

# Academic Council Minutes

November 12, 2020, 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

Zoom Recording and Audio Transcript

Present: Paul Layer, Maren Haavig, Denise Runge, Heather Batchelder, Steve Atwater, Jeff Jesse, Gökhan Karahan, Alex Fitts, Gwen Gruenig, Karen Carey, Saichi Oba, Jak Maier, Priscilla Schulte, Teri Cothren, Susan Kalina

## Action/Business:

1. Approve [October 8 Meeting Notes](#)

Paul asked members for corrections or comments on the minutes. None were presented at the meeting, however, Paul asked if they subsequently had any to send to Morgan.

2. Program Requests

Paul noted that if there are any upcoming program requests they will need to be reviewed by the council by the January meeting if they want to get them on the February 18 ASA agenda.

- a. None given

3. Notices of Intent

- a. None given

## Updates/Discussion:

4. Faculty Alliance Report - Heather/Jak/Gökhan

Heather noted the Faculty Alliance had preview and hoped to get them in front of the review committees

Denise noted UAA had its CPAB committee to run the reviews and they will consider the FA guidelines; since Denise chairs that committee she had recused herself and appointed two faculty members to serve in her place (one of them is Scott Downing, the past-president for the UAA Faculty Alliance).

5. [November Board Recap](#)

Paul reported the Board passed the proposed tuition motion, which included differentiated tuition for UAF (2.5% increase for upper division courses, 5% increase for graduate courses). There wasn't much discussion before the full board, despite the robust discussion at the ASA meeting. Paul noted the ASA chair, Karen Perdue, may want to take a more in depth look at what differentiated tuition means for UA and how to best manage it in the future. Paul reported the Board also approved the budget proposal presented by the administration, which is mostly in line with the compact. They are asking for a single appropriation rather than a split one. They are also requesting some funds for the capital budget. One thing to note under the budget presentation is that the Foundation will separate from the university and no longer be under UA's budget. They are self-supporting but this will allow them to continue to grow while also scaling back the SW administrative structure.

#### 6. Future Board Meetings

##### a. Did You Know? series - [November presentation](#)

Paul noted this series is supposed to highlight positive activities of the university. There are more planned for future board meetings, possibly on fisheries, teacher education, and first generation students.

##### b. Paul reported they are still working out how to address the UAF expedited academic

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