

MINUTES
GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC) Meeting #69
Tuesday, 18 April 2006
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, Present
Shirish Patil, President-Elect Faculty Senate, Absent
Maya Salganek, President Staff Council, Present
Jeff Stepp, President-Elect Staff Council, Present
Maria Reyes, Co-Chair Diversity & Tolerance Committee, Present
Scott McCrea, Chair, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, Present
Joseph Blanchard, President ASUAF, Present
Dani Carlson, Vice-President ASUAF, Absent

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shirish Patil

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynette Washington

- B. Approved as distributed, GCC #69 Agenda Tuesday, 18 April 2006.
- C. Approved as distributed, GCC #68 meeting Minutes, Tuesday, 28 February 2006.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Scott McCrea informed the committee that the IAC is involved in selecting athletes for the Outstanding Athlete(s) of the year award, based on their academic and athletic performance. Eric Wickstrom of the UAF Ski Team and Jamie Bierly of the UAF Rifle Team were selected out of several top athletes.

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

Maya Salganek reported to the GCC group that the CCDAC group met in early April. The committee took action to pass the Resolution on the Constitutional Amendment of Benefits and Marriage. Maya reported that the committee recently participated in several cultural events along with the organizations sponsoring the events. Maya reported that the CCDAC has not received a lot of input from the Chancellor in terms of his recommendations for certain actions that involve diversity. Maya declared that the CCDAC members are concerned about the purpose of that committee, in the sense that it is the Chancellor's group, but that he doesn't seem to be connected to the committee or give much input. Maya reported that the committee is about to select a new committee Chair. Marie Reyes joined the meeting

and reported that the committee agreed to assure that the chair/co-chair positions of the committee should always include at least one staff position, because staff need to be more integrated into the leadership of that committee.

3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Joe Blanchard – ASUAF President

Joe Blanchard reported that the ASUAF is continuing action towards the SJR2-HJR resolutions. Joe stated that a major event for ASUAF in April is student elections. He stated that ASUAF will begin training the new officers of ASUAF after the election results are received in May. Joe encouraged faculty and staff to join in advertising the election.

B. Paul Layer – Faculty Senate

Paul Layer reported that Jon Genetti was elected as the President-Elect and that Sine Anahita was selected as the Outstanding Senator of the year. Paul Layer stated that the Senate is dealing with several motions related to community development. He stated that the Senate endorsed the task force recommendations regarding more restrictive admissions into the Baccalaureate Program. He stated that students not meeting the criteria will be put into a pre-major program to get them up to speed in Developmental English and Math courses. Paul stated that the goal is not to keep students out, but to help students succeed.

Paul reported that Shirish Patil is visiting the Dillingham campus as President-Elect. Paul Layer reported that he and Phyllis Morrow are co-chairs of the search committee to replace the Provost. Paul informed the committee that the new title for the position is the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

C. Maya Salganek – Staff Council

Maya Salganek reported that she and Jeff Stepp attended the Staff Alliance retreat in Juneau recently. She reported that the Ad Hoc Health & Wellness committee is working on a motion to allow an hour and a half flexible lunch to staff members involved in the Wellness Program. She stated that the group is concerned about the limited hours available to staff to participate in the L.I.F.E Program. Maya stated that the committee is thinking about proposing a punch card system, so that people can choose their own hours. The group is involved with the Walking Trails committee to establish a walking trail from lower campus to upper campus. Maya reported that a Staff Council ad hoc committee was appointed to work on the staff manual issue. Maya reported that Nick Towne presented information to the Staff Council about the UAF Performance Appraisal process and how the institution is involved and how it responds.

Jeff Stepp reported that a new director of training and development has been appointed. Jeff reported that he has attended alternative dispute resolution meetings. He stated that UAF can become the world's premiere conflict resolution center. He stated that he researched that a lot of universities serve in their regional areas to help resolve political, social, and community based disputes. Jeff stated that we can do a lot of different training for the community on conflict resolution with the aim of incorporating it into our culture.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discuss Governance group and CCDAC SJR 20/HJR 32 resolutions to decide what action the GCC group will take:

Paul Layer stated that every governance group has passed a resolution regarding the senate and house re

Paul Layer asked the group to discuss the proposed meeting dates Tuesday, October 17 and Tuesday, December 19. The group agreed to pencil the dates in and to review them in the fall.

B. Discuss and Select the GCC Chair

The GCC group agreed to postpone the chair selection until the first fall meeting.

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