

MINUTES  
UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE #43  
October 23, 1998  
Chancellor's Conference Room

I Jean Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Christensen, S.  
Gatterdam, R.  
Richardson, J.  
Wilken, S.

MEMBERS ABSENT:  
Combellick, M.  
Frey, B.  
Martin, W.  
Schatz, M.

OTHER PRESENT:  
Mosca, K.

B. The minutes to meetings #41 (March 13, 1998) and #42 (April 27, 1998) were approved as distributed via e-mail.

C. The agenda was adopted as distributed via e-mail.

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Health Issues - M. Combellick

Michelle Combellick was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

B. Grievance Council - W. Martin

Wanda Martin was out of town. However, Kathy Mosca stated that the Council is meeting on October 26 to address changes they would like to see in the grievance procedure, prior to their meeting with Patty Kastelic, Executive Director, Statewide Human Resources. The committee has received a grievance for action.

C. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee - S. Wilken

The committee has met twice regarding the proposed changes to Board of Regents' Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics. Both UAA and UAF athletic departments were not contacted on the policy changes. Also, the policy changes were forwarded without input from the departments that would be impacted. The deans of student affairs had recommended the changes and Faculty Senate passed the proposed changes.

Major concerns were why the changes and what was the intent of the changes. The Coalition of Student Leaders are officially looking at this policy. This was not on the Board of Regents agenda in October but will probably be on the November agenda. Staff Council had not commented on the changes to date. However, this item will go to Staff Affairs for their October 28 meeting. Ron Gatterdam reminded committee members that governance bodies need to respond quicker to issues and that the Regents' are not going to tolerate delays. Sue Wilken stated that she had contacted Nanne Myers' office and the proposed changes were ready for distribution in May, but for some unforeseen reason, UAF governance bodies did not receive it until August.

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee had requested a delay but the policy went forward to the Senate. Jean Richardson recommended that a subcommittee be formed consisting of students, members from Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, the director of Athletics, and the dean of students to review the policy. This meeting will be scheduled.

III OTHER BUSINESS

A. 1999-2000 Academic Calendar

Faculty Senate drafted the 1999-2000 academic calendar in conjunction with the Registrar and forwarded this item to staff and student governance bodies for action. Staff Affairs will address this item at their meeting on October

28. The students will place this item on their October 25 agenda.

B. Discussion on Staff Council Motion Passed on the Governance Coordinating Committee Procedures

Shannon Christensen addressed the recommended changes that Staff Council has made. The Staff Council passed a motion on October 9 to approve the changes in the procedures with the following amendments: Do not delete rural affairs, specify term lengths, and change Public Safety to Police Department in the Health Issues charge. The Faculty Senate has sent the procedures back to the Coordinating Committee to incorporate the amendments Staff Council has made. Students will add this item to their agenda. Ron Gatterdam asked for the rationale why the Rural Affairs Committee should not be deleted. Shannon Christensen stated that Staff Council voted to retain Rural Affairs so that this committee could assist in lobbying efforts. In the past this committee had not been active. Also, campus safety at the rural sites is a major area of concern. The procedures are pending student action, also.

C. Committee Vacancies

The following committees have vacancies: The Health Issues has both faculty and student vacancies. Intercollegiate Athletics has student vacancies and Jean Richardson will be appointing another student to the Coordinating Committee. Curricular Affairs has a student vacancy. If you are interested in serving on a committee, contact the Governance Office at fygcc@uaf.edu.

D. Schedule November and December Meetings

The November and December meetings were set for Friday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, December 2 at 11:00 a.m. Both meetings will be in the Chancellor's Conference Room. The early scheduling of the Coordinating Committee meetings will assist governance in promptly responding to issues.

IV GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. ASUAF - J. Richardson

ASUAF scheduled candidate forums on October 13, 14, and 15; as well as coordinated a voter registration drive. There was a special election last spring for an all-sports pass, which failed. The issue has come up again via a petition and there will be a special election this November. The best case scenario is that the Regents will address this issue at the February meeting and the all-sport pass would not be effective until next fall. There is a Northwest Student Leadership Conference on November 13, 14, and 15, which Jean Richardson will be attending, along with three senators and two other students. Jean Richardson and a couple senators will be attending the November Board of Regents meeting in Anchorage.

B. Faculty Senate - R. Gatterdam

The major area of concern for the Senate this fall has been the union/Senate relations and personnel procedures. An issue of concern for students may be TVC offering classes outside their discipline. Diploma size may also be an issue, but hopefully not. The associate diplomas would be smaller than those for the bachelor's degree. Ron alerted students of a revision to the grade appeals policy from the Board of Regents' office.

C. Staff Council - S. Christensen

Staff Council is preparing for a retreat with President Hamilton on November 5 in Anchorage. Issues will include consistency in holiday closure, pay and personnel whereas staff are being asked to take on the duties of others but their job description does not reflect the additional duties. Campus safety both at the major MAUs and the rural sites will also be an issue.

Sue Wilken recommended more staff training, in areas such as PPA training and software training, etc. A recommendation was made to look into the training offered by Career Tracks with a possible group discount for University employees. Shannon Christensen stated that over the past three years, the Staff Training Committee has worked very hard to put forth a comprehensive training program for supervisors. Also, Carolyn Chapman will be traveling to some rural sites and provide the rural staff with training. The Training Committee is also looking at some skills based training with the Electronic Learning Center through the Gartner Group. Personnel will be handling the PPA training.

V ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

VI The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

A tape of this Governance Coordinating Committee meeting is available in the Governance Office, 312 Signers' Hall if anyone wishes to listen to the complete tape.

Submitted by Kathy Mosca, Governance Coordinating Committee secretary.