

MINUTES
GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC) Meeting #72
Wednesday, 28 February 2007
Chancellor's Conference Room

1. Sven Gilkey called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharish Patil, President, Faculty Senate
Jon Genetti, President-Elect, Faculty Senate
Jeff Stepp, President, Staff Council
Sven Gilkey, President, ASUAF
Sarah Byram, Vice-President, ASUAF

GUEST

Dana Thomas, Vice Chancellor of General Studies

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheri Layral, Coordinator, Faculty Senate
Lynette Washington, Secretary, Staff Council and the GCC

- B. Wednesday, 28 February 2006 GCC #72 Agenda, approved as amended.
- C. Tuesday, 12 December 2006 GCC #71, approved as submitted.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee – CCDAC

No Report Available.

3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Sven Gilkey – ASUAF President

Sven Gilkey updated GCC members about ASUAF activities in Juneau and student concerns about negative relationships between UAF and UAA student organizations. He stated that the Chancellor attended a recent student retreat and Chancellor Jones talked to them about vision. He stated that ASUAF is focused on a program agenda as compared to an advocacy agenda, such as movie nights and dances for the rest of the semester. He stated that the executive branch will remain focused on advocacy and the expansion of the Wood Center. He stated that ASUAF senators and other campus senators will attend the April Board of Regents' meeting in Homer, Alaska. The students will address the importance of student life on campuses and that they deserve capital improvement. According to Sven the ASUAF is submitting a balanced budget to the BOR for the first time in almost twenty years. Sven stated that there is a referendum to raise the student government fee up to \$55 to assist with operating costs (the costs is currently \$35.00).

B. Shirish Patil, President, Faculty Senate

Shirish Patil updated the GCC members about proposed changes to the instructional assessment process. Shirish reported that a predictable tuition task force is looking at ways to predict the cost of 4-5 years of college. Shirish reported that during the Faculty Senate meeting Tim Lower and Tim Barnett gave updates about the baccalaureate admission standards and freshmen transfer policy to help freshmen students. He stated that the plus and minus grade policy will be clarified in the catalogue.

C. Jeff Stepp, President, Staff Council

Jeff Stepp reported that Staff Council is continuing to advocate for a staff manual. He stated that many staff believes that online orientation is not adequate to welcome and inform new staff about the university. He stated that the Staff Affairs committee wrote Ro Bailey, VCA, a letter about the committee's efforts to continue advocating for a staff manual. Jeff Stepp reported that Staff Council is looking at the staff development issues, the hiring process, the promotion process, the evaluation process, and the internal before external hiring policy. The Council is researching what is in place at the UA to assist people to move up/career ladders. Jeff reported that the Council looks forward to nominating and electing a President-Elect at our March Council meeting. Jeff said that Staff Council has written a motion of support to the Faculty Senate motion about the April 3rd Advisory vote. He stated that the UAF Division Task Force is set to meet next week and that he looks forward to fresh ideas from the business community. Jeff reported that in FY08 student orientation is mandatory. Sheri Layral asked have we thought about doing orientation over the summer. Jeff stated that there are a lot of different models being looked at. He stated that it is a broad based task between faculty members and staff that should include students. Sven Gilkey asked about enforcing mandatory orientation; Jeff Stepp stated that orientation has always been mandatory; students can't register unless they participate in the orientation process.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed Resolution: Joint Committee on Student Success – Jeff Stepp, Attachment #1

Sven Gilkey called for discussion. Jeff stated that the motion speaks for itself. Sheri Layral asked would it be an on going committee of the GCC and would the committee report to. Jeff stated that he sees it reporting to the GCC since it is composed of officers from each governance group and the committee would be composed of members from all groups once it is established. Sheri Layral recommended that a Dean and someone from the Chancellor's cabinet should be included as well.

Sven Gilkey called for the motion. Sheri Layral asked if the GCC would like to add the committee to the GCC Procedures. Sven Gilkey stated yes; it would be a formal committee of the GCC. Sheri stated that in order to approve/amend the GCC procedures to add the committee, it would need to be approved by each Governance group. Sven Gilkey stated that he would write a letter to the Chancellor asking him to appoint someone to the committee. Shirish Patil recommended Dana Thomas. Dana Thomas stated that he would refer to the Assistant Provost position and maybe somebody from Student Affairs. Jeff Stepp suggested Tim Lower or Don Foley. Sven Gilkey stated that Don Foley might be good since he knows about why students might not be successful. Shirish Patil suggested Kevin Huddy. Sheri stated that it maybe should be left to the Provost and the Chancellor to suggest and appoint someone.

The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee passed the following resolution at its February 28, 2007 meeting.

MOTION: (passed unanimously)

Joint Committee on Student Success

Whereas, collaborative, shared leadership among administrators, students, faculty, and staff is a key component to creating campus environments that foster student success, and;

Whereas, collaborative work groups can be powerful vehicles for launching and institutionalizing student-friendly policies and practices and for developing complementary programs such as first-year initiatives, fresh approaches to general education curricular offerings, service-learning, and student leadership development programs among others, and;

Whereas, such initiatives almost always result in richer learning opportunities for students when done collaboratively than when an individual unit develops them;

Therefore, be it resolved that, by March 1 GCC will form a Joint Committee on Student Success comprised of interested administrators and campus leaders from ASUAF, Faculty Senate, and Staff Council that will demonstrate the importance of shared leadership and collaboration in the promotion and enhancement of student success at UAF.

B. Dana Thomas: Petition to Name the Natural Science Facility in recognition of Paul B. Reichardt

Dana Thomas informed the GCC members that his intention was to get support from within the CNSM to name the building in honor of Paul B. Reichardt. However, he stated that it became widely circulated getting increased attention and wide-spread support. Dana stated that Shirish and himself are meeting with the Chancellor to request his support and approval prior to creating a motion of support, because without the Chancellor's and President's support it won't go forward. After going through these channels if the decision is no, Jeff Stepp recommended looking into naming something else of significance in Paul's honor. Dana stated that he wanted confirmation that the resolution will pass the Governance groups. The governance officers all agreed that it would receive enthusiastic support. Jeff Stepp stated that we should focus on interests not position. Our position is that we want the building named after Paul, but our interest is that we want to honor Paul; then next create options for mutual gain. Dana suggested that Paul may be interested in having a scholarship named after him, including naming the Honor's Institute after him. Dana informed the group that he would report the Chancellor's decision after his meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academic Calendar Motion

Shirish Patil reminded the group about the controversy to change the calendar to a common start date a few semesters ago. He stated that students and faculty voiced their concerns and problems with this decision. After considering the negative effects on students, it has been determined that the calendar should be changed back to the traditional start day of Thursday, so the motion at hand if passed today will become effective in spring 2008.

Sven Gilkey called for the motion.

The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee approved the following at its meeting #72, February 28, 2007.

MOTION: (passed unanimously)

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The Governance Coordinating Committee moves to amend the 2007-2008 Academic Calendar to return to a Thursday start date for the spring 2008 semester.

[[]] - Deletion

CAPS - Addition

Fall Semester	2007
Labor Day	9/3
Fall—1 st day of instruction	9/6
Last day to Register	9/14
Thanksgiving Holidays	11/22-23
Last day of Instruction	12/14
Final exams	12/17-20

Spring Semester	2008
Alaska Civil Rights day	January 21
Spring—1 st day of Instruction	[[January 22]] JANUARY 24
Last day to Register	February 1
Spring Recess Break	March 10-14
UAF Springfest	April 18
Last day of Instruction	May 5 (Mon.)
Final exams	May 7-10
Commencement	May 11

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: The start of the spring semester was moved to a Tuesday as a result of an effort by Statewide to have a common start date for all campuses. That effort proved unsuccessful. With the dorms not opening until Sunday and a holiday on Monday, the Tuesday start date has made it difficult for students to complete registration and buy their textbooks prior to the start of classes. It also means that spring orientation is held on a holiday when most of the campus is closed down. In addition, it has resulted in additional class days for the spring semester.

B. Select next GCC meeting date either late April or early May

Sven Gilkey opened discussion on selecting a date for the next GCC meeting. After a brief discussion the group agreed to meet on Monday, 16 April 2007.

6. COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

No comments or questions.

7. 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.