AGENDA
UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE #64
Thursday, 24 February 2005
11:30-12:30
Chancellor's Conference Room, 330 Signers' Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Abel Bult-Ito, President Faculty Senate
Paul Layer, President-Elect Faculty Senate
Josh Steadman, President Staff Council
Maya Salganek, President-Elect Staff Council
Maria Reyes, Chair Diversity & Tolerance Committee
Bert Boyer, Chair Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
Thomas Walker, President ASUAF
Abigail Stillie, Vice-President ASUAF

B. Adopt GCC #64 Agenda Thursday, 24 February 2005
C. Approval of GCC #63 Minutes, Tuesday, 7 December 2005

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Intercollegiate Athletics – Bert Boyer
B. Diversity & Tolerance – Maria Reyes

3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. ASUAF – Thomas Walker
B. Faculty Senate – Abel Bult-Ito
C. Staff Council - Josh Steadman

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Diversity & Tolerance canceled meetings
B. Discuss creating a staff committee on the status of women.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Craig Dorman's proposed changes in Academic Calendar start dates at all MAUs – Attachment #1 – Paul Layer
B. Paul Layer's reply to Craig Dorman's proposed change to academic calendar state dates (Attachment #2
C. Academic Calendar 2003-2006 (handout) – Paul Layer

6. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

ATTACHMENT 64/ATTACHMENT 1
UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2005

---------- Original Message ----------
Subject: Proposed policy, regulation, and start date changes
From: "Craig Dorman" <craig.dorman@alaska.edu>
Date: Tue, February 8, 2005 10:53 am
To: "Pat Ivey" <pat.ivey@alaska.edu>
'"Mike Sfraga"' <mike.sfraga@alaska.edu>
Cc: "Ted Kassier (Ted Kassier)" <aftlk@uaa.alaska.edu>
"Dave Veazey" <dave.veazey@alaska.edu>
"Karen Schmitt" <karen.schmitt@uas.alaska.edu>
"Paul Reichardt (Paul Reichardt)" <fnpbr@aurora.alaska.edu>
"Robbie Stell (Robbie Stell)"
<roberta.stell@uas.alaska.edu>

Pat Ivey: Please pass to Faculty Alliance for review and comment

Mike Sfraga: Please review w/enrollment management groups as appropriate

SAC: Please get final check from appropriate staff

1. SAC has completed its final review of the attached proposed changes to:

Regent's Policy P10.06.01 and 10.06.02, Assessment

UA Regulation R10.04.06, Transfer of Credit

Regent's Policy 10.05.03, and Regulation R10.05.03, Residency Requirements

(Note: I have attached only the proposed new language to the changes portions of policy and regs, not the line-outs. Refer to the Policy and Regs on the web for current versions)

I intend to brief the Chancellors on these changes at this Friday's Cabinet meeting (11 Feb). We will propose the policy changes to the BOR at their 13-14 April meeting, thus they must be in final form and submitted to SW administration by 22 March. If there are any additional proposed changes, please ensure they are passed to Dave Veazey for SAC review NLT Friday 25 Feb.

2. SAC believes that to improve our service to our students we must set common start dates for all three MAUs. Note that this change applies ONLY to start dates, not to reconciliation of the entire academic calendar. We will propose the following dates to the Chancellors at the 11 Feb Cabinet:

Spring 2006: Tuesday 17 January 2006

Fall 2006: Monday 28 August 2006

Please transmit any substantive concerns (and rationale therefore) with these dates to me via Mike Sfraga by noon 10 Feb 05.

Craig Dorman

Attachments:

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Transfer of Credit Feb04.doc	**40 k**	[application/msword]	download
BOR Admission Reqts05.doc	**40 k**	[application/msword]	download
BOR Assessment Policy.doc	**45 k**	[application/msword]	download

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ATTACHMENT 64/ATTACHMENT#2
UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2005

---------- Original Message ----------
Subject: proposed semester start dates
From: "Paul Layer" <player@gi.alaska.edu>
Date: Wed, February 9, 2005 5:24 pm
To: mike.sfraga@alaska.edu
Cc: fnpbr@uaf.edu
fysenat@uaf.edu
"Abel Bult-Ito" <ffab@uaf.edu>
ffrn@uaf.edu

Dear Mike,

I would like to add my voice to those who are concerned about the proposed change to the semester start dates. Given that the three MAUs will presumably have different spring break schedules (due to differences between Anchorage and Fairbanks K-12 school calendars), how much of an improvement of our service to our students will this accomplish? How many students would be affected by this improved service? What would this improved service be?

While I agree that a common calendar may be a worthwhile goal I am not sure how that idea got translated into the dates that you chose. One has to consider the changes in courses that would occur with a Monday (or Tuesday??) vs a Thursday start date. I have received many of Rainer Newberry's comments and would like to echo those concerns. Although this seems to make sense, I doubt that your office has considered the impact of such a change on faculty or the quality of education for our students. As an example, as Rainer pointed out, such a move may prevent labs from being taught during one week of the semester (to give lecturers time to meet with students. As it is, with Thanksgiving, we are down to only 13 labs in the Fall semester, but can offer 14 in the spring. Will the new calendar allow for this, or cut into our time further? It would obviously be better if both semesters had at least 14 lab weeks. If the impact on Fall would be a few extra days to make up for Thanksgiving and for Spring to add two days, that would be good, but I do not see this happening.

Obviously implementation for Spring 2006, would require immediate changes to the Catalog. Such a change may require some faculty to revamp well-established course plans to reflect a change in schedule. Discussions about the catalog involve both the Registrar's office and faculty, however this decision was reached without discussions with either.

It is my understanding that the UAF Faculty Senate approves the UAF calendar, and an edict coming from statewide seems to usurp that prerogative. This change will definitely impact faculty and so faculty should be consulted before such a policy is implemented. This can be done through discussions with the Senate and its Curricular Affairs committee. Perhaps this is what you intend to do, but right now it appears as a mandate coming down to us, rather than a decision reached by mutual agreement between faculty and administration at the three MAUs.

Finally, we are now in the midst of a search for a new Vice President of Academic Affairs. Academic Calendars would seem to fall under that office. Wouldn't it be prudent to wait for that person to assess the situation and decide (with input from faculty) how this will "improve our service to students"?

In short, such a change in start day for each semester might be a good idea. The problem is that we have not had time to evaluate the idea, nor provide feedback to alternate days (like, for example, THURSDAY) that could be applied to all MAUs. We hope that in the future Statewide, SAC, and the Chancellors will involve faculty in discussions of decisions such as this that directly impact faculty.

Sincerely

Paul W. Layer
President-elect
UAF Faculty Senate

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