

MINUTES

UAF Governance Coordinating Committee
Monday, April 30, 2012 – 2:00-3:00 PM

The motion was called to question and seconded. The vote to pass the proposed academic calendars for 2014-15 and 2015-16 was unanimous.

4. Discussion Items
 - A. Convening of GCC in Fall 2012

All present agreed upon the need to convene both earlier and on a regular basis next year. Issues such as the tobacco hire policy would benefit from such meetings and facilitate a more coordinated approach by shared governance.

It was agreed that there should be at least three meetings arranged for next year: in September, January and April. More meetings could be arranged as necessary.

5. Governance Reports
 - A. Mari Freitag, ASUAF President

Mari shared that she and Dillon were re-elected to ASUAF next year. They are addressing the streamlining of their meetings and issues of student attendance at those meetings. Two trips were made to Juneau this past year. Currently, they have met to discuss the dining contract and provide information to those negotiating the next dining contract.

Dillon commented on the streamlining of ASUAF. Membership will be reduced from 20 senators to 14, effective by fall 2013 after elections have taken place.

Mari noted they will be focusing on outreach to the student body. Their office manager is also going to take on the role of advisor to the group; and the president will retain the power to override the advisor.

- B. Pips Veazey, Staff Council President

Pips recapped the year, mentioning that the fall semester addressed external issues such as the staff compensation package. Staff want to better understand and have input in the process that develops the compensation package. Other external topics addressed included health care, the tuition benefit, and the tobacco user hire policy. Pips also shared about the success of the recent Staff Council survey regarding the proposed Code of Conduct. The survey has garnered 650 responses (including those from UAA and UAS).

Pips also mentioned the reorganization of Staff Council which has been proposed. Staff Council wishes to become leaner and more visible. They have also proposed having a communications officer who would work with the president and vice president. Another bylaws change would include allowing the president to appoint the Staff Alliance person for the following year.

Juella asked Mari and Dillon about student response to the issue of tobacco. Mari had heard the hire policy would potentially include student employees. For students, the issue also concerns the fact this is a residential campus. She had asked Donald Smith how this proposal would save money, and he responded that students go on to become staff employees. Currently, student health care is completely separate from that of staff and faculty. Effects of the proposed policy were noted with regard to research, as well as the hiring of Alaska Natives. The issue is now believed to be “on hold.” Juella suggested that comments be made at the June Board of Regents meeting.

C. Cathy Cahill, Faculty Senate President

Cathy reported about Faculty Senate discussions and actions regarding the Code of Conduct, the tobacco user hire policy, and the eLabs task force. Electronic faculty activity reporting software demos were mentioned, with the next step

GCC Attachment #1

MOTION:

The Governance Coordinating Committee agrees to name the most senior member of the committee to be Acting Chair of GCC Meeting #86. Cathy Cahill, Faculty Senate President, is the most senior member remaining in office this 2011-12 academic year.

Effective: Immediately

Rationale: The Governance Coordinating Committee has not convened during the academic year of 2011-12. Pressing business regarding future academic calendars needs the immediate attention of the committee. To further this pressing business, the most senior member of the committee shall act as chair of the meeting.

GCC Attachment #2

MOTION:

The Governance Coordinating Committee moves to approve the attached academic calendars for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately.

RATIONALE: The academic calendars for 2014-15 and 2015-16 have been reviewed and approved by the Curricular Affairs and Administrative Committees of the Faculty Senate. The calendars are ready for the review and approval by the Governance Coordinating Committee.

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS – PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDARS FOR 2012-2015 (Fall and Spring Semesters only)
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