

MINUTES
GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC) Meeting #69
Tuesday, 18 April 2006
Chancellor's Conference Room

1. Paul Layer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Layer, Faculty Senate, President, GCC, Chair, Present
Shirish Patil, President-Elect Faculty Senate, Absent
Maya Salganek, President Staff Council, Present
Jeff Stepp, President-Elect Staff Council, Present
Maria Reyes, Co-Chair Diversity & Tolerance Committee, Present
Scott McCrea, Chair, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, Present
Joseph Blanchard, President ASUAF, Present
Dani Carlson, Vice-President ASUAF, Absent

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shirish Patil

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynette Washington

- B. Approved as distributed, GCC #69 Agenda Tuesday, 18 April 2006.
- C. Approved as distributed, GCC #68 meeting Minutes, Tuesday, 28 February 2006.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation Committee (IAC), Scott McCrea

Scott McCrea informed the committee that the IAC is involved in selecting athletes for the Outstanding Athlete(s) of the year award, based on their academic and athletic performance. Eric Wickstrom of the UAF Ski Team and Jamie Bierly of the UAF Rifle Team were selected out of several top athletes.

B. Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee (CCDAC) – Maya Salganek and Maria Reyes

Maya Salganek reported to the GCC group that the CCDAC group met in early April. The committee took action to pass the Resolution on the Constitutional Amendment of Benefits and Marriage. Maya reported that the committee recently participated in several cultural events along with the organizations sponsoring the events. Maya reported that the CCDAC has not received a lot of input from the Chancellor in terms of his recommendations for certain actions that involve diversity. Maya declared that the CCDAC members are concerned about the purpose of that committee, in the sense that it is the Chancellor's group, but that he doesn't seem to be connected to the committee or give much input. Maya reported that the committee is about to select a new committee Chair. Marie Reyes joined the meeting

and reported that the committee agreed to assure that the chair/co-chair positions of the committee should always include at least one staff position, because staff need to be more integrated into the leadership of that committee.

3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Joe Blanchard – ASUAF President

Joe Blanchard reported that the ASUAF is continuing action towards the SJR2-HJR resolutions. Joe stated that a major event for ASUAF in April is student elections. He stated that ASUAF will begin training the new officers of ASUAF after the election results are received in May. Joe encouraged faculty and staff to join in advertising the election.

B. Paul Layer – Faculty Senate

Paul Layer reported that Jon Genetti was elected as the President-Elect and that Sine Anahita was selected as the Outstanding Senator of the year. Paul Layer stated that the Senate is dealing with several motions related to community development. He stated that the Senate endorsed the task force recommendations regarding more restrictive admissions into the Baccalaureate Program. He stated that students not meeting the criteria will be put into a pre-major program to get them up to speed in Developmental English and Math courses. Paul stated that the goal is not to keep students out, but to help students succeed.

Paul reported that Shirish Patil is visiting the Dillingham campus as President-Elect. Paul Layer reported that he and Phyllis Morrow are co-chairs of the search committee to replace the Provost. Paul informed the committee that the new title for the position is the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

C. Maya Salganek – Staff Council

Maya Salganek reported that she and Jeff Stepp attended the Staff Alliance retreat in Juneau recently. She reported that the Ad Hoc Health & Wellness committee is working on a motion to allow an hour and a half flexible lunch to staff members involved in the Wellness Program. She stated that the group is concerned about the limited hours available to staff to participate in the L.I.F.E Program. Maya stated that the committee is thinking about proposing a punch card system, so that people can choose their own hours. The group is involved with the Walking Trails committee to establish a walking trail from lower campus to upper campus. Maya reported that a Staff Council ad hoc committee was appointed to work on the staff manual issue. Maya reported that Nick Towne presented information to the Staff Council about the UAF Performance Appraisal process and how the institution is involved and how it responds.

Jeff Stepp reported that a new director of training and development has been appointed. Jeff reported that he has attended alternative dispute resolution meetings. He stated that UAF can become the world's premiere conflict resolution center. He stated that he researched that a lot of universities serve in their regional areas to help resolve political, social, and community based disputes. Jeff stated that we can do a lot of different training for the community on conflict resolution with the aim of incorporating it into our culture.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss Governance group and CCDAC SJR 20/HJR 32 resolutions to decide what action the GCC group will take:

Paul Layer stated that every governance group has passed a resolution regarding the senate and house resolutions. Paul asked where the senate and house resolution stands in terms of the legislature. Maya Salganek responded that it hasn't moved any where and that most of the respondents oppose the resolutions, so there hasn't been any public voice in favor of the resolutions. Paul Layer asked the GCC group should we do yet another resolution. Joe Blanchard stated he is unsure where the student groups are right now. Jeff Stepp reported that Pete Kelly relayed that the University doesn't want this on the ballot. Paul Layer stated that essentially we have received resolutions and are going to wait until we see what happens in the student Senate and what happens with the bills in committee.

B. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) Motion submitted by Scott McCrea, Chair

Paul Layer read the motion about removing the IAC from under the GCC. Scott McCrea briefed the committee about the staff, faculty, student, and community composition of the IAC. Scott McCrea stated that the members of each group can report back to their respective governance group. Paul Layer stated that the wording of the motion should be changed to read, "The Governance Coordinating Committee moves to remove the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee from the GCC and recommends that it be an advisory board reporting to the UAF Director of Athletics and Recreation and the Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Community Engagement." Paul Layer called for the vote. The motion was passed unanimously.

The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee passed the following Motion at the GCC #69 meeting, 18 April 2006.

MOTION: (passed unanimously)

The Governance Coordinating Committee moves to remove the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee from the GCC and recommends that it be an advisory board reporting to the UAF Director of Athletics and Recreation and the Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Community Engagement

Effective: Immediately after Chancellor's review and approval

RATIONALE:

The scope of the work conducted by the IAC and the committee's mission does not fit within the context of the issues and mission of the other governance groups within the GCC. The other governance groups can still maintain a presence within IAC by appointing someone from their respective governing body to serve on the committee.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Project Fall 2006 meeting dates

Paul Layer asked the group to discuss the proposed meeting dates Tuesday, October 17 and Tuesday, December 19. The group agreed to pencil the dates in and to review them in the fall.

B. Discuss and Select the GCC Chair

The GCC group agreed to postpone the chair selection until the first fall meeting.

6. COMMENTS and QUESTIONS

Maya Salganek reminded the Committee about UAF Day at the North Pole on Saturday 22 April.

Paul Layer thanked the Committee for this year and stated that he would write a final Chair's report.

7. Adjourn

Paul Layer called for the meeting to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

A tape of this Governance Coordinating Committee meeting is available in the Governance Office, Room 312 Signers' Hall.