

MINUTES

UAF GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE #54

Wednesday, November 7, 2002

Chancellor's Conference Room, 330 Signers' Hall

I Derek Miller called the meeting to order at 2:05

A. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anderson, B

Chukwu, G.

Ledlow, L.

Miller, D.

O'Neill, R.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bird, R.

Pinney, P.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Layral, S.

Lind, M.

Salganek, M.

Williams, L.

B. The agenda was adopted as distributed via e-mail with the addition of Item V. E., Discussion of All Campus Day.

C. Minutes from meeting #52 and #53 were approved as distributed via e-mail.

walking in the hallways and in the classrooms. Carry over events from last year include socials. OMA takes part in several events on campus that are sponsored by other offices such as the Resource Fair, the International Friendship Day, and the National Disability Awareness brown bag luncheon. In November there is National Japan Culture Day and World Harvest Day. Another thing that the office does is the religious round table to address student concern of issues arising from the September 11 incident. A NAACP representative was on campus with the idea of starting a campus NAACP student chapter. To avoid conflict with the community chapter of the NAACP, they are looking for 25 students on campus under the age of 25 to start a chapter.

Kevin Locke, a Native American hoop dancer was on campus this year. This is one of the types of cultural events she would like to see her more. LaJuana Williams spoke with Joy Morrison about having the diversity team reestablished. In 1996-97 that group looked at having a series of course that would be known as diversity courses that would lead to a minor in multicultural studies. That discussion is on going.

Institutional climate was first established with the idea of having people come together to talk about whatever issues they were concerned about. What she has found is that people are willing to talk unofficially and to do everything except document what they are saying so that you can have numbers to look at to establish a baseline. We need student, classroom, and organizational involvement into smaller focus groups.

Derek Miller asked about collaboration with the student organizations. LaJuana Williams indicated that she has talked with a number of the clubs. There is a new Indian club that has come by the office. Brodie Anderson indicated that he had sent them over to the see her. There is also the Native Alaskan Business Leaders, the new Muslim student association, the new Indian club (Namaste India), and the Alaskan/ Japanese club. These are the four major clubs that are involved in club council.

C. Maya Salganek, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Tolerance.

Maya Salganek is chair of the Staff Council Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Tolerance. They are looking at the issues of diversity and tolerance from a staff perspective. There is a double role to play. One is to advocate for staff in terms of issues of discrimination and the other is to prevent becoming discriminatory in our selves. The committee has identified a number of issues especially with the help of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Campus Climate Forums. Maya is looking at it from a policy viewpoint--what are our policies and how are they being implemented and are they effective? She gave some examples of the issues they have looked into.

Larry Ledlow indicated that the scope of issues crosses over to the other groups and feel that the work of the Committee should be extended to faculty and student interest. He thinks that GCC should formulate a joint committee. Brodie Anderson spoke about his experience as student ombudsman. Godwin Chukwu proposed a motion to add a committee on Diversity and Tolerance under the Governance Coordinating Committee. He recommended the membership include at least two members from each group. There was agreement by all present to establish such a committee. To formally add the committee to the procedures requires approval by all governance bodies. An ad hoc committee can be established until the permanent committee is approved. The motion to establish an ad hoc committee on diversity and tolerance was approved. Larry Ledlow will draft the charge of the committee.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Staff Council's pending statement regarding student's proposed tuition increase.

Staff Council has not had a discussion on the proposed tuition increase. Larry Ledlow indicted that in general there will be pretty broad support. They understand the President's rationale and also understand the concerns from students that it will have some impact. From a staff point of view if there is some relation to more stable job opportunities for staff, then they will support it. He would like to incorporate the student's concerns in any motion they pass.

B. Tuition talk update - Derek Miller

Derek Miller indicated that the student government at UAA and UAF had a special meeting to talk about the tuition increase. UAA, UAF, and the Coalition of Student Leaders have all passed a resolution opposing the 10 % increase. They do support a 3-6% inflationary increase. The tuition increase will be discussed at the November Board of Regents' meeting. While Derek personally supports the increase he recognizes that it does affect the non-traditional, part-time and rural students.

Larry Ledlow indicated that there needs to be some kind of consideration to any disproportionate impact there might be on the rural students. Derek Miller indicated that the President made some valid point at an open forum yesterday. The availability of scholarships has really increased dramatically under President Hamilton.

Rory O'Neill indicated that he and Larry met with Chancellor Lind that morning and discussed the tuition increase.

VI COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

No additional comments or questions.

VII The next meeting will be scheduled during the second week of December.

VIII The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

A tape of this Governance Coordinating Committee meeting is available in the Governance Office, 312 Signers' Hall, if anyone wishes to listen to the complete tape. Submitted by Sheri Layral, Governance Coordinating Committee.