

**MINUTES**  
 UAF Governance Coordinating Committee  
 Meeting #81  
**Tuesday, 24 March 2009**  
 8:30-9:30 AM  
 Chancellor's Conference Room

**1. CALL TO ORDER****A. ROLL CALL**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Juella Sparks, President, UAF Staff Council	X	
Martin Klein, President-Elect, UAF Staff Council	X	
Marsha Sousa, President, UAF Faculty Senate	X	
Jon Dehn, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate		X
Brandon Meston, President, ASUAF, GCC Chair	X	
Adrian Triebel, Vice-President, ASUAF	X	

**B. Adopt GCC Agenda #81, Tuesday, 24 March 2009**

Adopted as amended.

**C. Approve GCC Minutes #78, Friday, 10 October 2008, #80, Tuesday, February 10 2009**

Approved as amended.

**2. COMMITTEE REPORTS****A. Joint Committee on Student Success (JCOSS), Marsha Sousa**

Committee is disbanded. Marsha says there are too many pocket committees focusing on Student Success.

**B. Chancellors Diversity Action Committee (CDAC), Juella Sparks**

CDAC meets at the end of the week and there is lots of activity. There is a new set of bylaws to be reviewed and formally published. The CDAC website is progressing as well. The CDAC appointment needs to be addressed; Juella is stepping down in May and a new representative needs to be selected for GCC. Brandon noted the committee on the Campus Climate Survey is going well the length is a current concern. Jenny is finalizing the report and early April is the last meeting for the Campus Climate Survey.

**C. System Governance, Juella Sparks**

Systems Governance met but didn't have a quorum. Juella went to the Human Resources Council meeting instead. Juella met with President Hamilton to discuss System Governance issues such as the UAF budget, non-retention and the definition of governance. Juella asked President Hamilton if he had a strategy for future budget cuts and he didn't answer the question. In regards to non-retention President Hamilton supports his troops and it wasn't overly productive. Marsha Sousa is meeting

with Jim Durkee to see what the Faculty's role is on the I.T.E.C. Committee. C.M.T and P.M.T. people are suppose to relay information to I.T.E.C. Brandon updated GCC on the Housing Facilities Task Force; it has been pushed up on the funding priority list. Skarland Hall's plumbing is failing. Lathrop Hall is look to be an alternative for freshman. One floor on Skarland is going to be torn up and damage assessed. There is a potential for either a new location for the dorm or a serious upgrade to Skarland.

### **3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

#### **A. Brandon Meston, President, ASUAF**

Brandon mentioned the legislative campaign in Juneau went really well. It had the best showing from students. It was clear weather the whole time and no media event this time. Legislature thought they were more professional this time. The dance fundraiser for the women's shelter for non-violent living earned 400 dollars. The post inauguration celebration Adrian noted was very mind opening for some students. Adrian went to the TVC round table and talked about ASUAF and what it does for the students. Brandon said the Grad Bash Committee is in organization mode. The Chancellor approved a 10 dollar summer fee. Student regent elections status is unknown at this time.

#### **B. Marsha Sousa, President, Faculty Senate**

Faculty Senate is in the middle of elections, the bylaws are being refurbished by the next president. Curricular issues and changes are a big task there is over 100 changes a year. A graduate certificate in Construction management was in the works but Cirricular affairs didn't like the programs idea to charge super tuition. The general studies degree is an option under the disciplinary program for people with a large amount of credit to graduate.

#### **C. Juella Sparks, President, Staff Council**

UAF Staff Council met with Kris Racina and Chancellor Rogers. Kris noted her support of the staff handbook and has HR creating a site for staff to access. Juella also mentioned that Chancellor Rogers said he fully supported Staff Appreciation Day and the staff handbook, he's been nothing but supportive for staff and extended the deadline for the supervisory training. Juella was interested in the status of the Chancellor and if a national search is to be done. Marsha thought that Sean McGee discussion from the last Staff Council meeting on safety was interesting. Juella feels there need to be a campus wide emergency plan. Juella suggest a campus safety day, but Marsha pointed out that finding a day to do would be difficult.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Staff Appreciation Day**

Juella noted that it's May 11, 2009; there will some community building, trainings available, workshops, and longevity awards with lots of free food.

#### **B. CDAC Appointment**

Juella urges Brandon to appoint someone that is new to the GCC so they have the opportunity on CDAC. Juella's term ends mid May, she urged the committee to select an applicant in the Fall. The CDAC appointment should be defined in the GCC bylaws. Juella is staying on CDAC till the end of the summer. The next meeting will be held in late September.

C. JCOSS Status

A motion was created to remove JCOSS from the GCC bylaws. Marsha supports removing JCOSS from the bylaws. Brandon made a motion to remove JCOSS from the bylaws. Motion passed.

**5. COMMENTS and QUESTIONS**

Juella stressed concerned about not having documentation for incoming members. Nichole suggested making an orientation binder for incoming GCC members. Faculty Senate is the next governing body to chair GCC.

**6. ADJOURN**