

MINUTES
UAF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #72
MONDAY, MAY 12, 1997
WOOD CENTER BALLROOM

I The meeting was called to order by President Lynch at 1:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ACa—/A

Committee will be scheduled to review the FY99 planning process. Final recommendations are due May 27.

VI Governance Reports

A. ASUAF - S. Nuss, President

Steve Nuss, the new ASUAF President, is a senior in civil engineering and has lived in Alaska for 17 years. Steve announced that the latest biweekly faculty recognition was John Zarling. The

C. President's Report - D. Lynch

Don discussed the Demming Model which was distributed as a hand out. Don also supports the statement of professional ethics which will be discussed later in the meeting. Finally, Don handed out perfect attendance awards and certificates of appreciation to members of the Senate.

D. President-Elect's Comments - J. Craven

John highlighted three items in his written comments. There will be a short meeting of the Administrative Committee and Legislative & Fiscal Affairs members following the Senate meeting to set up a meeting to prioritize the FY99 Budget Increments.

John presented a Resolution of Appreciation for Don Lynch. The resolution passed unanimously.

academic history; and

WHEREAS, The UAF Faculty Senate wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service rendered the faculty and the University by the work of Professor Donald F. Lynch as he concludes his term as president; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the UAF Faculty Senate acknowledges the many contributions of Professor Donald F. Lynch and expresses its appreciation for his exemplary service.

V Public Comments/Questions -

Larry Weiss, United Academics President and Professor of Sociology

Don indicated that this issue came to the Senate from Staff Council and the Health Issues Committee of the Governance Coordinating Committee. The idea is that maybe people can work a flexible schedule so that they can go workout. This may cut down on medical costs. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION
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The UAF Board of Trustees supports the further development of the "Wellness Program" to provide accessible activities promoting a healthy lifestyle as a low cost way to enhance the currently eroding medical benefits.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: The Health Issues Subcommittee of the UAF Coordinating Committee is in the process of developing a Wellness Program to promote healthy lifestyles. Currently, this fall it is planned that fitness activities will be scheduled during convenient times for faculty and staff. In addition, the Statewide Health Benefits Task Force is examining the implementation of a wellness program component to the university health plan. This d Committee R motion has two purposes. First and most obviously it is intended to show support for this UAF program. Secondly, since it is frequently the case that wellness plans erode overall health benefits, the motion is intended to limit our support for a wellness program to a program which enhances overall benefits.

C. Motion to amend bylaws to delete Legislative and Fiscal Affairs Committee, submitted by Legislative and Fiscal Affairs Segg tRESeqBhe ness

University is available via the office of the Vice Chancellor for Finance, as well as internal and external institutional sources.

D. Motion to amend Section 3 (Article V: Committees, Standing) of the Bylaws, submitted by Graduate Curricular Affairs

Mark Tureo presented the motion and indicated that this would clarify the committees responsible for dealing with professional development courses and degrees. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION
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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend Section 3 (Article V: Committees, Standing) of the Bylaws as follows:

(()) = Deletion
CAPS = Addition

Sect. 3 (ART V: Committees)

STANDING

3. The Graduate & PROFESSIONAL Curricular Affairs Committee will include five Senate members and will be responsible for the review and approval of graduate courses, curriculum and graduate degree requirements, and other academic matters related to instruction and mentoring of graduate students. THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSIGHT, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL PROFESSIONAL DEGREE COURSES AND PROGRAMS INCLUDING 500-LEVEL COURSES. The Dean of the Graduate School, Director of the Library, the University Registrar, and one graduate student are non-voting ex-officio members.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: Recently the Senate passed and the Chancellor approved a new Master's Degree concept of the

derive from common membership in the community of scholars. Professors do not discriminate against or harass colleagues. They respect and defend the free inquiry of associates. In the exchange of criticism and ideas professors show due respect for the opinions of others. Professors acknowledge academic debt and strive to be objective in their professional judgment of colleagues. Professors accept their share of faculty responsibilities for the governance of their institution.

IV. As members of an academic institution, professors seek above all to be effective teachers and scholars. Although professors observe the stated regulations of the institution, provided the regulations do not contravene academic freedom they maintain their right to criticize and seek revision. Professors give due regard to their paramount responsibilities within their institution in determining the amount and character of work done outside it. When considering resignation or the interruption of their service, professors recognize the effect of their decision upon the institution and give due notice of their intentions.

V. As members of their community, professors have the rights and obligations of other citizens. Professors measure the urgency of these obligations in the light of their responsibilities to their subject, to their students, to their profession, and to their institution. When they speak or act as private persons they avoid creating the impression of speaking or acting for their college or university. As citizens engaged in a profession that depends upon freedom for its health and integrity, professors have a particular obligation to promote conditions of free inquiry and to further public understanding of academic freedom

F. Motion to amend the transfer credit policy, submitted by Curricular Affairs

Maynard indicated that the word "regionally" was left out of the motion passed at the last Senate meeting. This amendment would insert the word. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend its transfer credit policy passed March 24, 1997 so that it reads as follows:

(()) = Deletions
CAPS = Additions

Any student who has completed a bachelor's degree from ((an)) A REGIONALLY accredited institution will be considered to have completed the equivalent of the baccalaureate core when officially accepted to an undergraduate degree program at UAF.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: The policy as originally passed states, "from an accredited institution", rather than "from a regionally accredited institution". There are many accrediting bodies; UAF only accepts transfer work from regionally accredited schools.

G. Motion to amend Section 3 (ARTICLE V: Committees, Permanent) of the Bylaws, submitted by the Administrative Committee.

The Senate passed an amendment to the UAF Regulations with changes to the University-wide Promotion & Tenure Committee membership. This membership is also included in the Senate bylaws. This motion is needed to make the bylaws in compliance with the changes in UAF Regulations. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend Section 3 (ARTICLE V: Committee) in this way:—

The Developmental Studies committee met frequently during this academic year. The primary focus during the year dealt with the climate for learning at all of the UAF campuses. The underlying presumption is that we, as faculty, can have a positive effect on this climate and that there are things which we, as faculty, can do to affect it. Improving the learning climate, we believe, will also increase retention. We have several initiatives in progress at this

H. Faculty Development, Assessment & Improvement - Rich Seifert

A report was attached to the agenda. Rich pointed out that in his report he was asking for the establishment of a Permanent Committee to oversee and facilitate the Faculty Seminars. If this doesn't happen they may soon disappear. John Craven asked what will make this a success in the future. Rich indicated his willingness to serve on a Faculty Seminar Committee. Tara Maginnis was very helpful in handling the publicity logistics.

I. Graduate School Advisory Committee - Susan Hendricks

A report was attached to the agenda.

J. Legislative & Fiscal Affairs - Michael Jennings

A report was attached to the agenda.

K. Service Committee - Kara Nance

A report was attached to the agenda. Kara stressed the need to read the report and respond with additional service learning information at UAF.

L. University-Wide Promotion/Tenure - John Keller

This year's active participants included Dolly Garza (SFOS), Sheryl Stanek (ACE), Dauna Browne (SOEd), Larry Bennett (SOE), Meriam Karlsson (SALRM), Scott Huang (SME), T. Harikumar (SQM), Walter Benesch (CLA), and John Keller (CNS). The CRA seat was vacant this year.

The committee met for three days in January to consider 19 files for tenure and met for two day in February to consider 11 files for promotion. In the area of tenure there were 18 unanimous votes by the committee--17 yes and 1 no. The Chancellor approved both of those. There was one split vote and the Chancellor supported that file. In the area of promotion there were 9 unanimous votes by the committee--6 yes and 3 against. The Chancellor agreed with all of those except one. The committee was unanimous against one file and the Chancellor supported that. There were two split votes and the Chancellor support both of them. Most years we have a meeting with the Chancellor which sometimes we can get some background on these decision.

The committee also sponsored two motions this year: one that defined access to the files and another that defined the makeup of the committee. The committee would like to give a big thank you to Sheri Layral and her staff for expediting the meetings.

IX 1997-98 Faculty Senate Members Take Their Seats

A. Roll Call of 1997-98 Members

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Allen, J.

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Boone, R.

Bandopadhyay, S.
Barnhardt, C.
Barry, R. (Lando, C.)

Corti, L.
Fitts, A.

submitted by Administrative Committee

The motion was passed. There was a ten minute break for the committees to meet and elect chairs. The chairs are noted below

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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to endorse the 1997-98 committee membership as attached.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: New Senate members' preference for committee selection were reviewed and weighted against membership distribution from schools and colleges.

1997-98 UAF FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

STANDING COMMITTEES

Barry Mortensen, CRA (98)
 *David Porter, SOM(99), chair
 Channon Price, CSEM(98)
 Tom Robinson, SOM(98)
 Barbara Wilson, CLA (99)

Graduate School Advisory Committee-

Susan Henrichs -FS appointee (98)
 Brent Watkins- FS appointee (99)
 David Smith -FS appointee
 Curt Scuberla - Graduate Student
 Peggy Shumaker -Provost appt. (98)
 -Provost appt (99)
 John Zarling -Provost appt (98)
 Ex-Officio: Joe Kan, Graduate Dean
 Madeline Schatz, Senate Pres. -Elect

Legislative and Fiscal Affairs-

*Scott Deal, CLA (99)--convener
 Michael Jennings, CLA/Ed (98)
 Wendy Redman, SWUniv. Rel.
 ^Robert Trent, Dean, SME

Service Committee-

Linda Athons, ACE (99)
 ^Hollis Hall, Director, ACE
 Don Kramer, SFOS (98)
 Tara Maginnis, CLA (98)
 *Kara Nance, CSEM(98), chair
 Olayinka Ogunsola, SME (98)
 Diane Ruess, CLA (98)
 Non-University:
 Non-University:

University-wide Promotion & Tenure Committee-

Deben Das, CSEM/Eng. (98)
 Marvin Falk, CLA/Soc (99)
 Erich Follmann, CSEM/Sci. (00); Larry Duffy, alt
 John Gimbel, CSEM/Math (99)
 *T. Hari Kumar, SOM(98);, alt.
 V. Kamath, SME (00); Gang Chen, alt.
 M Karlsson, SALRM(98); Stephen Dorfing alt.
 Brian Paust, SFOS (99); Dolly Garza, alt.
 Sheryl Stanek, ACE (99); Tom Jahns, alt.
 Arvid Weflen, CRA (99); Mike McGowan, alt.
 Kes Woodward, CLA/Hum (98)
 vacant, CLA/Ed (00); Dauna Browne, alt.

B. Motion to authorize the Administrative Committee to act on behalf of the Senate during the summer months, submitted by Administrative Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to authorize the Administrative Committee to act on behalf of the Senate on all matters within its purview which may arise until the Senate resumes deliberations in the Fall of 1997. Senators will be kept informed of the Administrative Committee's meetings and will be encouraged to

attend and participate in these meetings.

EFFECTIVE: May 12, 1997

RATIONALE: This motion will allow the Administrative Committee to act on behalf of the Senate so that necessary work can be accomplished and will also allow Senators their rights to participate in the governance process.

C. Meeting calendar for the 1997-98 UAF Faculty Senate

The meeting calendar was distributed as a reminder to the new Senate of meeting dates. An amendment was proposed to make one of the face-to-face meetings an audioconference to reduce the cost for the individual units. The amendment would reduce the number of face-to-face meetings to two and a half and increase the audioconference meetings to five and a half. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION PASSED
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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the calendar for its 1997-98 meetings as follows:

UAF FACULTY SENATE
1997-98
Calendar of Meetings

Mtg. #	Date	Day	Time	Type
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Governance Office budget.

XI Members' Comments/Questions

Cliff Lando asked that the Senate recognize and express