

MINUTES  
GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC) Meeting #67  
Tuesday, 13 December 2005  
Chancellor's Conference Room

1. Paul Layer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Layer, Faculty Senate, President, GCC, Chair  
Shirish Patil, President-Elect Faculty Senate  
Maya Salganek, President Staff Council  
Jeff Stepp, President-Elect Staff Council  
Maria Reyes, Co-Chair Diversity & Tolerance Committee  
Scott McCrea, Chair Intercollegiate Athletics Committee  
Joseph Blanchard, President ASUAF  
Dani Carlson, Vice-President ASUAF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pat Frymark, ASUAF Senator  
Lynette Washington

B. Approved as distributed, GCC #67 Agenda Tuesday, 13 December 2005.

C. Approved as distributed, GCC #66 meeting Minutes, Tuesday, 25 October 2005.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation Committee (IAC), Scott McCrea

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee - Scott McCrea informed the GCC about the scope of the IAC; the committee provides guidance to the Athletic Department on various issues. He reported that the committee nominates and elects the student athletes of the year. The committee members also serve on search committees during a search. He stated that the committee focuses on the academic success of student athletes. Scott McCrea informed the committee that Forrest Karr is the Interim Director of the Athletics and Recreation Department as well as the IAC compliance officer.

B. Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee (CCDAC) – Maya Salganek and Maria Reyes

Maya Salganek reported that at its last meeting the Committee discussed the survey conducted by the Committee on the Status of Women. The survey found that men and women faculty members are hired at similar rates, but men progress at a quicker rate through the system to become full professors. Maria Reyes reported that according to the survey, minorities perceive the campus work environment in a much worse light than do non-minorities. Maria Reyes informed the committee that the group is

working on a campus-wide diversity plan and will seek campus-wide input. Maria Reyes stated that according to an Enrollment Management Task Force report, there is a high dropout rate of Alaska Native males. Maria Reyes stated that the College of Rural and Community Development (CRCDD) is concerned about this rate. The task force reported that statistically the dropout rate is between 50-60 percent. Paul Layer stated that Tim Barnette, Dean of Enrollment Management is assembling a committee to look at the task force recommendations. One of the issues is that many of the students are directed to take developmental courses that are not pathways to success.

### 3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

#### A. Joseph Blanchard – ASUAF President

Joe Blanchard informed the committee about the results of the student referendum on smoking. He stated that students were overwhelmingly in favor of wanting to have a choice to have tobacco products sold in Wood Center. Joe Blanchard stated that at a meeting with Chancellor Jones and Dean of Students, Tim Barnette, comments were made relating to the tobacco issue question on the ballot. Joe Blanchard stated that student participants perceived the comments as insulting and not appreciated. Marie Reyes asked about how many students voted. Dani Carlson reported that about 74% of students voted. Joe Blanchard thanked the Faculty Senate for their tobacco issue resolution.

#### B. Paul Layer – Faculty Senate

Paul Layer – informed the Committee about the KUAC issue and the resolution handout that was passed at the Senate's December meeting. Sharish Patel commented that Greg Petrowich, KUAC Manager stated that half of the information in the resolution is wrong. Paul Layer stated that perhaps the Senate was a bit hasty in approving the resolution without more facts. Joe Blanchard commented about the Counter Spin program changes at KUAC and stated that KSUA has made a point to play those programs that the rest of the community doesn't offer. He stated that if this is something that the community wants and KUAC is changing the program schedule -- KSUA would pick it up. He commented that the issue has turned into a political forum. He stated that all of a sudden people are donating money to the student station in protest and that for a while the general manager was debating whether or not the funds could be accepted. Maya Salganek stated that her concern is that there is a lack of diversity and the wishes of the community are not being reflected.

Paul Layer updated the committee on academic course actions and issues that Senate committees are handling. He stated that one problem is related to improperly prepared courses and that the syllabi aren't well articulated. Joe Blanchard asked about the progress of the plus, minus grade issue. Paul Layer replied that it is going well and that input from departments is still being received. He stated that what we are trying to do is hold a forum to get public feedback. One of the questions that comes up is how will this influence the GPA. He stated more research would be done on this matter.

#### C. Maya Salganek – Staff Council

Maya Salganek informed GCC members about the NORP plan presented to the Board of Regents at its last meeting. Maya Salganek reported that the Board of Regents requested more input from staff and faculty before making a decision. She stated that staff will have a seat on a new retirement committee at the statewide level and a position on the Executive Human Resource committee.

Maya Salganek stated that fifty-two percent of all staff and faculty responded to the health risk appraisal. Maya Salganek reported that only seven percent of spouses were enrolled.

Maya Salganek reported that a decision about the employee tuition issue waiver was not made. Maya Salganek stated that Jim Johnsen plans to roll out changes in incremental steps. She reported that President Hamilton wants a human element in the process, where employees who face difficult circumstances will not be stuck with the bill if unable to complete a course.

Maya Salganek reported that the Ad Hoc Health & Wellness committee drafted a resolution proposing that employees be allowed a flexible lunch break, if actively pursuing a health activity during that time. She stated that this would give employees time to make it to the SRC and back. Maya Salganek stated that staff would like the Senate to support the resolution.

Scott McCrea asked about Staff Council resolutions in support of the student and faculty tobacco issue and KUAC resolutions. Maya Salganek stated that Jeff Stepp is drafting a tobacco issue resolution. She stated that Staff Council would like to get more input from KUAC before distributing a resolution.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Discuss Dissolving the Diversity & Tolerance Committee – Maria Reyes

Maria Reyes informed the Committee that she was unsure about deleting the Diversity & Tolerance committee. Paul Layer asked if continuing the committee is necessary and what would be the reason for keeping it. Maya Salganek recommended that GCC review the Diversity & Tolerance committee bylaws, in order to decide if the Chancellor's Campus Diversity and Action committee (CCDAC) is now accomplishing the goals of the Diversity & Tolerance committee. Paul Layer stated that at the next meeting the GCC should make a motion to delete the committee if there is no reason to keep it.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Academic Calendar 2007-2009 - Paul Layer

Paul Layer updated the Committee about the proposed 2007-2009 academic calendars. He stated that usually the Senate approves a rolling three-year calendar, but the handout only shows the next two-years. Paul Layer informed the committee that there are still a few problems with the 2009-2010 calendars. Paul Layer stated that the 2007 calendar shows that classes in fall will start the first Thursday after Labor Day. Paul Layer explained that the reason we have Thursday and Friday classes is to make up for the Thursday and Friday that we use during Thanksgiving vacation. Paul Layer informed the committee that the reason we don't have the 2010 year yet, is because if we start after Labor Day – finals would fall on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and many are not happy with that plan. Paul Layer stated that starting before Labor Day does not work well for the rural campuses. Joe Blanchard asked about the reason for Saturday finals this year. Paul Layer stated that this year we had a Labor Day in the middle of our semester, so we lost a Monday. We need to have fourteen-weeks of Monday classes. Paul Layer informed the committee that it is not just the number of days, but that it is the number of Mondays and the number of Fridays that cause problems. Paul Layer moved to approve the academic calendar. The committee seconded the motion and voted unanimously to approve the calendar.

The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC) passed the following motion at its Meeting #67, Tuesday, 13 December 2005.

MOTION (passed unanimously):

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**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS – PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDARS  
FOR 2007-2009**

These calendars are based on two motions passed by the Curricular Affairs Committee on November 10, 2003:

1. The last day of final exams should always end on or before the 19th of December.
2. Spring semester classes should always begin after Alaska Civil Rights Day.

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>2007 (proposed)</b>	<b>2008 (proposed)</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Labor Day	Sept. 3	Sept. 1	Always the 1st Monday in September.
Fall—1st day of instruction	Sept. 6	Sept. 4	Always Thursday to make up for Thanksgiving Holiday Fall 2009 – 1st Day of Instruction is before Labor Day
Last day to Register	Sept. 14	Sept. 12	Always the 2nd Friday after 1st day of instruction.
Thanksgiving Holidays	Nov. 22-23	Nov. 27-28	Always the 4th Thursday in November.
Last day of Instruction	Dec. 14	Dec. 12	Each class day requires 14 meeting days to meet minimum contact minutes. (Faculty Senate – 10/15/90)
Final exams	Dec. 17-20	Dec. 15-18	A study day(s) required in between last day of classes and first day of final exams. (Faculty Senate – 9/17/90)

<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>2008 (proposed)</b>	<b>2009 (proposed)</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Alaska Civil Rights day	Jan. 21	Jan. 19	Always the 3rd Monday in Jan.
Spring—1st day of Instruction	Jan. 22	Jan. 20	CAC recommends that 1st day of instruction is the Tuesday after Alaska Civil Rights Day.
Last day to Register	Feb. 1	Jan. 30	Always the 2nd Friday after 1st day of instruction.
Spring Recess Break	March 17-21	March 16-20	Typically the third week in March. To be coordinated with FNSB school district.
UAF Springfest	April 18	April 17	Previously – “All Campus Day.” 3rd Friday in April
Last day of Instruction	May 5 (Mon.)	May 4 (Mon.)	Each class day requires 14 meeting days to meet minimum contact minutes. (Faculty Senate – 10/15/90)
Final exams	May 7-10	May 6-9	Required to have a study day(s) in between last day of instruction and first day of final exams.
Commencement	May 11	May 10	Always the 1st Sunday after final exams end.

Note: Friday only classes in spring semester will need an additional 20 minutes added to their syllabus to make up for Nanook Springfest. Friday-only lab sections will need an additional 40-60 minutes added for the same reason.

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#### B. Faculty Resolution on the Sale of Tobacco Products in Wood Center

Paul Layer informed the committee that the Senate passed the Resolution on the Sale of Tobacco Products in Wood Center at Senate meeting #133, 12 December 2005. Paul Layer reported that originally the Senate motion did not include the "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED," paragraph. Paul Layer informed the committee that the Senate added the statement to match the Staff Council resolution idea that the Chancellor should involve appropriate organizational entities prior to implementing policies that directly affect them. Paul Layer asked the GCC what we want to do with the resolution. Maya Salganek asked if the committee wants to pass a group motion. Paul Layer stated that the students already have their statement and that Staff Council will have one by Friday. Maya Salganek recommended creating a constructive action that is beneficial to the campus as a whole. Paul Layer stated that he was more focused on the last paragraph of the resolution. Paul Layer remarked that the University is a diverse community of student, staff, faculty, and administration and decisions affecting our community should be arrived at through a discussion of all of the groups involved. Paul Layer stated that he would like to see a unifying statement recognizing organizations, such as the GCC because we represent all of the governance organizations. Paul Layer recommended that the GCC work on a unifying statement to represent the University commitment to the ideals of shared governance. Paul Layer and the committee agreed to work on a draft statement and vote by e-mail.

Joe Blanchard asked GCC members what do we think the role of some of the governance groups should be in the Chancellor's Cabinet meetings. Paul Layer stated that he doesn't see that happening. Joe Blanchard stated that the question is whether or not we should be a part of that decision making process. Paul Layer stated that if you feel that this administration is being too elite, then that is clearly a concern and can be conveyed to the administration.

#### ***Faculty Senate RESOLUTION ON SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN WOOD CENTER:***

**WHEREAS,** The UAF Faculty Senate realizes the dangers of cigarettes and tobacco products; and

**Whereas,** Cigarettes and tobacco products are legal products to purchasers of legal age; and

**Whereas,** UAF Students are adults who can make informed decisions; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the UAF Faculty Senate recommends that the students decide what products are or are not offered in the Wood Center; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Chancellor involve appropriate organizational entities prior to implementation of policies directly affecting them.

#### C. Proposed GCC Spring meeting dates

Paul Layer asked the committee members to select the spring meeting dates. The committee compared calendars and selected Tuesday, February 28, 2006 and Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

*Spring Recess: March 13-19 / Last Day of Instruction: Friday, 5 May / Final Exams: May 8-11*

6. Comments or Questions

7. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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