

**MINUTES**  
**UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting #77**  
**Wednesday, 16 April 2008**  
**1:30-3 p.m.**  
**Chancellor's Conference Room 330, Signers' Hall**

**1. JUELLA SPARKS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:30 P.M.**

**A. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kayt Sunwood, President, UAF Staff Council	A
Juella Sparks, President-Elect, UAF Staff Council	P
Marsha Sousa, President-Elect, UAF Staff Council	P
Jon Genetti, UAF Faculty Senate, President	P
Jake Hamburg, President, ASUAF	P
Danielle Ryder, Vice-President, ASUAF	A
Lynette Washington, Secretary, GCC	P

**2. GUEST: ANN RINGSTAD, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY RELATIONS.**

A. Ann Ringstad was not available.

B. Wednesday, 16 April 2008, GCC #77, the Agenda was approved as amended.

C. Wednesday, 5 March 2008 October 2007, GCC #76 Minutes were approved as amended.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. CHANCELLOR'S CAMPUS DIVERSITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CCDAC).**

Juella Sparks reported that the committee has drafted an action plan. The committee has requested funding for the diversity web site to be created. At the next meeting scheduled in May, the group plans to look at the CCDAC award nominations received. The committee created a faculty member at-large position and appointed Abel Bult-Ito.

**B. JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT SUCCESS (JCOSS).**

Marsha Sousa reported that the JCOSS group has decided to meet as appropriate to just touch base. Juella Sparks asked do we want to go forward making this a committee of GCC or folded into Dana's committee. Marsha Sousa stated that her suggestion is to fold it into Dana's group and report back to the GCC group as things actually happen. Juella Sparks asked Jake Hamburg what is his sense of the initiative. Jake Hamburg replied that UAF has other focuses on our end, and stated that UAA is squashing UAF. Maybe what we can do in the JCOSS through GCC is look at the proposals of UAA and UAS to see if we can start to develop a united front when we go to the joint conferences. Juella asked if Dana's group has anything to do with stuff not happening and suggested that maybe we need to speak with the Chancellor or maybe change the direction. Marsha Sousa proposed having a private meeting with Dana to see how the committee can move forward. Marsha stated part of the problem is that the committee was appointed with all upper level administrators that don't have the time to devote to it. Kayt

Sunwood stated that the NSSE has some of the same problems. She stated that UAF as compared to UAA does not have the structural support that facilitates any kind of movement on this. Kayt Sunwood stated that all of us have so many meetings even those of us who aren't high level administrators and that there is nobody bringing it all together. Jake Hamburg stated that he was not clear about the charges of the JCOSS group. Lynette stated that previously the mission and charges were attached to one of the GCC agendas.

Marsha Sousa stated that UAA has already created a series of proposals and UAS has divided themselves into a couple of committees one to look at the nontraditional students vs. the traditional student, and to create some kind of learning environment with things that are appropriate for those groups of students. Juella stated that we are scrambling to put names together to meet with the statewide group. Marsha Sousa replied that as we've been shut out of the statewide group, none of us have been included in that; somebody at UAF is, but I don't know who that is. Jon Genetti stated that he was originally included, but got sick and missed two meetings. He stated that he went to the first statewide meeting that all campus/MAUs and Faculty Senate groups were invited to. Jon stated that Shirish Patil should get included; because he was so instrumental in the initial formation of the committee. Jon stated that Dan Julius works a pretty good process and didn't want to just tell each MAU how to do it and left it up to the Provost. Jon stated that I think you can see the differences in approaches of the MAUs, UAA and UAS are more of the grassroots efforts, so you've got more of a grassroots representation; whereas what UAF's version was all administrators. Jon stated that Dan Julius brought that up and then my name got added into the pool at the last minute and was able to make that meeting. It was assumed that Shirish Patil would be one of the ones appointed by UAF and then that didn't happen, so I think that Dan just has added him.

Marsha Sousa suggested that the GCC/JCOSS group plan to meet again to look over the proposals that have come out of the other two MAUs to see if we can stir up some activity. Juella Sparks stated that she wonders if it is not better to define the relationship and purpose relative to Dana. Marsha stated that he just serves as part of the committee. Juella asked if he is considered the voice of UAF and we are doing our own thing is that beneficial. Jon Genetti stated that with the transition and new membership this year some direction was lost.

Jon Genetti stated that the only reason why the NESSE survey took the forefront is that he thinks that our administration looks at things and judges them solely based on what will the Legislature fund and if it doesn't it will be thrown off to the side. At least with the NESSE survey, while we paid money to do this, this is actual students and actual responses, but then it is a whole bunch of other people trying to determine what that meant and then they sort of ignored the student groups that talk about student success.

Marsha Sousa stated that a community college survey was done and nothing is being done with that. Kayt Sunwood stated that we haven't seen anything of that and no one has received it. Marsha Sousa stated it was distributed last fall. Kayt Sunwood replied, the results. Marsha replied yes. It actually has more solid data than the NESSE does, because there was a more formal way of recruiting the students and making sure that there was representation across the board. Kayt added that it was done in class rooms, because it was done in my class. Marsha yes, they randomly selected class rooms; I was shocked that no health class room ended up in it. Students in the class rooms were given time to do the survey, but there has been no follow-up with that either. Marsha Sousa stated that she will plan to meet with Dana and welcomed other members of GCC to go with her. Juella Sparks asked the GCC members if anyone else would like to participate. Kayt stated that one of the joint committee groups' plans on meeting, but the group was unclear about which committee.

Jon Genetti stated that one reason to put the JCOSS group together was to help to track the groups down. Juella stated lets work at identifying any other student committees that you are aware of being related to student success to come in to Lynette, so that we can find out who they are and work at trying to coordinate some action together. Marsha Sousa recommended first meeting with Dana and she would let everyone know about the schedule.

Kayt Sunwood asked if a JCOSS meeting is set for May 2. Lynette Washington stated that she was not aware of a JCOSS meeting. Lynette Washington stated that she had proposed meeting dates, but that May 2 was not one of the dates proposed. She stated that the group chose a March date.

#### **4. GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

##### **A. JAKE HAMBURG, PRESIDENT, ASUAF.**

Jake Hamburg reported that the ASUAF student bill proposed to the state Legislature did not pass. He stated that \$2.5 million goes to the Alaska Advantage grant program that already exists. It is a great program, the problem with that is your family has to make less than \$15,000 a year. Jake stated there were 1,000 applicants; they are only giving out 676 grants between \$500 and \$2,000. Jake stated that from the students perspective it is frustrating to see a UAA sports facility get funding and access to education gets burned, so we are trying to figure out how best to deal with that in the future. Reaching out to the community is very important and we are seeing that in the newspaper. ASUAF is working on a plan to respond. Hopefully, the next president will carry the torch and a number of us will be working during the summer working on campaign issues.

Jake stated that the off campus housing list is being pushed forward. Sending cards out to landlords, putting cards in mailboxes, flyers on boards around campus. Grad students and transfer students want to live off campus, but they are not familiar with Fairbanks. The classifieds are great, but don't provide you with what a living situation is really like. We are offering a completely free service to landlords and students. They can post pictures, documents, 500 letter characters of text, also be a roommate finder, creating a neighborhood association, so that UAF members can interact with their community and start bringing the community into UAF. The initial response to the idea has been really good. The Pebble partnership people got back to me and are willing to have a forum here on campus to answer questions about the Pebble Mine Project. Jake stated that hopefully, a meeting will be arranged before the end of the year.

Danielle Ryder reported that ASUAF elections are in progress and shared candidate information with the GCC members. Danielle asked members of the GCC group if any are familiar with the Clean-Out Recycle Program. Danielle explained that she started the program last year; the purpose is to collect items from students and people moving out of the dorms. The collection bins on campus are utilized to collect the items; clothing and bed clothes are washed during the summer. During orientation week students are given the items on a first come first serve basis. It is a great way to help students, especially international students. Danielle reported that Residence Life has helped quite a bit with collecting items.

Danielle reported that as the VP of ASUAF she is in charge of Club Council this year and for the first time ever the Club Council sponsored fundraisers. She stated that last semester the group held a spaghetti feed and this semester conducted a talent show and that it turned out well and was very rewarding. Danielle stated that she would like to see it continue in the future. Danielle stated that she is putting together a handbook to help the new officers out and know what is going on.

**B. JON GENETTI, PRESIDENT, FACULTY SENATE.**

Jon Genetti reported that President Hamilton came to visit the Faculty Senate and talked about the process of organizing an Interim Chancellor Candidate forum. Jon Genetti reported that two finalists, Jon Davies today at 4 p.m. and Brian Rogers tomorrow at 4 at the Wood Center.

Jon Genetti updated members on curriculum action taken by the Senate and that the Senate passed a BA in Fisheries degree program along with the corresponding minor. A large Rasmuson grant was involved. He stated that it makes the University responsible for approximately one million a year in continuation cost to the budget request submitted to the BOR and the Legislature. It has the potential to attract more students from the lower forty-eight. The degree has more business courses than fisheries courses.

Jon Genetti reported that Jon Dehn, a G.I. research faculty member was elected as the new Faculty Senate President.

Jon Genetti informed the Committee that the MacTaggart group met to establish ground rules and breaking the advisory group into subgroups, such as IT, administrative and miscellaneous. Jon informed the Committee that all of the responses to the 7 specific recommendations are being divided between the 3 groups. The 7 are symptoms stem from one or two main problems. The specific ones are more examples of why that is causing a problem.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2009-2012.**

After a brief discussion the GCC members agreed to approve the calendar as amended.

The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC) passed the following motion at its Meeting #77, Wednesday, 16 April 2008.

**MOTION (passed unanimously):**

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**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately after the Governance Coordinating Committee Chair and UAF Chancellor’s Signatures.

**RATIONALE:** Forward planning requires that we set our academic calendar well in advance of the start of a given semester.

These calendars have been reviewed by the Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs committee, Monday, 24 March 2008:

1. The last day of final exams should always end on or before the 19th of December.
2. Spring semester classes should always begin after Alaska Civil Rights Day.

**PROPOSED UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS – ACADEMIC CALENDARS FOR 2009-2012**

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>2009 Approved</b>	<b>2010 Proposed</b>	<b>2011 Proposed</b>	<b>2012 Proposed</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
	<b>Thursday Spring Start</b>	<b>Thursday Spring Start</b>	<b>Thursday Spring Start</b>	<b>Thursday Spring Start</b>	
Labor Day	9/7	9/6	9/5	9/3	Always the 1st Monday in September.
Fall—1 <sup>st</sup> day of instruction	9/3	9/2	9/1	8/30	Always a Thursday to make up for Thanksgiving Holiday Fall 2009 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Instruction is before Labor Day
Last day to Register	9/11	9/10	9/9	9/7	Always the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday after 1 <sup>st</sup> day of instruction.
Thanksgiving Holidays	11/26-27	11/25-26	11/24-25	11/22-23	Always the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday in November.
Last day of Instruction	12/14 (Mon)	12/13 (Mon)	12/12 (Mon)	12/10 (Mon)	Each class day requires 14 meeting days in order to meet minimum contact minutes. (Faculty Senate – 10/15/90)
Final exams	12/16-19	12/15-18	12/14-17	12/12-15	A study day(s) required in between last day of classes and first day of final exams. (Faculty Senate – 9/17/90)

<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Alaska Civil Rights day	1/18	1/17	1/16	1/21	Always the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in January.
Spring—1 <sup>st</sup> day of Instruction	1/21	1/20	1/19	1/24	1 <sup>st</sup> day of instruction is after Alaska Civil Rights Day (Curricular Affairs 11/10/03)
Last day to Register	1/29	1/28	1/27	2/1	Always the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday after 1 <sup>st</sup> day of instruction.
Spring Recess Break	3/15-19	3/14-18	3/12-16	3/11-15	To be coordinated with FNSB school district. Either 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> full week in March <a href="mailto:bbailey@northstar.k12.ak.us">bbailey@northstar.k12.ak.us</a>
UAF Springfest	4/23	4/22	4/27	4/26	Typically 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday in April, with at least 2 full weeks prior to commencement.

Last day of Instruction	5/7 (Fri)	5/6 (Fri)	5/4 (Fri)	5/10 (Fri)	Each class requires 14 meeting days in order to meet minimum contact minutes. (Faculty Senate – 10/15/90)
Final exams	5/10-13 (M-Th)	5/ 9-12 (M-Th)	5/ 7-10 (M-Th)	5/13-16(M-Th)	Required to have a study day(s) in between last day of instruction and first day of final exams. (Always 4 days)
<b>Commencement</b>	May 16	May 15	May 13	May 19	Always the Sunday after final exams end.

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**B. CHILDCARE TASKFORCE MOTION.**

Lynette Washington reminded the committee that the motion was brought forward previously as a resolution and passed by the committee. Lynette Washington stated that the resolution should be changed to a motion as the Chancellor does not sign resolutions. The committee members agreed to the changes. Lynette will amend the motion as discussed, email it to Juella for review and final approval, after approval the motion will be signed by the SC President, and then submitted to Chancellor Jones for signature.

The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee passed the following motion at GCC meeting #77, Wednesday, 16 April 2008 meeting as amended from a resolution to a motion.

**MOITION: (passed unanimously)**

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The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee request that the UAF Chancellor create a Child Care Task Force, as soon as possible, whose mission will be to find and advocate for long-term solutions to the growing child care crisis on campus.

Effective: Immediately upon the Chancellor’s signature.

Rationale: The provision of adequate child care is a critical issue affecting all members of the university community, including faculty, staff, students, and administrators; and there is a growing shortage of child care available in Fairbanks. The loss of child care may have a disproportionate and negative impact on women, especially their recruitment, professional development, and retention.

The Governance Coordinating Committee affirms that providing on-campus child care is a valuable tool in recruiting and retaining excellent faculty, staff and students.

**6. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. None at this time.**

**7. COMMENTS and QUESTIONS.**

Jon Genetti informed committee members about the Interim Chancellor forums.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

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