
UNAC Report for the March 7 Faculty Senate Meeting

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Dear Faculty Senators,

I teach from 2:15-3:15 PM every Monday and am therefore unable to appear in person on behalf of United Academics during the second hour of the March 7 Faculty Senate meeting.

United Academics thanks the many faculty members who signed the petition that we presented to the Board of Regents at their February meeting in Fairbanks to call for robust shared governance in the development of Strategic Pathways. We will continue to argue forcefully for shared governance and are committed to ensuring that the university follows the terms of our Collective Bargaining Agreement, UAF policy, and Board of Regents policy.

UNAC's Representative Assembly met on February 13 in Anchorage to discuss a variety of issues, including Strategic Pathways and our preparations for our upcoming contract negotiations. We are at the beginning stages of identifying potential members of our negotiations team. In the meantime, the Collective Bargaining Committee (which is not the same entity as the negotiations team) has created a survey based on feedback that we collected from bargaining unit members earlier this semester. Contract Manager Cyndee West re-sent that survey to all members of our bargaining unit on March 1. I strongly encourage all faculty who are represented by United Academics to respond to the survey so that UNAC can form an agenda for negotiations that reflects your priorities.

I hosted two meetings for UNAC bargaining unit members at UAF this semester—one on negotiations and the other on workload. Once we have the results of our negotiations survey in hand, I will be in touch via e-mail with details about another UNAC faculty meeting at UAF this spring.

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