

Minutes
 UAF Governance Coordinating Committee
 Meeting #78
Friday, 10 October 2008
 12:30-1:30 PM
 Chancellor's Conference Room 330, Signers' Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Juella Sparks, President, UAF Staff Council | X | |
| Martin Klein, President-Elect, UAF Staff Council | X | |
| Marsha Sousa, UAF Faculty Senate, President | X | |
| Jon Dehn, UAF Faculty Senate, President-Elect | | X |
| Brandon Meston, President, ASUAF | X | |
| Adrian Triebel, Vice-President, ASUAF | X | |

B. Adopt GCC #78 Agenda, Friday, 10 October 2008

Adopted as amended.

C. Approve GCC #77 Minutes, Wednesday, 16 April 2008

Approved as amended.

2. NEW GCC COMMITTEE CHAIR

The committee chairs rotates between governance groups. Juella was chair last fall, before her was John Genetti, previous Faculty Senate President. Now it's cycled back to ASUAF. There are two meetings in the fall and two in the spring. Brandon accepts committee chair. Effective immediately.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Diversity Action Committee, Juella Sparks

Juella mentioned CDAC met September 25. The Campus Climate Survey is underway, next semesters class will analyzes results. Kayt and Abel on CDAC are evaluating the bylaw amendments for approval and are putting together the history of CDAC with help from ASUAF. Abel is taking the lead on the action plan and CDAC website. The student welcoming center is evolving to centralize all student needs. This center will hold polar express, financial aid and other resources for prospective students.

B. Joint Committee on Student Success, Marsha Sousa

Marsha gave a brief background on the committee. About two years ago student success became a united issue with Faculty Alliance and Faculty Senate. UA Statewide initiated an Administrative Student Success committee without faculty and students. UAF tried replicating another student success committee and it didn't work out so well. Centralization of resources and constituents was an

issue. JCOSS representatives not being invited to the statewide committee meetings did attend them. There was no coalescing with the UAF campus. There were ideas such as the Student Impact Assessment. Any new money that was requested would have to have a student success impact assessment attached to it. The idea never got any farther than a discussion during the meeting.

C. System Governance, Juella Sparks

A system governance meeting was held September 22. Juella was elected spokesperson by acclamation. Pat Ivey and Dan Julius presented on initiatives around system. This included advocacy, sustainability, community service and awareness, need based financial aid, student success and the academic master plans. The legislature is ready to pre-file on the needs based legislation. There was a second reading of the constitutional amendments. System governance gave the alumni association representatives voting rights. There was some concern on designation of Alumni representatives, so other MAU's were consulted. There was also clarification on the definition of governance, administrative versus shared governance.

4. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Brandon Meston, President, ASUAF

Brandon notes that ASUAF almost has a full senate of 18 out of 20. ASUAF is almost done hiring two key directors, Brandon should know by the end of the day. The recycling assistant position reopened, a miscommunication with HR caused a deletion of the position. ASUAF elections are being held November 20-21. ASUAF is discussing the student government fee it is to increase from \$35 to \$45 dollars. There is to be an open forum on the drinking age with the student activities office. A representative from MADD and some community members will be attending and keeping it purely informative. Adrian is working on international education week with student activities. ASUAF now has a Face book account with over 200 members it will be used to advertise upcoming events. There is to be a Coalition meeting at 5:30 today to discuss themes and dates of the annual Juneau Legislature Affairs conference. ASUAF representatives are to go to Juneau February 20-21 after the BOR meeting. Adrian stated that legislative debates are being held the 16-24 of October. All local representatives are invited, it's being held at the Schiable Auditorium. The ASUAF elections have open seats on the Senate, Student Regent, Concert seat and a Commissioner Post Secondary Education seat.

B. Marsha Sousa, President, Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate has expressed concern about the newly proposed statewide Academic Master plan. Marsha is meeting with Dan Julius and the UAF Provost on moving the Academic Master plan forward. Faculty Senate has proposed the formation of two ad hoc committees. The Faculty Affairs committee will develop a Legislative Affairs committee. The Core Review committee will develop a Research Affairs committee. These are being formed to look at the core curriculum in a holistic manner. Paul Reinhard is to be a guest speaker at the next Faculty Senate meeting. He is to address the radical accreditation changes going on in the Northwest.

C. Juella Sparks, President, Staff Council

Juella noted that the ongoing Staff Council issues are attendance, membership generating, a bylaws and constitution revamp. Improvement is also needed in communication between the representatives and alternates. Staff Council is looking at the prospect of flying in alternates every other meeting. Current topics in Staff Council are the Family Friendly Taskforce, mediation program, non-retention

and Staff Appreciation Day. The revisions on the Educational Leave and Release policy are not happening due to funding. Staff handbook is being pressed, HR isn't very receptive but the Chancellor seems to be on board. The Staff Compensation Task Force is outlining the next step of step increases.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discuss progress identification of student committees related to student success

Marsha said she would talk to Dana about what should be the next step for student success.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open discussion about focus of the GCC Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

Brandon suggested aligning the GCC focus with system wide priorities. Juella suggested keeping an eye on student success then discussing the issue up again after Dana Thomas presenting at the next meeting. Perhaps GCC can see it as one component like the Chancellor's transition teams. Our goal or focus might be to focus on responsible action, community engagement and people first. Juella stated most success will likely come with tying our concerns with the Chancellor's.

- B. Discuss and select a December meeting date for the GCC group

Juella said to table the issue and use doodle to find time availability for the committee. Brandon volunteered to send out a message. Juella is sending Lynette the link to play with the application. The meeting should be in the first ten days of December.

- C. Legislative Forum

The Board of Regents will be meeting December 1-2 in Fairbanks. The main issues Brandon said needed addressed is engineering and housing. Housing is moving up on the priority list of the capital projects but it hasn't hit the Regents radar. He is taking the UAA approach for housing they have a fair funding 60/40 split. The legislative forum was touched on more in Brandon's governance report.

7. COMMENTS and QUESTIONS

No questions or comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT
