

UAF STAFF COUNCIL #211
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The report from the Senate is brief, we passed the unit criteria for DANSRD after some debate, we passed the change in our constitution to make Robert's Rules our guidelines, bringing the constitution more in line with many years of senate practice. We also passed a motion to clarify the use of the +/- grading systems for core classes in the baccalaureate degree.

I announced the election of the chairs of the GCC and SGC and spoke of the progress in the academic master plan. Cathy talked about the Tuition task force, and ongoing discussions there. The Chancellor remarked on many things, for and foremost the bond issue that passed for the Life Sciences building. I imagine he'll speak on that and the other things at your meeting as well.

Our guest speaker was Peter Lewis, the Fairbanks Superintendent of Schools, and this sparked good discussion and collaborations on how to better prepare K-12 kids for UAF, and how UAF can better serve the needs of the community.

The registrar announced the end of a printed catalog, this sparked some debate, but it is clear that we aren't going back to a printed version, dated the moment it is done. There was concern that this decision was made without consulting the Senate in advance.