

MINUTES  
GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC) Meeting #75  
Wednesday, 5 December 2007  
Chancellor's Conference Room

1. Juella Sparks called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kayt Sunwood, President, UAF Staff Council	P
Juella Sparks, President-Elect, UAF Staff Council	P
Marsha Sousa, President-Elect, UAF Staff Council	P
Jon Genetti, UAF Faculty Senate, President	P
Meredith Cameron, for Jake Hamburg	P
Jake Hamburg, President, ASUAF	A
Danielle Ryder, Vice-President, ASUAF	A
Lynette Washington, Secretary, GCC	P

B. Wednesday, 5 December 2007, GCC #75, the Agenda was approved as modified.

C. Wednesday, 10 October 2007, GCC #74 Minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Discuss creation and background of the CCDAC group – Juella Sparks.

A. Juella Sparks reported that she has been researching the mission and makeup of CCDAC. Juella Sparks stated that the group met about two weeks ago to review the committee's mission, but that no action was taken during that meeting. Juella reported that during the meeting a former member of the committee expressed concern about being removed from the committee. Juella Sparks informed GCC members that the CCDAC group was not able to select a Chair during the meeting due to lack of a quorum. Kayt Sunwood stated that the charge is about promoting diversity, or checking on whether or not diversity is happening. Lynette Washington stated that she is doing research on the roots of the CCDAC as requested by Kayt Sunwood. Kayt Sunwood stated that there are a number of members in common on the Status of Women committee and the CCDAC. Lynette Washington stated that the GCC group usually meets twice a semester and that a proposed spring meeting schedule will be sent to the committee. Juella stated that by February we should know more about the CCDAC and will move on from there.

3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Meredith Cameron for Jake Hamburg, President, ASUAF.

Meredith Cameron reported that the innovative challenge/Nobel prize of the North, has received great support on campus. She reported that ASUAF is holding talking sessions at the Wood Center to try and connect more with the students and that the students are given post cards to mail to Governor Palin. Meredith Cameron reported that the post card idea came out of the student coalition group in support of our Alaska Achievers Incentive Program (AAIP), which is our need based scholarship. Meredith Cameron informed GCC members that each of the schools in the UA system made their own post cards. Meredith Cameron reported that student elections are over and ballots are being counted.

B. Jon Genetti, President, Faculty Senate

Jon Genetti reported that the statewide Steering committee met and discussed the NESSE survey and discussed major themes about the survey. Jon Genetti stated that the committee has been tasked to come up with three to four proposed recommendations. Tim Barnett intends to present the recommendations to the Chancellor's Cabinet some time in February. Jon Genetti informed the GCC members that the Steering committee is composed of 12 members that includes faculty, students, Dana Thomas, Assistant Provost for General Studies and Tim Lower, Assistant Professor of Psychology.

Jon Genetti reported that Daniel Julius, VC for Academic Affairs and Research, UA System, is forming a state wide student success steering committee some time before Christmas, and that it is taking in all of the MAUs. Jon Genetti stated that the committee is a kind of catch all for all the MAUs and if something is working at one MAU we should look at it for all of the others. Jon Genetti stated that the Faculty Senate will present a resolution in support of the UAF Staff Council Bunnell House Resolution at the next Senate meeting.

Jon Genetti reported the System Governance committee is used by President Hamilton as a sounding board for some of his ideas and to try to sell things to the Governor and legislative members. Jon Genetti stated that President Hamilton is optimistic about the FY09 budget. Jon Genetti stated that if the UA or any of the MAUs want a new building, then it would probably need to be approved within the next two years. Jon Genetti stated that the cost of building a new building is approaching the \$100,000,000 mark and that the Governor and the Legislature are not excited about funding new buildings. Jon Genetti stated that the Legislature is at this point willing to fund the increase in fixed costs, but not really fund new programs, so we are just in a flat funding phase, which causes problems.

Juella Sparks asked if the statewide Steering committee on Student Success knows about the GCC's Joint Committee on Student Success. Jon Genetti replied that it is being driven by Daniel Julius, and that he is taking more of an academic view of it as opposed to what you would normally see out of statewide. Jon Genetti stated that there are about 15 to 16 people on the two lists of members. Juella Sparks asked if they are specific individuals and not necessarily groups. Jon Genetti stated that as he understands it, the process was that Daniel Julius, VP, Office of UA Academic Affairs, asked each Provost to nominate three or four from each MAU. Jon Genetti stated that he will put together a summary of what went on at the meeting. Juella Sparks commented that she is curious about what kind of relationship the joint committee might have with this group. Jon Genetti stated that he has no idea, because he got heads up on this committee being formed during the last Faculty Alliance meeting. He stated that a meeting is set for December 19 in the Sherman Carter Conference Room.

#### C. Kayt Sunwood, President, Staff Council

Kayt Sunwood reported that the UAF Staff Council's even-numbered unit election results are to be certified at the next Council meeting. She reported that the new people would be on Council by January and that a new representative Orientation meeting is scheduled during January. She reported that the Bunnell House Resolution is on the December 14, Staff Council agenda.

Kayt stated that proposed increase in health care costs continues to be a huge concern of UAF staff. Kayt Sunwood commented that she serves on a Staff Alliance committee about health care for staff members that are not represented by a union, which are about two-thirds of our employees. Kayt stated that she discussed health care issues with Mike Humphrey, Director of Benefits, UA, Human Resources System. The discussion included information about changes to P



Juella Sparks called for the JCOSS discussion to be brought back to the table for discussion. The GCC members agreed to put the motion back on the table. The GCC members discussed staffing the JCOSS. Jon Genetti stated that we anticipate that there will be six initial members. Juella Sparks stated that we will have at least one rep from each of the Governance constituencies. Jon Genetti stated replied that it should be at least one, but you had asked me for two names, but I don't know if you wanted two names to put two people on or two names to pick only one. Juella Sparks stated that she would like to see a list of names for each constituency.

B. Text Book Cost Issue, Meredith Cameron for Jake Hamburg.

Meredith Cameron stated that Jake Hamburg and Danielle Ryder apologized that they were not able to come up with any one to bring to the meeting to represent the UAF Bookstore, but that they have been in touch with not only the UAF Bookstore, but also the statewide Bookstores. Meredith Cameron stated that ASUAF is working on trying to come up with a plan and that each bookstore seems to be doing its own thing on how to solve this problem, and looking for the best possible one for our position. We are kind of in the same boat as UAS with shipping costs being tacked on to our books. We have been working with the Student Coalition to work together and try to figure this out. Right now in the works is organizing a book swap, we are not sure if it will be campus-wide or statewide at this time. UAS and I think Kenai both have attempted book swaps on campus in the past; that is one of the options that we are looking at to find a way to cut costs. We thought that this way would be a way to consolidate efforts and really bring a focus into this issue.

Meredith Cameron stated that, we are seeing huge problems with students last month going in and buying text books for this past semester, because permanent fund dividend checks came out, so they have been buying books. You ask students how are they doing and they say it has been rough. Hopefully, some type of book swap happening early on in the semester to cut back on the amount of books. They are also drafting letters to departments and professors asking them to do as much as they can to put E-reserves online, putting copies in the library, just cutting back on the number of text books where they are not using the entire book, getting things printed on newsprint instead of a regular published book. Also, it helps recycling; those are the things that Jake and Danielle are really pushing for.

Marsha Sousa asked what about the suggestion to put our books online. Meredith Cameron replied that the issue with that idea is that the Bookstore wasn't really seeing the ISBN. It would take a lot to individually c.003 77 3n tc.96.49t1 Tc 0546 0 Td [ehvidue4-4( f)2(Tq)Tpuft Robn EMC5dividue4-4( f)2(Tq)Tpuft R( S)

President Hamilton, but Juella asked them to wait until after December 14<sup>th</sup>. Kayt Sunwood asked what the procedure is to bring a resolution to the Chancellor after the Faculty Senate passes a resolution. Jon Genetti stated that it doesn't need his signature. Lynette Washington stated that resolutions are not signed by the Chancellor. Jon Genetti stated that the Chancellor is aware of the resolution, because they talked about it at the pre-Faculty Senate meeting. Juella asked what his response was. Jon Genetti stated that the Chancellor doesn't really want to close it, but may be going to President Hamilton would be effective, because he had said when you look at statewide they had forwarded over a million dollars from this current year's budget for higher priority things. Juella Sparks stated that the Chancellor needs the opportunity to officially respond before we go to the President. Juella Sparks stated that because our governance groups haven't specifically voted and passed this resolution, it can't come before this group. Jon Genetti stated that we could, but it is essentially rubber stamping what we won't have time to do it before the next GCC meeting.

## 7. COMMENTS and QUESTIONS

Lynette Washington stated that she has researched CCDAC and can send that information to the committee. Kayt and Juella were interested in receiving the packet of information. Lynette stated that the information may include information about the Diversity & Tolerance and Work Place Ethics committees that existed prior to the CCDAC being formed.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Governance Coordinating Committee #75 - Attachment #1  
Governance Coordinating Committee Meeting #75  
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The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee passed the following motion at its meeting #73, on 16 April 2007.

MOTION: (passed unanimously)

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## UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

### ARTICLE V Committees

Sect. 1 The standing committees of the UAF Governance Coordinating Committee shall include:

#### JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Sect. 2

A. Standing committees shall have at least one representative from each of the governance constituencies,

- D. Committee chairs shall forward committee business to the UAF Governance Coordinating Committee for disposition, except when limited by University of Alaska regulations.
- E. Policy items from the standing committees must be forwarded to the individual governance bodies for action.
- F. In addition to the committees' specific charges, the primary responsibilities of the committees are formulation and oversight of university-wide policies under the purview of each committee.
- G. Committees will meet as needed during the academic year to fulfill their duties.
- H. The chairs of the standing committees will report recommendations at the [[monthly]] UAF Governance Coordinating Committee meetings.

Sect. 3 Standing Committees Charges

A. JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT SUCCESS

THE CHARGE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT SUCCESS SHALL BE TO:

- 1. CREATE A CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS STUDENT SUCCESS.
- 2. WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO RECOMMEND STUDENT-FRIENDLY POLICIES, PRACTICES AND COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE AND ENHANCE STUDENT SUCCESS AT UAF.
- 3. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S CABINET AND THE PROVOST COUNCIL.

Sect. 4 Ad Hoc Committees may be established as demand warrants.

Sect. 5 The Governance Coordinating Committee will receive reports from other committees outside its control who are also concerned with campus issues. Examples include: police advisory board, technology board, one-card committee, and any other committee deemed relevant to faculty, staff, and students.

Effective: Upon Chancellor Approval

Rationale: A collaborative, shared leadership among administrators, students, faculty, and staff is a key component to creating campus environments that foster student success.

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Governance Coordinating Committee #75 - Attachment #2  
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RESOLUTION  
 ON  
 BUNNELL HOUSE

**WHEREAS**, it was announced that the Tanana Valley Campus (TVC) is no longer able to sustain the operating costs of the Bunnell House Early Childhood Lab School during the summer months and that it will close, starting in May 2008; and

**Whereas**, the provision of adequate childcare is a critical issue affecting all members of the university community, including faculty, staff, students, and administrators who depend on Bunnell House year-round; and

**Whereas**, with approximately 70 families on the Bunnell House wait list, there is a demonstrated need for expanded childcare on the UAF campus; and

**WHEREAS**, there is already a shortage of childcare available in Fairbanks, which is exacerbated when school is out for the summer; and

**Whereas**,