

MINUTES
GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Meeting #58
Thursday, 25 September 2003
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Chancellor's Conference Room

I. Pete Pinney called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Pinney, President Faculty Senate
Abel Bult-Ito, Vice President Faculty Senate
Rory O'Neill, Staff Council President
Josh Steadman, Staff Council President-Elect
Roy Bird, Chair, IAC
Thom Walker, ASUAF President
Maya Salganek, Chair, Diversity & Tolerance
Permanent Committee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lilly Capell, ASUAF Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynette Washington

B. The minutes to meetings #57 (Thursday, 24 April 2003 and #58) Thursday, 25 September 2003) were approved as submitted.

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

D. Elect a new Governance Coordinating Committee Chair

Pete Pinney opened nominations for a new Governance Coordinating Committee Chair.

Thomas Walker was nominated, but declined due to duties associated with ASUAF.

Josh Steadman was unanimously nominated as the Governance Coordinating Chair.

II. Committee Reports

A. GCC Permanent Committee on Diversity and Tolerance – Maya Salganek

Maya Salganek reported that the Diversity and Tolerance Committee is considering forming a diversity and tolerance club.

She reported that the committee did not have any students present at the last two meetings, but that a student by the name of Pascal Johnson is scheduled to attend the 29 September meeting. Maya stated that the Committee is considering starting a club that would actively pursue issues of diversity and tolerance. The committee would seek to attend intercultural events within the community. She stated that the committee is contemplating bringing up a speaker that can perform diversity and tolerance training. Maya informed the committee that there has been mediator training on campus, but it was not useful for a number of broad issues. She reported that the committee will help out with the Institutional Climate Forum scheduled for Tuesday, 28 October and that there is also one scheduled for Tuesday, 2 December. Maya stated that the Diversity and Tolerance Committee of Staff Council discussed what they would do to help the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs with the forum. Maya stated that the idea is to have a broad representation at the forum to hear the issues, such as a representative from ASUAF, Faculty Senate, or maybe the Dean of Student Services. She stated that the committee is considering contacting Lilly Capell, ASUAF Vice President to serve on the permanent Diversity & Tolerance committee.

Thomas Walker replied that Lilly Capell might not be able to attend, but that he would find another student to attend.

Maya stated that she had not heard from Lilly Capell directly, but she hopes that she will want to serve.

B. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee – Roy Bird

Roy Bird agreed to continue chairing the GCC committee with the provision that there also be a chair-elect. Bert Boyer was nominated as the chair-elect. Roy stated that Cory Schwartz, the Athletics Director reported that the Athletics' department staff is complete. The department has a new Compliance Coordinator, Tavis MacMillan and Sports Information Director, Scott Wilson. He reported that Chancellor Lind appointed John D. Fox as the IAC's faculty representative. He stated that the student athletes had a higher GPA than the general student body last year. He reported that the IAC committee is lacking a student representative on the committee. Roy Bird stated that the IAC student representative should be a student athlete, but if a student athlete is not appointed, then a student from the general student population could be appointed, if the committee rules allow it. He stated that the Top of the World Tournament is being

sponsored by British Petroleum this year and agreed to sponsor through the year 2007. He stated that the NCAA is threatening to change its rules about how often teams can come and the maximum number of games a season. At this point, the decision is still in the courts.

Pete Pinney asked about the IAC faculty representative.

Roy Bird replied that John D. Fox is the liaison between the IAC and the staff and the national organization. He goes to national meetings and reports to the committee and the department. He also is the point person working with compliance.

Pete Pinney asked about the formal committee membership of IAC. He read the rules under Article 5, Section 2 about the committee makeup. The rules state that standing committees shall have appointees from each of the Governance constituencies. Pete asked, If this is a revolving list how does the committee membership change if it doesn't come through the Governance Coordinating Committee.

Roy Bird stated that he is trying to remember how he was appointed in the sense that he was asked to be on the committee, but he doesn't know how that was coordinated.

Lynette Washington stated that during Spring of 2003 Larry Ledlow asked that she send out an e-mail asking for staff volunteers to be on the IAC committee. She stated that Jeanette Skrob and Scott McCrea volunteered to be on the committee.

Roy Bird stated that he and Tim Bauer are still on the IAC and that they have been members for years. Pete Pinney replied that this is the GCC and that they can't just sit there for years. Lynette Washington stated that Tim Bauer sent an e-mail to Staff Council during Fall of 2003 and asked to remain on the Committee, but that his term is up in Fall 2004 and Todd Paris should drop off in December of 2003.

Josh Steadman stated that ASUAF should appoint a student representative to the IAC committee. Thomas Walker stated that ASUAF has the only authority to appoint students to committees. Pete Pinney stated he just wants to make sure that the rules are followed for membership and appointments.

Lynette Washington stated that she recently e-mailed Thomas Walker regarding a student representative for the IAC and also Joe Hayes to request a name for the Alumni representative.

Roy Bird stated that some of the members would be happy to rotate off, but in the past it has been an issue of who is more willing to serve on the committee. He stated that Pete Pinney should do what ever is necessary. Pete Pinney asked Roy Bird if he is planning on serving through 2003. Roy Bird stated not necessarily, because he can't remember when he was appointed.

III. Governance Reports

A. ASUAF – Thomas Walker, President

Thomas Walker reported that the ASUAF just returned from the President's Leadership retreat in Anchorage. He stated that tuition went up ten percent for in-state students and an additional ten percent for nonresidents. Students now must be here two-years to obtain residency. There is going to be several opt out facts, if you received a permanent fund you will opt out. He stated that this is disappointing from the student's point of view. He stated the student's are writing a student bond issue with the help of subcommittees formed by the Student Services Facilities Planning committee. This committee will start meeting soon and is co-chaired by Deb Brownfield and Tim Barnette. Thomas commented that everyone that worked for ASUAF graduated last year and he is interviewing individuals to fill the vacancies. He informed GCC that the ASUAF Senate meets every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. He stated that the Cabinet meetings have not yet been set.

B. Faculty Senate – Pete Pinney

Pete Pinney reported that Faculty Senate is working on passing a GPA calculation motion for semester honors. He reported that Faculty Senate is looking at the outcomes based budgeting proposed metrics. The information is available on the Governance website. He stated the Faculty Senate is concerned about academic quality. He stated that President Hamilton will be discussing the \$24 million dollar shortfall. He reported that the Faculty Senate is advocating for positions on the Chancellor's and President's search committees.

Rory O'Neill asked if the Senate's position on those issues could be clarified. Pete Pinney replied that the Senate is concerned about how the Office of Institutional Research is collecting information about the system, especially when the work is at the MAU level. He stated that the Senate is concerned about how do you measure academic quality and that you can't do it just with metrics. Pete stated that you can't do it quantitatively, you have to have some qualitative measures and that those are not ready yet. He said that some of the language is being changed. Pete Pinney reported that the Senate is asking for a particular composition of the Chancellor's Search Committee, such as half of the committee being faculty. He stated that President Hamilton has stated that he would not do a direct appointment this time. Rory O'Neill commented that Staff Council is also advocating for positions on the same search committees. Thomas Walker stated that ASUAF is seeking student representation on the committees also and working on a resolution for students to be represented on the committees.

C. Faculty Senate – Abel Bult-Ito

Abel Bult-Ito reported that the Chancellor vetoed the classified proprietary research motion that faculty oversee or at least give an advisory recommendation to the Chancellor about classified research. The faculty Senate voted to send it forward to the Conciliation committee. The Chancellor suggested that he would appoint his own committee without Faculty Senate oversight.

D. Staff Council – Josh Steadman

Josh Steadman reported that Staff Council attendance is not great. He stated that Staff Council will work on advertising its meetings and events. He stated that Staff Council is working on its list of guests. Guests will be invited based on recommendations received from committee chairs and based on the most important current issues. Most staff issues deal with budget and human resource type issues. He informed the committee that Mark Neumayr, Vice Chancellor Administration attended the 17 October Staff Council meeting to discuss budgetary issues. He stated that Carolyn Chapman, Director, Human Resources attended to discuss the BOR's changes for and to discuss career ladders.

IV. Old Business

A. Pete Pinney - Status of GCC committees and plans

Pete Pinney informed the GCC members that the Rural Affairs and the Health Issues committees under GCC are slated for elimination due to in activity. He stated that the Rural Affairs committee looks at issues that affect the extended campuses. There has been very little participation in that committee. He asked if the GCC members felt that since there is no participation is the committee necessary or is it something that needs revitalization. He said that in Faculty Senate there is rural site representation, but wasn't sure about ASUAF. Josh Steadman replied that students have their own local governance. Rory O'Neill replied that participation has been tough for the Rural Affairs committee of Staff Council. He stated that it was particularly tough to find a chair for the committee. He stated that Scott Culbertson is the current chair located on the UAF campus. Rory O'Neill stated he doesn't see it being replicated at the GCC level.

Maya Salganek stated that there is definitely a need to get more involved with the rural sites, but there is an absence of how to bridge the gap. She stated that it is extremely difficult to get continuous communication going with the rural campuses. She stated that she is sure that representation is important to them, but that she is not sure if they are aware of our presence on the rural sites, in the sense of what are we doing for them. Pete Pinney stated that as issues come up, if they are going to be looked at by governance committees would an ad hoc approach be more effective, in order to deal with issues that are important at the time. Josh Steadman stated that most issues for rural sites are pretty much the same issues that we look at. He stated that he would ask Scott Culbertson what issues do you have that are different and more of a rural site issue.

Thomas Walker stated that ASUAF students in Valdez are dealing with an issue with the head of the University down there. Thomas stated that students are concerned about the \$16,00 budget that was approved by the BOR, but they were told that they have a \$3,000 budget. Thomas stated that he doesn't know if this committee is the way for them to get support. He said, that it is a way for students at rural campuses to come to the coalition as a unit of students where they do not have to be afraid.

Pete Pinney stated that he would entertain a motion to delete the Rural Affairs committee. He asked the committee to think about it before the next Governance meeting. Pete Pinney stated that he has seen very little activity from the Health Issues committee.

Roy Bird asked what connection does IAC have to GCC, especially given the discussion about who appoints to the IAC. He stated that he has always seen IAC as serving Athletics not the GCC. Roy stated that it is almost a contradiction in purpose. He stated that maybe there is a reason that IAC became part of the GCC, but he is having trouble justifying it. He stated that IAC as a committee will not disband, because of their functions and things that they do annually. He stated that he doesn't know if what IAC does has any connection to GCC. Pete Pinney stated that he would entertain going to the Chancellor and making the IAC a Chancellor's committee with representation from the different groups versus the Governance Coordinating committee.

Pete Pinney stated that along those lines in terms of assessment does GCC want to look at the budget. He stated that the Faculty Senate has a budget liaison to the Chancellor's office. Pete asked how do we want to influence budget decisions. Do we want it to be a part of the input process of the Governance Council? Do we want to handle it independently through a different Governance unit and have roundtable discussions about what we are doing. Pete remarked what would make the GCC more effective, would it be a roundtable discussion about knowing what each of the other groups are doing and maybe using an ad hoc approach to handle issues. Pete Pinney commented that budget is one thing that affects other people, university advocacy, retention of students, and diversity and tolerance.

Josh Steadman stated that maybe we could research creating a budget. Pete Pinney stated that he is asking if people want to rethink the whole structure of the committees and then take it up as an ad hoc approach.

Roy Bird stated that diversity and tolerance doesn't have a voice right now. Maya Salganek stated that many issues come up and not all of them relate to staff. Almost every issue that comes up needs to be passed to GCC. Maya stated that the Health Care committee could become more preventative based rather than just issue based.

Pete Pinney suggested that we send Josh our thoughts on this for the next meeting. Pete recommended that the health and rural affairs committees not be deleted at this meeting. Pete suggested that the GCC members do their homework and report back to Josh.

V. New Business

A. Discuss and review of the Governance committees

Josh Steadman stated that work is still being done on the list of committees and that it is a perfect GCC project. Pete Pinney stated that he sent Josh an inventory of committees. He stated that he is working on a chart with constitution or origin and issues and actions.

Josh stated that a memo was sent to the Chancellor, the Chancellor sent out a memo to find out what the purpose is and who the members are of these committees and what are their issues and actions.

B. Discuss future GCC meeting dates and set schedule through December 2003.

The Committee agreed to meet on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. and set the next meeting date for Thursday, 20 November.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

A tape of this Governance Coordinating Committee meeting is available in the Governance Office, Room 312 Signers' Hall, submitted by Lynette Washington, Governance Coordinating Committee Secretary.