

AGENDA
UAF FACULTY SENATE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
May 13, 2009 - 1-2 p.m.
Sherman Carter Conference Room, 204 Butrovich Building
Audio Conference: 1-800-893-8850
Participants' PIN: 1000222

I. STATUS OF CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE ACTIONS

- A. Motions Approved:
 - 1. Motion to Reaffirm the SNRAS/AFES Unit Criteria
 - 2. ~~Motion to Reaffirm the Department of Mathematics and Statistics Unit Criteria~~
Correction: This motion is under discussion at the Chancellor's Office.
 - 3. Motion to Approve a Certificate in Environmental Sciences
 - 4. Motion to Approve a Graduate Certificate in Construction Management
- B. Motions under Discussion: Motion to Reaffirm DMS Unit Criteria
- C. Motions Disapproved: none

II. COMMENTS

- A. President's Comments – Jonathan Dehn
- B. President-Elect's Comments – Cathy Cahill
- C. Provost's Comments - Susan Henrichs

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for UAF Faculty Senate Feedback – UA President Mark Hamilton
 - 1. Motion to Recommend UA President Hamilton Forego Search for UAF Chancellor (Attachment #1)

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Summer meetings of the Administrative Committee

V. ADJOURN

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to recommend that University President Mark Hamilton forgo an international search for the chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and appoint Interim Chancellor Brian Rogers to the position of chancellor.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: Brian Rogers has performed admirably as the interim chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks during the last year. Upon Interim Chancellor Roger's appointment, President Hamilton informed the Faculty Senate that after a one year period he would seek faculty input on whether to hold an international search for a chancellor, or to appoint Brian Rogers. This motion is the answer to the President's inquiry.

The position of chancellor at UAF is arguably one of the hardest jobs in the UA system, and requires a broad knowledge of the State of Alaska and the Interior and the complexities of this unique university system, as well as political acumen. Given that he is a life-long Alaskan, a UAF alumnus, and an adjunct professor, having served as a UA regent and the chair of the Board of Regents, a UAF vice-president as well as a state legislator and local business leader, Brian Rogers is in a unique position to guide the University of Alaska Fairbanks through the coming years.

In his first year, essentially a prolonged job interview, Interim Chancellor Rogers has addressed many of the issues which plagued his predecessors. He began by gathering a list of problems and assets through a series of transition teams involving faculty and staff to get him up to speed with current UAF issues. He has formed committees to address many of the specific problems, and included all stakeholders from students to faculty to staff to alumni. Interim Chancellor Rogers has also taken measured steps to re-organize administration and keep costs down. He is a supporter of shared governance and attended every Faculty Senate meeting, either in person or via teleconference. The policies and plans implemented by Interim Chancellor Rogers have not been based on the two year appointment but have been targeted at the long term goals for UAF.

It is unlikely in the extreme that an international search could come up with a competitive candidate to Interim Chancellor Rogers with his 30 years of experience in the UA system. In addition, the time spent searching for a new chancellor, bringing the new chancellor to Fairbanks, and educating a new chancellor about the intricacies of the UAF system would mean that a new chancellor would not be prepared in time to assist in the arduous upcoming accreditation process or keep UAF moving forward in the face of ongoing budgetary challenges. In lieu of a search, the majority of the faculty feel that the time is better spent allowing Brian Rogers to move toward his vision of the University of Alaska Fairbanks with the full authority of the office of the chancellor.