

MINUTES
UAF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #170
Monday, November 8, 2010
1:00 p.m. – 3: 10 p.m.
Wood Center Ballroom

I Call to Order – Jonathan Dehn

Faculty Senate President Jonathan Dehn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call for 2010-11 Faculty Senate

B. Approval of Minutes to Meeting #169

The minutes were approved as distributed.

C. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

prepare a five-year research grant, for example, with the rising tuition costs that are retroactively applied. The end result is doing less research because of the costs.

Jennifer R. asked about the UAA/UAS situation, a

Andrew M. asked who's doing the planning of the engineering facilities at UAA and UAF. Chancellor Rogers answered that it's being done by System Administration (Kit Duke is the chief facilities officer). They've hired an independent consulting firm to look at data about the numbers of students that will utilize the facilities ~~both~~ locations. CEM Dean Doug G. has been participating in the process. Draft reports are posted at the UA Facilities web site: <http://www.alaska.edu/facilities/>

Book adoption notices have gone out to all faculty. The university needs to be in compliance with federal rules on publishing book prices for students; so, faculty need to make their adoptions in a timely manner. Also, faculty may post "no book" if that's appropriate to a course.

B. Remarks by Provost Susan Henrichs

Community campus directors had a recent meeting. President Gamble attended, and Susan noted that he is not interested in separating any community campus out from the university – to quell any rumors of that. However, he would like to see more distinction with the mission of the community campuses and some clearer delineation in BOR policy and strategic planning documents.

Another topic of discussion was the Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) funding from the state which has been used to sustain many of the UAF-CRCD programs. The funding source has lately been shrinking and becoming somewhat less reliable. Fred Villa at Statewide (who's in charge of the program) wants to shift away from using that money for long-term support of programs, and use it instead for initial program startup or other short-term projects. It could perhaps be used for modest facility renovations and equipment replacement. To qualify for funds, the program should be a high demand job area degree program. Faculty in these program areas should start thinking about how funds could be used along these lines. There are two opportunities in the new year to apply for the money (unexpended funds – a one-time ask scenario; and, a request for funds from new-year money). She sends announcements of those opportunities out to the deans and encourages them to send them on to the departments.

Susan announced that Mike Earnest will talk about late-grade submissions during this meeting. There's been some slippage in the submission of grades and faculty were reminded of the importance to get them submitted for their students who are dealing with financial aid, as well as foreign students and their visa status

VI Governance Reports

A. Staff Council – Maria Russell

Maria participated by audio. She mentioned ~~of staff~~ across the state who are working on FY12 staff compensation. She gave an update on Staff Appreciation Day, and mentioned the Chancellor's Cornerstone award. The process to nominate staff for that award is now online: <http://www.uaf.edu/chancellor/awards/>

B. ASUAF – Nicole Carvajal

Nicole was not able to be present.

One of the main reasons for discontinuing publication of the course schedule is that by the time it's printed it's grossly out of date. A downloadable spreadsheet from the Registrar's Office web site will be provided with up-to-date course schedule information.

Karen J. asked what length of time the course schedules will be available online. The Library receives many inquiries regarding past course schedules, even as far back as ten years ago. Mike responded that at the end of each semester they will freeze and archive the schedule. They'll make it available online and then it would eventually be stored in OnBase. It'll be a more accurate picture of what actually took place than the printed schedules.

Donie B. noted that's difficult to browse the online catalog without knowing exactly what one is looking for. Mike said the online Course Finder is a work in progress, and they're seeking to make some upgrades. The downloadable spreadsheet version can be sorted and filtered more easily.

Jane W asked if instructions will be sent out and Mike said the printed registration bulletin will have complete instructions for faculty, staff and students.

Andy A. shared why he doesn't think the change is a good marketing move. From an advising standpoint, the printed schedule is also used and highlighted for the students and they can take it

front of her and a student, such as two laptops. More terminals needed in Wood Center for students who don't have the technology.

Lara D. commented that she is unhappy that faculty were not consulted, once again, on an issue that affects all of them as advisors to their students.

Jane Allen asked if the CRCD course schedule will remain on paper. Susan H. mentioned that Summer Sessions, UAF-CTC and CRCD schedules will still be on paper.

Mike E. went on to announce the enforcement of grade submission deadlines: The deadline this semester is December 22 at noon, which will have grace period until midnight of December 24th. In January they will work with the Provost and Deans to gather in any missing grades.

IX New Business

A. Motion to Amend the Faculty Senate Constitution, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Attachment 170/1)

Jon D. brought the motion to the floor. Jane W. made a motion to postpone the vote on this motion until the next face-to-face meeting in February. Mike D. seconded the motion to postpone the vote. An oral vote was recorded, and the results were: 1 abstention; 9 "yes" (to postpone); and 20 "no" votes.

The motion on the amending the Constitution was brought to the floor for a vote. An oral vote was again recorded and the results were: 22 "yes" (to amend the Constitution); 6 "no" (not to amend); and 2 abstentions. A record of the voting is posted online at the FS Meetings web page.

B. Motion to Approve the DANSRD Unit Criteria, submitted by Unit Criteria Committee (Attachment 170/2)

Perry B., Unit Criteria chair, brought the motion to the floor, noting the unique goals of DANSRD. The unit criteria include a description of the goals of the department, which provides a helpful context for the criteria that follow. He introduced Ralph Gabrielli from DANSRD who was present to help answer any questions. Jon D. asked if there were any sticking points for the committee when they reviewed the criteria. Perry noted that defining qualified peers to appraise faculty files was an issue that came up. DANSRD reviews not only come from scholarly societies, but also come from members of user groups who are using the research and service products of DANSRD. There is a lot of explanation about who is a qualified peer to provide review.

Jordan Titus asked some questions about wording on page six and seven of the document which seemed ambiguous to her and that which might lead to problems or an appeal should a faculty be denied promotion. Ralph G. provided explanation in these areas. Perry also noted the language Jordan asked about was in a preamble section, and specifics were provided below that section which was clear.

Theresa John spoke in support of the DANSRD unit criteria, noting it would benefit the faculty with its defined criteria.

Mike D. moved the motion to a vote which was seconded. Ayes passed the motion to approve the DANSRD unit criteria. There were no nays and two abstentions.

- C. Motion to Specify the Minimum Grade for Baccalaureate Core Courses, submitted by Curricular Affairs (Attachment 170/3)

Rainer N. brought the motion to the floor, explaining that under current policy, students may pass Core courses with a D- grade.

Karen J. asked why C- rather than a C was used for the minimum grade. Cathy C. noted that C- is used for transfer students coming in to the UAF system, so it was used to be consistent with current policy.

Dave V called to question and it was seconded. A vote was taken; the motion to require C- as the minimum grade for a Core course was passed. There was one nay vote.

X Discussion Items

- A. Update on the Core Revitalization Subcommittee – Curricular Affairs

Rainer N. noted that the Curricular Affairs Committee was still working on this.

- B. Statewide's request for one-year math placement test expiration date. – Administrative Committee (Attachment 170/4)

Cindy Hardy introduced this topic, noting its history last year, as illustrated by the agenda attachment. Cathy C. explained how last year's change aligned the deadlines at all three MAUs; but that UAA and UAS wish to change it back to a one-year expiration.

Latrice L. spoke in support changing the expiration date for math placement tests back to one year.

Linda H. commented on the confusion for students with the differing deadlines for English and math placement. Several faculty commented on the benefit to students who need to take math to have a shorter placement test expiration time of one year rather than two.

Jon D. noted the issue will come back before the senate for a vote.

XI Committee Reports

Reports were condensed to a quick comment due to the lateness of the meeting.

- A. Curricular Affairs – Rainer Newberry, Chair (Attachment 170/5)
- B. Faculty Affairs – Jennifer Reynolds, Chair
- C. Unit Criteria – Perry Barboza, Ute Kaden

- F. Curriculum Review Committee – Rainer Newberry, Chair
- G. Faculty Appeals & Oversight – Charlie Sparks, Convener
- H Faculty Development, Assessment & Improvement – Josef Glowa, Chair
(Attachment 170/8)
- I. Graduate Academic & Advisory Committee –Ken Abramowicz, Chair