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MINUTES

UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE #82

October 26, 2009

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Kayak Room, Rasmuson Library 408

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Martin Klein, President, UAF Staff Council	X	
Maria Russell, President-Elect, UAF Staff Council		X
Jon Dehn, President, UAF Faculty Senate	X	
Cathy Cahill, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate		X
Adrian Triebel, President, ASUAF	X	
Todd Vorisek, Vice-President, ASUAF		X

Guests:

Josh Luther, ASUAF Senator

2. ADOPT GCC #82 Agenda, Monday, October 26, 2009

The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. APPROVE GCC #81 Minutes, Tuesday, March 24, 2009

The minutes were approved as amended.

4. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Adrian Triebel, President, ASUAF

Adrian says he has been very busy with ASUAF this fall. There is a Luke Hopkins debate Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30 p.m. and ASUAF will also be attending the TVCC Roundtable. Adrian and Todd have been meeting with Chancellor Rogers about the siren fee and have finally come to a reasonable consensus. ASUAF has finally hired a new Sustainability director to oversee the siren fee among other ASUAF issues. ASUAF appointed external committee seats to IAC, the SRC Board and others. Last week outreach with S.P.O.O.K.S was held at the Wood Center and helped get the intelligence community involved. The bookstore continues to be a large issue; Adrian is holding a meeting on the 13th of November from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Wood Center Lounge. A women's self defense course was held and turned out to be quite successful. Adrian met with the other student body MAU's to strategize about goals for lobbying in Juneau this year. Adrian and Todd are to attend a pre-Board of Regents luncheon where they meeting local politicians and discuss Alaska politics.

The Business Council granted a 25 cent student wage increase, which ASUAF feels isn't enough. Adrian said that it will be addressed at the next Board of Regents meeting. Campus Diversity and Action Committee is seeking rural students and staff members to sit on the committee this year.

B. Jon Dehn, President, Faculty Senate

Jon mentioned that he attended the last Board of Regents meeting. At the last Faculty Alliance meeting a motion was made to support student wages. A financial audit for the Center of Distance Education was done by the Alaska State Legislature. The summary can be found at <http://www.legaudit.state.ak.us/pages/digests/2009/30033cdig.htm>. The full report is available at: <http://www.legaudit.state.ak.us/pages/audits/2009/pdf/30033crpt.pdf>.

The Senate Finance committee visit went really well, the committee has a better understanding of Banner and how the university functions. The Faculty Alliance Retreat went well and the Past President is in good form. The Board of Regents website has the Presidential search draft available. Jon thinks it's nice, glossy, long and not very functional. It can be viewed at <http://www.alaska.edu/bor/pres-search/profile.pdf>. Faculty Senate is moving along with the Academic Master Plan. UAA wants to hand out Ph.D's, administration and the Board of Regents are against it. President Hamilton decided that Ph.D's are only available in Fairbanks. The Academic Master plan is being broken into two reports. One is the criteria for documenting programs, and the second is a summarized Academic Master plan. Input will be needed from all governing bodies for this. A bookstore meeting is coming up with Jon and he is intending it to be intense.

The status of the Academic calendar is still pending. Summer Sessions I is only 5 weeks this year. The accreditation process is a big focus right now for faculty. There has been a big shift themes and accreditation process. In the news a UAA Faculty member was denied a grievance due to a conflict of interest in oil development. There is a fine line with a person's personal opinions and the opinions coming from the University.

C. Martin Klein, President, Staff Council

The key issue with Staff right now is compensation. Staff Council issued a letter for written testimony for the October 30th Board of Regents meeting. The letter covers Staff Council's concern with pay decreases, the inadequacy of the 3% and a proper parody for union represented and non-represented staff. Staff wages will continue to decrease as healthcare costs rise. The staff step increases went away two years ago and was tossed into one lump sum. As a result the legislature didn't like the way step increases were being funded. The overall scheme is to change to a 1% across the board (ATB) flat grid in June and staff will get a slight change in pay if nothing at all. The new suggested grid however is contingent on the legislatures funding.

Staff Council elections are this month; the even units are being nominated. The forms can be accessed at <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staffcouncil.html>. Elections will be online this year; hopefully this will streamline the process. Unofficially, union representatives have been seen at all MAU's. A possible organization is in progress. Also, unofficially there is a lawsuit with the University of Alaska Fairbanks on the topic of non-retention. The woman is making headway on the case. She is challenging non-retention due process and property rights.

Also there is motion through Staff Council to support student wages by more than 25 cents. Staff feel that students are essential to this campus and do eventually become staff.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CDAC Seat

Juella Sparks is currently the GCC representative for Campus Diversity Action Committee. The committee agrees that if Juella wants to continue to represent GCC and report to GCC until a long term solution can be resolved she was more than welcome to.

B. Procedure changes discussion

This time has been tabled until more information can be gathered. Jon Dehn asked are there GCC's at other campuses? Where did this committee stem from? What is the committee's authority? Nichole noted that she would do some history digging and report to the Governance Coordinating committee via email.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chair Designation

Jon Dehn, Faculty Senate President was voted continuing chair from GCC. Next meeting will be held December 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chancellors Conference Room.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.