MINUTES
UAF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #151
Monday, May 5, 2008
1:00 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.
Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom

I Call to Order – Jon Genetti

Faculty Senate President Jon Genetti called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Members Present:
Allen, Jane
Anahita, Sine
Barboza, Perry
Barrick, Ken
Barry, Ron
Cascio, Julie
Christie, Anne
Cooper, Christine
Dandekar, Abhijit
Dehn, Jonathan
Genetti, Jon
Hogan, Maureen
Huettmann, Falk
Iken, Katrin (Alex Oliveira)
Illingworth, Marjorie
Kingsley, Ilana
Konar, Brenda
Lowder, Marla
Lurman, Julie
McEachern, Diane
Newberry, Rainer
Potter, Ben
Reynolds, Jennifer
Roberts, Larry
Sousa, Marsha
Thomas, Amber
Weber, Jane
Wiechen, Heinz
Zhou, Thomas (Lily Dong)

Members Absent:
Bandopadhyay, Sukumar
Bret-Harte, Marion
Daku, Michael
Leonard, Beth
Little, Joe
Rosenberg, Jonathan
Zhang, Jing

Others Present:
Bult-Ito, Abel
Dieringer, Deanna
Duffy, Larry
Goering, Douglas
Hardy, Cindy
Hapsmith, Linda
Henrichs, Susan
Herman, Susan
Illingworth, Ron
Jones, Stephen B.
Kowalski, Karl
Layral, Sheri
Madsen, Eric
McCrea, Scott
Morrison, Joy
Norton, Brody
Rogers, Brian (Guest Speaker)
Sparks, Juella
Sunwood, Kayt
Thomas, Dana
Wakefield, Bill (Guest Speaker)

B. Approval of Minutes to Meeting #150

The minutes were approved as distributed.

C. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

II Status of Chancellor's Office Actions

A. Motions Approved:

Jane W. asked what the response rate was for the survey. Dana answered that it was a 15% response rate which was relatively low. Usual rate is 20-25%. Marji I. asked how many of the respondents were rural students; that information is not known.

Abel Bult-Ito congratulated those receiving the Usibelli awards. He also thanked Chancellor Jones for appointing him to Professor of Biology despite negative reviews by the Director, his peers, the campus-wide review committee and the Provost. He feels the Chancellor recognized academic freedom and freedom of speech, and showed courage in overturning the other decisions that Abel feels were based on retribution for his activism.

He also commented about the annual report by Faculty Affairs, saying there is an error related to his request to investigate his non-appointment to the Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee. The Faculty Affairs annual report states, "It is also important to note that the Committee for Campus Diversity operates under the Staff Council, and the participation of a Faculty Senate member or members is a courtesy." Abel says this statement is in error and that it's a committee directly under the Chancellor's office. Faculty members nominated by the Senate do not have to be senators.

IV A. President's Comments - Jon Genetti

Jon thanked everyone for their participation in Faculty Senate and their hard work. He kept his comments short in view of the long agenda.

B. President-elect's Comments - Marsha Sousa

Marsha echoed Jon's comments, and thanked Jon for his hard work and level-headed approach to everything. She also extended thanks to Jayne.

V A. Remarks by Chancellor Steve Jones

Chancellor Jones made remarks about his collectively working with faculty, staff and students as a rewarding, fulfilling and satisfying time of his life; it's been an incredible journey.

He reported on hearing from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation which has awarded a 4-year grant of $740,000 to continue the work started by Bryan Brayboy and others for an indigenous PhD program.

He will be announcing before he leaves the establishment of the institute to be built for commemorating Susan Butcher.

He announced that the first steps have been taken toward establishing the endowed Boone and Crockett Club chair of wildlife and biology.

He encourages all to continue making UAF as special and distinctive as it is by its arctic locale. Lay claim on the identity as America's Arctic University and take advantage of its international reputation.

reputation of UAF as a premier education and research institution, and to establish the identity of UAF as "America's Arctic University"; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Stephen B. Jones brings prestige and recognition to UAF in his position as the Chair of the governing board, University of the Arctic, a circumpolar consortium of colleges and universities in eight circumpolar nations; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, UAF has seen an increase in the number of UA Scholars enrolling in UAF, in the number of students entering high-demand workforce programs to meet the needs of the state of Alaska, and in the number of PhD candidates; and

WHEREAS, during the four years of Stephen B. Jones's tenure as Chancellor, the number of degrees awarded has increased in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Stephen B. Jones has begun building a culture of philanthropy in support of UAF, by establishing an annual fund program and providing the resources to build a development and advancement program at UAF; and

WHEREAS, Stephen B. Jones has promoted UAF education and research internationally, by creating agreements with selected universities in China and India; and nationally, by creating MOAs with community colleges in Washington and California; and

WHEREAS, Stephen B. Jones convened the Vision 2017 Task Force, a body of statewide leaders who will help set the future course for UAF;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Alaska Fairbanks Faculty Senate expresses its gratitude to Stephen B. Jones for his years of service to the university, commends him for his advocacy on behalf of UAF, and extends best wishes to him and his wife Judy in their future endeavors.

VII Guest Speaker

They plan a parallel opt-in phased deployment – you choose what you want to migrate and when you want to migrate to it. At some point down the road, within less than a year, the majority have migrated to the new system.

Ilana asked about ads for alumni email. It would have advertising from what she has read on the Google website. Bill has been told that as long as they're provisioning the alumni accounts under their licensing agreement with Google, it won't occur. They'll be UAF affiliates. Ilana also commented about data storage by a private company for the university along with storage for many other universities. They mine data, and we don't know what they do with that. Blogs and wikis – Google apps – it's being stored outside the university. All data on all servers can be indexed by Google unless it's specifically blocked at the server level. Blackboard data could be indexed on a Google server. Bill noted you can encrypt your email and data to prevent mining.

Jennifer Reynolds asked Bill to comment on privacy concerns. She made the point that information belongs to those who own the servers and this has been borne out in court. Bill says legal is looking at it. Jennifer asked Bill if he will ask Legal if this has this been tested in court. He's sure that they are performing due diligence on this matter.

Abel commented about the telecom communication company's giving out information without the users' consent, for example, ATT has given out information to Homeland Security. No guarantee about Google in that regard. Abel also noted that Bill mentions efficiency as a reason for looking at Google, but they don't know yet what the savings will be. Abel is concerned we don't really have any input in this matter.

Jon G. asked about email forwarding (which a large number of students and faculty do). Does Google capture the data during the forward of email through its servers? Does Google bifurcate if it goes there first? Bill mentions that with outsourcing, they can either have the email go through their service first, or come through here first. The advantage of having it go through them first is the spam filtering, which is a big plus. So, yes, if you're forwarding with your Google account, it goes through Google first and stores it, then forwards. If you have a separate account not maintained on Google, but is going through them first, it would not store it because there is no Google account to store it on – it would move it on. Jon asks if the same set up whereby he forwards his UAF account on to an external account is possible with Google. The data is going through a corporation and we've lost control of it.

Ken B. asked Bill to summarize the primary reason for doing this; is it for saving money, expanding capabilities beyond what we can do at UAF, or for some other reason? Bill says yes

VIII Consent Agenda

A. Motion to approve the list of 2007-2008 degree candidates, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Agenda Attachment 151/2)
B. Resolution of Appreciation for Jon Genetti, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Agenda Attachment 151/3)
C. Resolution for the Outstanding Senator of the Year Award, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Agenda Attachment 151/4)

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to approve the Unit Criteria for the Graduate Program in Marine Science and Limnology.

EFFECTIVE:	Immediately Upon Chancellor Approval
RATIONALE:	The committee assessed the unit criteria submitted by the Graduate Program in Marine Science and Limnology. With some changes agreed upon by the college representative, the unit criteria were found to be consistent with UAF guidelines.

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Note: Please refer to the Agenda for this meeting for additional attachments to this motion. The full packet is available for review at the UAF Governance Office, 312 Signers' Hall.

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C. Motion to amend approved alternatives to a minor, submitted by Curricular Affairs (Agenda Attachment 151/7)

Rainer brought the motion to floor. The motion's rationale is based on the fact that a minor usually consists of 15 credits in one concentration. Like the A.A.S. which can meet the requirements of a minor, certificates require far more than the 15 credits for most minors. The motion was called to question, the vote taken, and it passed unanimously.

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend approved alternatives to a Minor to include certificates in addition to A.A.S. degrees (p. 121, 2007-2008 UAF Catalog).

CAPS = Additions
[[ ]] = Deletions

An associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree **nor,certificates reqire farDynor,oDIT-00006Tv2 0 98CID 522**

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: The UAF Administration is in the process of testing an electronic system of Faculty Annual Activities Reports. The company Digital Measures was contracted to customize existing software for the UA system, incorporating requests from administrators and a survey of deans/directors. A beta test of the software was conducted in Fall 2007 with the faculty of the School of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences at UAF. Beta tests were also performed with departments at UAA and UAS.

The faculty of UAA oppose adoption of this system, and it is no longer under consideration for that MAU. The UAF administration wishes to move forward with adoption, focusing its efforts on refining and improving the software. The feedback received from SFOS faculty addressed programming and design issues from the users' point of view, i.e., the nuts and bolts of the data entry. This feedback did not include discussion of the role of these electronic reports at UAF, nor their broader implications.

The Annual Activities Reports are designed to help guide the career of faculty in consultation with their dean and/or director, and are used as a tool for faculty performance evaluation as stated in the Collective Bargaining Agreements. The system being tested from Digital Measures focuses on measuring university performance. These are two separate goals which have limited overlap. The attempt to achieve both at once has made for a system with critical failings for each goal.

The Faculty Alliance in 2004 drafted objectives, guidelines and constraints of an electronic interactive database system for faculty workload and activity reports. A detailed analysis of the Digital Measures system has shown that few of these objectives, guidelines and constraints were met. Further, the proposed system doubled the required information over the current Annual Activity report. The primary concerns of the faculty are the security of sensitive information, use of this information for inappropriate purposes, duplication of effort through lack of coordination with other on and off campus databases, and compliance with the respective Collective Bargaining Agreements. As a database for measuring university performance, the system is poorly designed, error prone, cumbersome and does not take advantage of modern computing capabilities.

The recommendation of the Faculty Senate is to drop the effort to use electronic Annual Activities Reports as input for a comprehensive university database. The faculty would support an electronic version of Annual Activities Reports if it met the criteria specified by the Faculty Alliance in 2004. A separate database of faculty activities could be created with only the public professional products of the faculty; however, considering the poor result from the time, effort, and resources already devoted to adapting the Digital Measures software for the University of Alaska, further investment in this system as a public professional products database is not advisable.

See the Faculty Affairs Committee report on the automated Annual Activity Reports for more detailed information. A copy is posted online at the following web address:
http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/fsfy08meetings/index.html

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E. Resolution to support student success initiatives by hiring more full-time tenure track faculty, submitted by the Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee (Agenda Attachment 151/9)

E. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation for Jon Genetti

Marsha read Jon's resolution into the record and presented him with the framed Resolution on behalf of the Senate. (Reference the Agenda Attachment 151/3 for a copy of the formal resolution.)

sitting on peer review, and how the peer review processes are established; continuing issues with PERS/TRS, and the fairness issue associated with the ORP employees; student success is a high priority initiative and involvement with colleagues at UAA and UAS in addressing the initiatives that will go forward for the budget processes; core review is becoming more important to look at because of a variety of student success issues and because it's time to look at the core curriculum process; funding for BIOS; green campus and sustainability; child care issues; and needs-based financial scholarships. Marsha will be here all summer and invites input from all members.

C. President-Elect's Remarks – Jon Dehn

Jon looks forward to continuing to raise the bar; a great job has been done improving the performance and respect of the Senate, and they'll continue to do so in the spirit of true self-governance. He wants to increase the role of research faculty with the Senate. Jon mentioned that an additional senate meeting has been included next fall. Please don't hesitate to contact him over the summer.

XVI Remarks by Provost Susan Henrichs

Susan briefly spoke a word of welcome and she looks forward to the new adventures they will share in the upcoming year.

XVII New Senate Business

A. Motion to endorse 2008-2009 committee membership, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Agenda Attachment 16

2008-2009 Faculty Senate Committees

STANDING COMMITTEES

Curricular Affairs
- Ken Abramowicz, SOM (10)
- Seta Bogosyan, CEM (10)
- Jane Allen, CRCD/KUC (09)
- Carrie Baker CLA (10)
- Falk Huettmann, CNSM (09) – Co-Chair
- Beth Leonard, SOEd (10)
- Diane McEachern, CRCD/KUC (09)
- Rainer Newberry, CNSM (10)
- Amber Thomas, CLA (09) – Co-Chair

Faculty Affairs
- Ken Barrick, SNRAS (09)
- Marion Bret-Harte, IAB (09)
- Cathy Cahill, CNSM (10) - Convener
- Anne Christie CLA (10)
- Mike Davis, CRCD (10)
- Kenan Hazirbaba, CEM (10)
- Maureen Hogan, SOEd (09)
- Meibing Jin, IARC (10)
- Jingjing Liang, SNRAS (10)
- Marla Lowder, CES (09)
- Jennifer Reynolds, SFOS (09)
- Norm Swazo, CLA (10)

Unit Criteria *Updated 5/13/08*
- Mike Davis, CRCD (10)
- Kraig Hays, CLA (10)
- John Heaton, CLA (10)
- Brenda Konar, SFOS (10) – Chair/Convener
- Sonja Koukel, CES (10)
- Ray Ralonde, SFOS/MAP (10)
- Jing Zhang, CEM (09)

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Committee on the Status of Women
Updated 5/13/08
- Elizabeth Allman, CNSM (10)
- Sine Anahita, CLA (10)
- Uma Bhatt, CNSM (09)
- Alexandra Fitts, CLA (10)
- Carol Gold, CLA (09)
- Cindy Hardy, CRCD (09)
- Stefanie Ickert-Bond, IAB (10)
- Renate Wackerbauer, CNSM (09)
- Diane Wagner, CNSM (09)
- Jane Weber, CRCD (10) – Chair/ Convener

Core Review
- Christine Coffman, English, CLA (10)
- Christie Cooper, CLA (10)
- James Gladden, Social Sci, Applied & Distance Ed, CLA (10)
- Karen Gustafson, Humanities, CLA (10)
- Suzan Hahn, Library CLA (09)
- Latrice Bowman, Math, CNSM (10) – Co-Convener
- Michael Harris, Sciences, CNSM (09) – Co-Convener

Student Academic Development & Achievement Committee
- Jane Allen/Nancy Ayagarak, KUC Campus
- Victor Zinger, BBC (Spr 09)
- John Creed, Chukchi Campus
- Brian Rasley, Sciences (09)
- Cindy Hardy, Dev. Education – Chair
- Marjorie Illingworth, CRCD
- Jill Faudree, Math (09)
- Joe Mason, Northwest Campus
- Dana Greci, CRCD
- Curt Szuberla, CNSM (10)

Faculty Appeals & Oversight Committee
- Carol Barnhardt, SOEd. (09) – Co-convener
- Jim Bicigo, CLA (09) – Co-convener
- John Gimbel, CNSM (10)
- Joshua Greenberg, SNRAS (10)
- Santanu Khataniar, CEM, (10)
- Jerry McBeath, CLA (10)
- Wayne Marr, SOM (10)
- Tony Nakazawa, CRCD (10)
- Fred Sorensen, CES (10)
- Milan Shipka, SNRAS (09)
- Keith Swarner, CRCD (10)

Faculty Development, Assessment & Improvement *Updated 5/13/08*
- Christine Cooper, CLA (09)
- Michael Daku, (CLA) (09)
- Josef Glowa, CLA (10)
- Dana Greci, CRCD (09)
- Susan Herman, SOM (09)
- Marjorie Illingworth, CRCD (09)
- Julie Lurman Joly, SNRAS (10)
- Joy Morrison, Faculty Development Office
- Link Olson, CNSM (09)

Faculty Development, Assessment & Improvement *Updated 5/13/08* -- continued
- Channon Price, CNSM

2008-2009 Faculty Senate Committees

Larry Roberts, CRCD (09) - Convener
Layne Smith, CLA (10)
Thomas Zhou, SOM (10)

B. Motion to approve the 2008-2009 Faculty Senate Meeting Calendar, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Agenda Attachment 151/18)

An additional senate meeting has been included for October 08. Calendar passed unanimously.

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to adopt the following calendar (with revisions noted below) for its 2008-2009 meetings.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: Meetings have to be scheduled well in advance to allow for reservations at the Wood Center and to facilitate planning for Faculty Senate members.

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UAF FACULTY SENATE
2008-2009
Calendar of Meetings

Meeting #:	Date	Day	Time	Type
152	9-15-08	Monday	1:00 PM	Video/Audio Conference
153	10-13-08	Monday	1:00 PM	~~Audio Conference~~ Face to Face
154	11-10-08	Monday	1:00 PM	~~Face to Face~~ Audio Conference
155	12-8-08	Monday	1:00 PM	Audio Conference
156	2-2-09	Monday	1:00 PM	Face to Face
157	3-2-09	Monday	1:00 PM	Video/Audio Conference
158	4-6-09	Monday	1:00 PM	Audio Conference
159	5-4-09	Monday	1:00 PM	Face to Face

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C. Motion to authorize the Administrative Committee to act on behalf of the Senate during the summer months, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Agenda Attachment 151/19)

Marsha explained the need for this motion. It was passed unanimously.

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to authorize the Administrative Committee to act on behalf of