### **MINUTES**

## GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC) Meeting #72

Wednesday, 28 February 2007 Chancellor's Conference Room

1. Sven Gilkey called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

#### A. ROLL CALL

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharish Patil, President, Faculty Senate Jon Genetti, President-Elect, Faculty Senate Jeff Stepp, President, Staff Council Sven Gilkey, President, ASUAF Sarah Byram, Vice-President, ASUAF

#### **GUEST**

Dana Thomas. Vice Chancellor of General Studies

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheri Layral, Coordinator, Faculty Senate Lynette Washington, Secretary, Staff Council and the GCC

- B. Wednesday, 28 February 2006 GCC #72 Agenda, approved as amended.
- C. Tuesday, 12 December 2006 GCC #71, approved as submitted.
- 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee CCDAC

No Report Available.

- 3. GOVERNANCE REPORTS
- A. Sven Gilkey ASUAF President

Sven Gilkey updated GCC members about ASUAF activities in Juneau and student concerns about negative relationships between UAF and UAA student organizations. He stated that the Chancellor attended a recent student retreat and Chancellor Jones talked to them about vision. He stated that ASUAF is focused on a program agenda as compared to an advocacy agenda, such as movie nights and dances for the rest of the semester. He stated that the executive branch will remain focused on advocacy and the expansion of the Wood Center. He stated that ASUAF senators and other campus senators will attend the April Board of Regents' meeting in Homer, Alaska. The students will address the importance of student life on campuses and that they deserve capital improvement. According to Sven the ASUAF is submitting a balanced budget to the BOR for the first time in almost twenty years. Sven stated that there is a referendum to raise the student government fee up to \$55 to assist with operating costs (the costs is currently \$35.00.

## B. Shirish Patil, President, Faculty Senate

Shirish Patil updated the GCC members about proposed changes to the instructional assessment process. Shirish reported that a predictable tuition task force is looking at ways to predict the cost of 4-5 years of college. Shirish reported that during the Faculty Senate meeting Tim Lower and Tim Barnett gave updates about the baccalaureate admission standards and freshmen transfer policy to help freshmen students. He stated that the plus and minus grade policy will be clarified in the catalogue.

# C. Jeff Stepp, President, Staff Council

Jeff Stepp reported that Staff Council is continuing to advocate for a staff manual. He stated that many staff believes that online orientation is not adequate to welcome and inform new staff about the university. He stated that the Staff Affairs committee wrote

MOTION: (passed unanimously)

The UAF Governance Coordinating Committee approved the following at its meeting #72, February 28, 2007.

MOTION: (passed unanimously)

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The Governance Coordinating Committee moves to amend the 2007-2008 Academic Calendar to return to a Thursday start date for the spring 2008 semester.

[[ ]] - Deletion CAPS - Addition

Fall Semester	2007
Labor Day	9/3
Fall—1 <sup>st</sup> day of instruction	9/6
Last day to Register	9/14
Thanksgiving Holidays	11/22-23
Last day of Instruction	12/14