

MINUTES
GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC) Meeting #65
Tuesday, 26 April 2005
Chancellor's Conference Room

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

A. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Josh Steadman, Staff Council President and GCC Chair
Maya Salganek, President-Elect
Abel Bult-Ito, President, Faculty Senate
Thomas Walker, ASUAF Vice-President
Abigail Stillie, Vice-President, ASUAF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bert Boyer, Chair, IAC
Paul Layer, President-Elect Faculty Senate
Maria Reyes, Chair, Diversity & Tolerance Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe Blanchard, ASUAF Senate Chair

Lynette Washington

B. The GCC #65 Agenda Tuesday, 26 April 2005 was approved as distributed.

The GCC #63 meeting Minutes, Tuesday, 7 December 2005 were approved as amended and the GCC #64 Minutes, Thursday, 24 February 2005 were approved as distributed.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, Bert Boyer

No report was available.

Maria Reyes, Diversity & Tolerance

No report was available.

Campus Diversity Action Committee – Abel Bult-Ito

Josh Steadman asked if the appointment letters had been received.

Abel Bult-Ito stated that the letters had been sent out. Abel Bult-Ito stated that the agenda items are: election of a chair, discussion of budget, administrative support, and other issues.

Maya Salganek asked about a student to serve on the committee. Thomas Walker stated that he would follow-up on getting a student appointed to the committee.

3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Thomas Walker – ASUAF President

Thomas Walker reported that ASUAF held elections last week. He stated that Joe Blanchard is the new ASUAF President. Thomas Walker informed the Committee that Joe Blanchard and Danny Carlson will be the ASUAF student representatives to the Governance Coordinating Committee.

Abel Bult-Ito – Faculty Senate

Abel Bult-Ito informed the Committee that the Ph.D. Program in Clinical and Community Psychology was approved by the Senate and the Chancellor. He reported that the Senate is reviewing unit criteria from the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (SFOS). Abel Bult-Ito stated that the Senate intends to appoint Union representatives as ex-officio members to the Faculty Senate to improve communication between the Faculty Senate and Union groups.

C. Josh Steadman – Staff Council

Josh Steadman reported that the Staff Council is working on the Staff Appreciation Day activities and raffle event. He informed the Committee that Staff Council is in the process of electing a new President-Elect. Josh Steadman stated that UAF Day at North Pole and A Taste of North Pole was a great successful community event.

Maya Salganek informed the committee about the Staff Council Chair Workshop that will be held when the Rural committee members are in town.

Maya informed the group that our Rural Affairs committee chaired by Scott Culbertson has taken a new direction. Scott Culbertson and Bernice Joseph, CRA Executive Dean, agreed to establish a round table telephone meeting, so that rural site members could call. He stated that a meeting schedule has been set for the year.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Diversity and Tolerance (D&T) canceled meetings

The Committee discussed creating a motion to have the Chair or a member of the Diversity & Tolerance Committee attend the Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action committee meetings and report to the GCC. Josh Steadman called for discussion before a vote on the motion.

Thomas Walker asked if Maria Reyes was still the D&T committee chair. Josh Steadman stated that Maria Reyes is the current Chair.

Josh Steadman reported that all of the members on the Diversity & Tolerance committee are members of the Chancellor's Campus Diversity and Action committee. The Diversity & Tolerance committee stopped meeting during Spring 2005.

The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee passed the following motion at its Meeting Tuesday, 26 April 2005

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MOTION (passed unanimously)

The UAF Governance Coordinating committee (GCC) moves to approve that the Chair or a member of the Diversity & Tolerance committee attend the Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action committee (CDAC) meetings and report back to the GCC.

EFFECTIVE immediately upon the Governance Coordinating committee's approval

RATIONALE: The Diversity & Tolerance committee and the Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action committee are duplicating efforts and have similar goals and most of the committee members already serve on both committees. The Diversity & Tolerance committee meetings are not being held during spring 2005. The committee members will work with the CDAC to establish a similar mission (refer to the Diversity & Tolerance committee's mission statement below).

UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Sect. 3 Standing Committees Charges

B. Diversity and Tolerance Permanent Committee:

The charge of the Diversity and Tolerance committee shall be to:

1. Address issues regarding the promotion of diversity and tolerance of the UAF campus and affiliated rural sites.
2. Recommend policies, procedures, and activities to promote nondiscrimination, harassment prevention, freedom of speech, and multi-cultural awareness.
3. Coordinate efforts with the office of Multi-Cultural Affairs (OMA),
4. The Assistant to the Chancellor for Campus Diversity and Compliance,
5. UAF Human Resources, as well as other offices or groups needed to accomplish the committee's mission.

Academic Calendar update – Abel Bult-Ito

Abel Bult-Ito stated that the Senate is recommending that the traditional start date remain as the Thursday before Labor Day and move to a Tuesday start date after Martin Luther King Day. He informed the committee that the other option was to start the Tuesday or Monday before Labor Day, but that would cause conflicts with the rural sites subsistence hunting and summer activities. Abel Bult-Ito reported that the Curricular Affairs committee suggested the idea to keep the start date as Thursday in the Fall, but change it to a Tuesday in the Spring. One of the issues with the fall was that we have a Thursday through Friday Thanksgiving break, so it would be hard to make those two days up if you do not start on a Thursday, but in the spring it is not a problem, so we can start on a Tuesday.

Josh Steadman asked if the rural sites usually start a week later than the Fairbanks' campus. Abel Bult-Ito stated yes, that they usually start the day after Labor Day. He stated that they truly have a different schedule, and they would still probably start on a Friday even with us starting on Thursday. Abel Bult-Ito state that the second motion is not to have a common start date, but to assure that all the critical financial, academic, add, drop, fee payment, withdrawal and registration deadlines be consistent throughout the system.

Josh Steadman asked if Abel would like to vote on the motions or should it be reviewed by others involved. Abel Bult-Ito stated that we should move forward if everyone agrees on it. Josh Steadman called for a vote on the handouts of the two motions.

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MOTION (passed unanimously)

The UAF Governance Coordinating committee (GCC) moves to support the Faculty Senate on the 2006-2007 academic calendar for which the first day of classes for fall semester is on the Thursday before Labor Day (our traditional start date) and the first day of classes for spring semester is on the first Tuesday after Martin Luther King/Alaska Civil Right's Day.

EFFECTIVE immediately upon the Governance Coordinating committee's approval

RATIONALE: The GCC committee agrees with the Faculty Senate that without starting on a Thursday: the semester will either be too long or too short and that spring semester isn't as constrained, and shifting to a different start day (from our traditional Thursday start) does not create schedule hassles.

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The UAF Governance Coordinating committee (GCC) moves to approve supporting the Faculty Senate academic calendar motions to a common 'start week'.

EFFECTIVE immediately upon the Governance Coordinating committee's approval

RATIONALE: The Staff Council agrees with the Faculty Senate that there is a need for more uniformity in dates that effect students' across-MAUs and feel that uniformity in critical academic and financial deadlines are the highest priority.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss creating a motion to establish a staff committee on the status of women

Josh Steadman stated that the Chancellor's Campus Diversity and Action committee (CCDAC) would handle the committee. Abel Bult-Ito stated that the Staff Council should have a representative appointed to the CCDAC

B. Review Draft University Regulation 03.01.010 Faculty, Staff and Student Governance administrative changes proposed March 3, 2005 (handout)

Josh Steadman informed the committee that a final version of the regulation has been approved. Abel Bult-Ito stated that the Faculty Senate approved the final and to abide by the regulation.

C. Summer and fall meeting schedules – committee members review schedules to set fall meeting dates and reserve Chancellor's conference room

Abel Bult-Ito stated that the Faculty Senate Administrative committee only meets during the summer if there is an emergency.

The Committee asked about GCC meetings in the fall. Lynette Washington stated that usually the meetings are set either on Tuesday or Thursday from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Lynette stated that she would send out proposed fall meeting dates for the Committee to select from.

Lynette Washington asked about the proposed cultural carnival in the Fall D&T Maya stated that it would be handled by CCDAC

6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

If anyone wishes to listen to the complete tape submitted by Lynette Washington, Executive Secretary, Staff Council, a tape of this Governance Coordinating Committee meeting is available in the Governance Office, Room 312 Signers' Hall.