



## SENATE MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2017

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, ROOM C-120

### *Call to Order: 3:35 by Patrick Gordon*

Roll Call: Kristen Campbell, Mary Elfring, Diane Flahaven, Patrick Gordon, Clark Hallpike, Christina Marrocco, Luis Martinez, Laura Meyer, Mary O'Sullivan, Tammy Ray, Howard Russo, Danielle Straub, Eleanor Swanson, Kimberly Tarver, Scott Vaszily, Janet Whitsitt, Steven Wood,

Regrets: Lincoln Davis, David Reich, Bill Akers, Pat Brutchin, Jessica Carpenter, Therese Carpizo, Rabi'a Hakima, Libby Hope, Pat O'Brien, Joel Peck, Karen Taylor, Sabina Zeynalova

### Recognition of Visitors & Guests

- **Tim Malone, Communications Chairperson:** He reported that the ECCFA Blog will be revived. It will be linked to the website and Facebook. He will post blogs, accept blog submissions from members, and will act as the editor. The senate expressed support for his efforts.

### Treasurer's Report: Steven "Woody" Wood

Woody highlighted the transfer of funds from savings to checking to cover donations, retiree gifts, and IFT dues.

COPE: He is attempting to file COPE reports with the state and needs formal documentation of new officers.

Roger Ramey is assisting with the filing.

### Secretary's Report: Kimberly Tarver

Approval of December 14, 2016 Minutes: Ellie Swanson moved, and Woody seconded a motion, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with 2 abstentions.

Received letter of resignation from UAF Senator Lincoln Davis, refer to end of the agenda. The senate expresses gratitude for his service.

### President's Report: Luis Martinez

Luis extended thanks for the Pathways Memorial Brick acknowledging his father's death.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report: Patrick Gordon

Approved faculty excess load of 25 credits for 2 members.

### 2nd Vice President's Report: Diana Flahaven

No Report

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's Report: Sabina Zeynalova

No Report

### COMMITTEE REPORTS-

- **Negotiations-** (Patrick Gordon) He noted that the contract expired 12/31/2016. The team is preparing for mediation, starting February 3, and seeking member support; he will outline a progressive demonstration of support at the all faculty meeting on opening day.

- **Grievance-** (Co-Chairs: Howard Russo & Ellie Swanson)
  - The committee is very busy. There are delays; SURS matters are ongoing.
  - Request up to \$1200 to address a confidential matter and seek legal opinion from Gil Cornfield. Howard Russo moved to approve up to \$1200 for legal advice, seconded by Mary Elfring. The motion passed.
- **COPE-** (Luis Martinez) Patrick Gordon moved, and Ellie Swanson seconded a motion to adjourn to COPE. The motion passed.
  - Resolution to approve Luis Martinez as COPE Chair and Steven Wood “Woody” as Treasurer. Howard moved to approve the resolution and Diana Flahaven seconded the motion. The motion passed. The senate recognizes Steven Wood and Luis Martinez as COPE officers, treasurer and chairperson, respectively.
  - Request up to \$1500 to seek legal counsel. Mary Elfring moved and Tammy Ray seconded motion to approve. The motion passed.

**Candidates for ECC BOT:**

**Roger Ramey**, retired faculty member and union officer. (Roger’s candidacy is being challenged.)

**Corinne Pierog**, ran for state senate, served on STC School Board (Corinne’s candidacy is being challenged.)

**John Duffy**, current and long-serving Board member

**Shane Nowack** of the website [Elginite.org](http://Elginite.org)

**Jennifer Rakow**, HR Manager at IHC construction and a family member of Tom Rakow.

**Candace McReary** of the Streamwood Library board, has repeatedly fought for property tax reductions.

**Arun Goyal** has held roles in ECC administration. (Arun’s candidacy is being challenged.)

Motion to adjourn from COPE made by Howard Russo and seconded by Ellie Swanson. The motion passed.

**ELECTIONS & COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

1. Dr. Wendy Miller requests representatives to serve on search committee for Nursing Program Director. Volunteers include Janet Flynn. Michele Brynelsen was removed from approval request as she is currently interim director and administrator. Her status does not require ECCFA approval. Howard Russo moved, and Kris Campbell seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed.
2. Institutional Review Board: Faculty volunteers include Shawn Mikulay and Dan Kernler. Howard Russo and Christina Marrocco moved and seconded a motion to approve. The motion passed.
3. Leticia Starkov reports Curriculum Committee needs representatives as follows:
  - a. Health Professions
  - b. LVPA/HUM to replace Peter Han
  - c. LVPA/EDN to replace inactive, Randy Hodges
  - d. CABS/ENG to replace retiree, Glen Turner

**Old Business**

- Institutional Capacity Assessment Tool (ICAT): Dr. Sam sent out a request to participate; individual sections will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.
- Spartan Food Bank Donation: We collected \$450 at the End of the Semester Party to be added to the \$500 approved by ECCFA. A ceremonial check will be presented to students at the ECCFA luncheon. (Note: a donation was received after the meeting to bring the total collected to \$500.)
- Senate Survey: All responses thus far have been in favor of option B, to alternate graduation ceremonies.
  - Regarding graduation, there are two ceremonies scheduled for December and May. One ceremony for transfer students, the second for CTE and AAS. The plan has been to consistently schedule transfer graduation in the morning and CTE/AAS in the afternoon on a consistent basis. Here is the question-

- A. Continue to schedule transfer ceremony in morning and CTE/AAS in the afternoon.
- B. Alternate mornings and afternoons so that CTE/AAS will be offered in morning and Transfer will be offered in afternoons every other year.
- Note: Students were involved in decisions to move graduation ceremonies to Saturday and also to have 2 ceremonies.

Discussion: Comment was made regarding low number of faculty attending the graduation ceremonies, particularly the early ceremony. Why are vocational certificate students always at the end of the ceremony? Uncertain. The senate agreed that rotating ceremonies is a good idea. Kim will share the information with the administration for consideration.

#### **New Business**

- Wear blue & wear buttons! Armando Trejo will bring t-shirts to the luncheon.
- Assist with COPE donation forms, elections volunteers at the Opening Day Luncheon
- Senate meeting attendance: please be mindful of regular attendance

#### **Division Issues**

- SBCT will have new leadership, Interim Dean Marc Bautista and Interim Associate Dean Marcy Thompson.

**Adjournment:** Kris Campbell moved, and Howard Russo seconded a motion to adjourn.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 3:30 in C-120

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Correspondence Received from UAF Senator Lincoln Davis**

Dear Secretary Tarver and Senate Colleagues:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you on Academic Senate. I now have greater admiration than ever for those of you who give your time to improve the conditions of our faculty workforce, especially adjuncts. It was a special honor to serve with Sue Ford, Howard Russo and others on the Grievance Committee who have done so much to uphold and strengthen the provisions of our contract over the years. I'm also proud to have represented Senate on the Student Evaluation Committee. I hope that more progress will be made in examining these evaluations and their appropriate role within our educational mission.

Because of my hectic schedule as a multi-school adjunct, it's become clear that I will no longer be able to serve the Senate effectively while meeting commitments related to ECC, other employers, and my own household expenses.

Please accept my best wishes for your success during the challenging times ahead.

Sincerely,  
Lincoln Davis