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**MINUTES**  
 UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE #83  
 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
 May 6, 2010  
 Joint Conference Room-Rasmuson 341

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	
Nicole Carvajal, President, ASUAF	X	
Mari Freitag, Vice-President, ASUAF		X

2. ADOPT GCC #83 Agenda, Thursday, May 6, 2010

Agenda adopted as amended.

3. APPROVE GCC# 82 Minutes, Monday, October 26, 2009

Minutes approved as amended.

4. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Nicole Carvajal, President, ASUAF

Nicole is the new ASUAF president. ASUAF election numbers have decreased this year by 3% putting the total voting body at 6-7%. There was also a tuition protest that was not well attended but there are other protests still in the works. The Chancellor held a forum on tuition increases which was well attended. Gun on campus is currently a hot button issue. Nicole hasn't heard much about guns on campus through ASUAF. There was a question on the ASUAF election ballot asking if students supported guns on campus. A majority said they wanted guns off campus. ASUAF does not support changing the Board of Regent's policy to allow concealed handguns on campus. This summer ASUAF is working to get the Life Sciences building passed on the November ballot.

Jon asked why the voter turnout was so low this year. Nicole commented that it was due to less advertising this year and student apathy. There could have done a lot more to get the word out. The ASUAF budget was passed. There was some contention on issues such as Sun Star funding and the Graduate Student committee position.

#### B. Jon Dehn, President, Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate has been quite busy; there was some contention on unit criteria early on. A new committee was formed, the Advisory Research committee. This committee will be advising the incoming Vice Chancellor on research and upcoming research matters. Accreditation themes were agreed upon. There is an abbreviated cycle of 2 years. In the past it was 7. Core review is under review and a specific committee is being formed to address the procedure processes of core review. The Academic Master Plan has had a resounding apathy in UAF. Anchorage is having quite a fit about it due to the stern language of University usage of PhD's. Anchorage can certainly build a PhD program but they need to be more realistic about it. It will be another 7 years until they could have a PhD proposed and accredited. Faculty Senate is in a stagnant position when addressing a new president and president elect. Cathy and Jon were reelected to fill the Faculty Senate seats until next year.

#### C. Martin Klein, President, Staff Council

Staff Council had online elections this year. The process went quite a bit more smoothly than last year. Voter turnout was about the same though. Open Enrollment has been some concern with staff it is now an online process. Staff Council finally got the 'staff handbook' launched off the Human Resources website. Monitoring changes though on the website might be an issue since changes are not recorded or monitored. The unionization process is another issue with staff. The process went with two unions APEA and ASEA. To date however ASEA is the only union in the running. There was concern about unions coming to people houses and being rather aggressive with their approach to publicizing themselves. Health care costs a going up quite a bit for employees and there is growing concern about it. Martin wanted to touch on the Executive Leadership Workshop that went on April 30. There were 2 committees that came out of the workshop the Admin/Support committee and the Academic/Research committee. These committees will oversee the budget changes going on within UAF in the following years. The group voiced a concern that more of the governing bodies needed to be involved with this process. A motion was suggested that recommends all three governance bodies are involved with the Admin/Support and Academic/Research committees that came out of the last Executive Leadership Workshop April 30, 2010. GCC is recommending that:

- Under the Admin/Support committee there should be 2 staff representatives, 1 faculty representative and 1 student representative and;
- Under the Academic/Research committee there should be 2 student representatives (1 graduate and 1 undergraduate), 2 faculty representatives and at least 1 staff representative.

Rationale: Because the students, faculty and staff will have to work with and implement new fiscal policy, the GCC feels that these groups should be represented on the committees that will devise those policies. This follows the principles of shared governance and makes best use of our intellectual capital. Motion was approved unanimously via email.

#### D. Juella Sparks, Staff Council Past President and CDAC Representative

No report at this time.

#### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

No discussion items at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to approve future year academic calendar

The academic calendar for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 was proved unanimously. The interesting difference in the calendar is the study day. Cathy noted that the study day is between the last day of classes and the first day of fall semester. It's been proposed that classes start before Civil Rights Day and eliminate the study day so students have finals on a Saturday. However, student will have the weekend before finals to get their studying in order. It's not an ideal but the calendar can be changed in the future if it does not work out.

B. GCC procedure changes

GCC procedures are to be emailed out to group. In order to approve GCC changes you need to have a 2/3 vote from each governing body. Ideal changes are removing that all three bodies are to approve the GCC changes. The changes will be approved in the committee and the Chancellor. It will also adopt going to a census model instead of the Robert's Rules. The membership will change to accommodate the GSC incoming member. There are some minor format and verbiage changes to bring the procedures to date.

7. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.