

Minutes
 UAF Governance Coordinating Committee
 Meeting #80
Tuesday, 10 February 2009
 9:00-10:00 AM
 Chancellor's Conference Room 330, Signers' Hall

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, UAF Faculty Senate, President	X	
Jon Dehn, UAF Faculty Senate, President-Elect	X	
Brandon Meston, Chair GCC, President, ASUAF	X	
Adrian Triebel, Vice-President, ASUAF	X	

B. Adopt GCC #80 Agenda, Tuesday, 10 February 2009

Adopted as amended.

C. Approve GCC #79 Minutes, Friday, 5 December 2008

Approved as amended. GCC #78 minutes tabled until next meeting.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Diversity Action Committee, Juella Sparks

Adrian noted that at the last CDAC meeting there was a concern about the Chancellor showing preference for the United Way over other fundraisers. He was tasked with writing a letter to the Chancellor's office on that concern. The Office of Multicultural Affairs is having their post inaugural celebration. Earlina Director, Office of Equal Opportunity wants to start a peer mediation program on diversity.

B. Joint Committee on Student Success, Marsha Sousa

JCOSS is disbanded at this time the Student Success committees were taken over by Statewide.

C. System Governance, Brandon Meston

Brandon mentioned that the transition teams gave their update reports and that the non-retention resolution was passed. Each MAU system gave an update.

3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Adrian Triebel, Vice President, ASUAF

Adrian Triebel reported that ASUAF had a blood drive Feb 9, 2009, which went very well. There is also an International Dance March 6th to promote women's awareness. He mentioned that the sustainability committee met and the highlight of the meeting was the progress of the disposable to go trays at the commons. There is also a post inauguration celebration prepared by ASUAF coming up soon to highlight the new president of the United States. Brandon mentioned online elections are now underway; there was no funding for polling stations so they created the online site as an alternative. The poll is open for 6 days. Brandon noted that the Coalition committee had met on the 18th of February and Brandon is to go to Juneau to meet with legislatures. The Financial Aid Loan Forgiveness bill is also in motion in the legislature.

B. Marsha Sousa, President, Faculty Senate

A PhD in Indigenous Studies was passed as well as a certificate in Pre-Nursing qualifications. A bookstore initiative is being formed. Marsha is seeking volunteers that are student, staff or faculty, to come together to help solve the bookstore issues on campus.

C. Martin Klein, President-Elect, Staff Council

Martin says there is a Staff Council meeting coming up on February 20 at 9:45 AM; it was pushed later to accommodate new Staff Council member orientation. Staff Appreciation Day organization is underway and the day is developing into a "training" day for staff. The event will be held May 11, 2009 at the Davis Concert Hall. Staff Alliance is going to Juneau in a few days to address legislatures about the University funding.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss and select Spring meeting date for the GCC group

Martin agreed that the next meeting should be March 24th, 2009 8:30-9:30 in the CCR, Brandon agreed.

B. Three themes from transition team reports for discussion

The committee agreed that this item will be an ongoing discussion via email, until members get a better background of the three themes to champion the committee.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. TBD by Committee

Nothing to report.

B. Guest Speaker: Dana Thomas

Dana Thomas reports there are significant revisions in the reaccreditation process. There is a strategic path way that the university is taking to improve student success. These pathways are teaching and learning, research and scholarships, enrollment and retention, and faculty and staff development which hope to expand diversity for peer meditation. There are no significant changes in student success progress.

The teaching and learning pathway continues to refine student outcome standards. Under enrollment and retention, departments have reached 75% freshman bachelorette retention rate, general studies students tend to be 65% of the freshman status. Graduation rate needs to be at 50% our graduation rate is 27-28%.

The handouts given cover the new accreditation standards and a draft accreditation process for UAF written by Susan Hendrichs, Provost. The powerpoint is an overview of the revised accreditation standards and new oversight process. Please refer to the handouts and links available at the UAF Staff Council website under FY 09 meetings for in depth details on the accreditation process.

C. Academic Calendar Change

A motion was made to pass the changes on the Academic Calendar on the date of April 29, 2010 Springfest. There weren't enough members for a quorum. The motion was passed unanimously electronically.

6. COMMENTS and QUESTIONS

No comments and questions at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT