for a UNAC organized meeting to talk about improving communication between Faculty Senate and the union groups. There is a perception on the union groups side that Faculty Senate gets in to their turf. He stated that he requested the Faculty Affairs

committee to see if an ex-officio union member can be appointed to represent the Union on the Faculty Senate.

Paul Layer informed the committee that the search committee for the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs position, chaired by Carol Gold, is in the process of telephone interviews. He stated that some time this spring the committee hopes to bring candidates up to visit at least three campuses

C. Josh Steadman – Staff Council

Josh Steadman reported that the Staff Council Advocacy committee is seeking volunteers to help with the KUAC fund drive. He reported that the Advocacy committee also set up a legislative training session in December and about 13 to 14 staff, faculty, and students participated. He stated that the Performance Based Budgeting committee is working on a white paper draft to educate people about performance based budgeting.

Maya Salganek stated that the Advocacy committee completed the Staff tour in February and that it was informative and a great success.

Josh Steadman reported that Staff Council's new member orientation was successful. Maya Salganek stated that the survey showed that the average number of years for new members at the University is about two years. The survey also asked questions about what their positive feelings are about UAF. She stated that everyone's view point is that UAF is a great place to work.

Lynette Washington informed the committee that she is working on getting out information about the Chancellor's Recognition Award and that the Chancellor's staff is looking over the information. She stated the Staff Council raffle tickets would be going on sale some time in late March and that the committee is working on getting more prizes donated. Lynette stated that the announcement for the Outstanding Staff Council member award would be publicized around March 4.

Josh Steadman reminded the committee members that the Staff Council retreat is coming up on March 11 and that more information would be sent out.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Diversity and Tolerance (D&T) canceled meetings

Maria Reyes stated that the members of the Diversity & Tolerance committee (D&T) feel that they are duplicating efforts of the Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action committee (CCDAC). She stated that the committees have similar goals and that most of the members are on both committees.

Maya Salganek stated that the chair or a member of the D&T committee can attend the CCDAC meetings and report to the Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC). The wording for a motion will be worked on at the next GCC meeting.

B. Discuss creating a staff committee on the status of women

Josh Steadman informed the committee that Staff Council is considering creating a staff committee on the status of women, since the faculty committee issues are different. Paul Layer stated that the issues of women faculty are different. He stated that there is a need for staff to address establishing a committee; if a committee is established there could definitely be cross representation. Maya Salganek stated that she would like to see the CCDAC address the issue and have it be more of a subcommittee of that committee rather than having Staff Council create another committee. She thinks that a survey might be useful. Paul Layer suggested bringing in Jane Weber, Chair, committee on the Status of Women. Paul stated that Jane could talk to Staff Council about what the mission of the proposed staff committee might be and suggest ideas about what is and is not being worked on by the faculty committee.

5. NEW BUSINESS

*A. Craig Dorman's proposed changes in academic calendar start dates at all MAUs

Paul Layer stated that Craig Dorman, Vice President for Academic Affairs is adamant about instituting a common start date for all MAUs at the University. The proposed start date is August 28 fall 2006.

*B. Paul Layer's reply to Craig Dorman's proposed change to academic calendar start dates (attached to the agenda).

*C. Academic Calendar 2003-2006

*The reports for A., B., and C., were either attached or distributed as a handout.

Paul Layer informed the committee that the basic goal was to have a common start date for all three MAUs to better coordinate with the students taking classes at all three MAUs. They had originally proposed the start date for spring 2006, but at the last Faculty Alliance meeting the date time was changed back to what was proposed for Spring 06 because it is already in the catalog. The change would go into effect fall of 2006, moving it from a Thursday to a Monday, 28 August.

Josh Steadman asked what are the pros and cons; obviously one is that all MAUs would have a common start date.

Paul Layer replied that that is the major problem. He stated that statistics show that there are a significant number of students taking classes at more than one MAU right now. They are not proposing to move to common calendars, because spring break day is different in Anchorage from what it is in Fairbanks. He stated that one of the disadvantages is how a change in start date cascades to the rest of the calendar. How many actual full weeks do you get in terms of things like labs and how does it impact the dates for registration and moving into dorms?

Maya Salganek stated that it could affect contracts for many staff members.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 26 April 2:15-3:15 p.m.

If anyone wishes to listen to the complete tape of Governance Coordinating Committee meeting #64 it is available in the Governance Office, Room 312 Signers' Hall, submitted by Lynette Washington