

SERVICES WILL BE CONSULTED.

By the end of September, the Registrar's Office will supply the Curricular Affairs Committee with a brief summary of petition actions taken during the previous academic year.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately
 Upon Chancellor Approval

RATIONALE: The Senate's motion revising and simplifying the petition process did not make provisions for students with disabilities. Those who have interpreted the ADA and in particular Section 504 recommend that when petitions are sought on the basis of a student's disability, that the disability services office be consulted to determine if the student's documentation supports the request.

ATTACHMENT 87/2
UAF FACULTY SENATE #87
APRIL 5, 1999
SUBMITTED BY CURRICULAR AFFAIRS

MO T I O N

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The UAF Faculty Senate authorizes the UAF Honors Program to

and 1991. Between 1993 and 1995, I served on the Graduate Council and in 1998 was chair of the Graduate School Advisory Committee. In all these committees, I observed faculty working to make UAF the best institution despite their own self-interest. When the administration listened, there was usually a positive impact on the quality of life for both students and faculty. I would like to keep alive this tradition of unselfish service to improve quality at UAF through the Faculty Senate.

I will not guarantee that, over the next two years, the Faculty Senate will have a positive influence on UAF administration. I will commit to getting information out to faculty as early in the process as I become aware of policy discussions. I feel the faculty have an important role in policy discussions at UAF and will work for honesty and openness at UAF.

Lawrence K. Duffy
March 1999

ATTACHMENT 87/6
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Minutes, Curricular Affairs Committee, 3/23/99

The Curricular Affairs Committee met at 9:45 a.m. in Wood Center B. All members of the committee except Janice Reynolds and Katrina Klaussen were present. The committee discussed three issues: honors, an amendment to the petition process for SDS consultation, and the new BAS degree proposal.

1. HONORS THESIS SCHOLAR OPTION

Roy Bird, director of the honors program presented the motion to the committee:

MOTION

The faculty senate authorizes the UAF honors program to institute an Honors Thesis Scholar Option as a part of its offering. Applicants for the Honors Thesis Scholar Option must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above, or a GPA of 3.5 for the semester preceding application. They will present a letter of application no later than the end of their junior year, along with two letters of recommendation, to the Director of the Honors Program. Students accepted to complete the Honors Thesis Scholar Option must complete 12 hours of credit in honors courses and must complete an Honors Thesis (paper, project, performance, or other substantial work agreed upon by the thesis committee) for 3 hours of credit in their senior year. Of the 12 hours of honors courses, a total of 9 may come from the honors core offering. At least 3 of the 12 hours must be accomplished as contract hours in connection with a regular upper-division course in the student's major. Graduates who successfully defend their honors thesis and fulfill course requirements will have "Honors Thesis Scholar" printed on their diploma and on their official transcript.

RATIONALE

The Honors Program currently offers honors graduate designation to members of the program who successfully complete 27 hours of honors credit in addition to a 3-hour honors thesis and who maintain a 3.5 GPA. In the past, the honors program has best

6. Next Meeting: Scheduled April 21, 1999. If the committee can finish the revisions to the draft Chancellor office evaluation plan earlier, the committee will meet before April 21 to complete the evaluation plan task and submit it to the Senate for review by the Administrative Committee.

ATTACHMENT 87/9
UAF FACULTY SENATE #87
APRIL 5, 1999
SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATIVE & FISCAL AFFAIRS

Report: Legislative and Fiscal Affairs Committee, March 26, 1999

Juneau Trip: March 17, 1999

Members of the committee and UAF faculty made a trip to visit legislators in both houses over spring break. Professors Zilberkant, DeCorso, and Butler-Hopkins spoke with Representatives Dyson, Kott, Whitaker, Davis, Brice, Croft, Green, Bundie, and Davies; and Senators Miller, Leman, Elton, and Wilken. More members of the committee will be in Juneau in April.

Recent Updates:

The House released its allocations caps on Wednesday, 3/24. UA is being proposed for flat funding, holding to the FY99 dollars. According to Wendy Redman, the new budget calls for the elimination of funding for all municipal/revenue sharing, public broadcasting, and the state's SBS program. The subcommittee dealing with the University budget will meet on Monday, March 29 to have a close out session. The guess is that they will reject this budget cap and will recommend going to the Finance Committee with the full UA request of \$16.3 million. Now is the time for phone calls, letters, and emails to the members of the Finance Committee, as they will be meeting shortly after Easter.

House subcommittee members are:

CHAIR: Representative Austerman

Member: Representative Halcro, Harris, Whitaker, Croft, Davies

Senate subcommittee members are:

CHAIR: Senator Leman

Member: Senator Wilken, Senator Halford, Senator Adams

RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTION REGARDING SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS

The following letter was received in response to the Senate resolution on Board of Regent candidates passed at Meeting #84, December 7, 1998.

State of Alaska
Office of the Governor
Juneau

March 17, 1999

Ms. Madeline F. Schatz, President
Faculty Senate
University of Alaska Fairbanks
P.O. Box 757500
Fairbanks, AK 99775-7500

Dear Ms. Schatz:

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the boards and Commissions appointment process. Each candidate had impressive professional and personal qualifications.

Governor Tony Knowles has appointed Robert A. Malone and Frances H. Rose of Anchorage, Brian Rogers of Fairbanks, and Joseph E. Usibelli, Jr., of Healy to public seats on the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

Once again, we appreciate your assistance in helping Governor Knowles select the best candidates for the board.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith, Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

OTHER LEGISLATION BEFORE BOTH HOUSES

HOUSE BILLS

CSHB 27(FIN) Graduate Student Loans
Changes WICHE program into loan program

HB 31 UAA Library Appropriation
An Act making a \$30,470,000 appropriation for construction and renovation of the University of Alaska, Anchorage Consortium Library Facility; and providing for an effective date.

HB 41 Approval of State Employee Contracts
An Act relating to legislative approval of the terms of state employee collective bargaining agreements.

HB 46 Seismic Hazards Safety Commission
An Act establishing the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission. Commission would include a representative from the University of Alaska.

HB 51 FY01 Mental Health Operating Budget
An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program and providing for an effective date.

HB 52 FY01 Capital budget
An Act making and amending capital appropriations and reappropriations and capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date.

CSHB 64(FIN) am Y2K Appropriation
An Act making appropriations for year 2000 assessment, compliance, and remediation projects; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska; and providing

for an effective date. UA portion equals \$4.6 million.

HB 72 Services/Rights of Disabled

An Act relating to the provision of services for persons with handicaps; substituting, in the chapter relating to the rights of persons with handicaps and programs for the benefit of persons with handicaps, references to 'disabilities' for references to 'handicaps'; correcting references in that chapter in certain definitions; and correcting in that chapter a reference to an act under which federal financial support is provided for the support of education of the handicapped.

HB 85 Teachers' Licenses, Discipline & Ethics

An Act relating to licensure and professional discipline of members of the teaching profession and providing for related penalties; relating to grounds for dismissal of a teacher; relating to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission; relating to limited immunity for procedures under the Educator Ethics Act; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

HB 106 Special Appropriations for Educational Purposes

An Act making special appropriations for education from the earnings reserve account.

HB 107 Permanent Fund Income Advisory Vote

An Act authorizing an advisory vote on whether appropriations of income from the permanent fund should be restricted; and providing for an effective date.

HB 113 Postsecondary Education for High School Students

An Act relating to a program of postsecondary education for high school students.

HB 115 Use of University of Alaska Appropriation

An Act relating to the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date.

HB 118 Cost of College Remedial Classes

An Act relating to payment for remedial classes at the University of Alaska.

HJR 2 Biennial Budget

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to a biennial state budget, to the appropriation limit, and to appropriations from the budget reserve fund.

HJR 13 University Endowment for Research

Relating to using oil spill settlement funds (EVOS) to create an endowment for the sciences at the University of Alaska. Additional Bills concerning the University before the Legislature:

SENATE BILLS

CSSB 7 (RES) Increase UA Land Grant

An Act relating to the University of Alaska and university land, and authorizing the University of Alaska to select additional state land.

SB 21 UAA Library Appropriation

An Act making an appropriation for construction and renovation of the University of Alaska, Anchorage Consortium Library Facility; and providing for an effective date.

SB 31 FY01 Mental Health Operating Budget

An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital

expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program and providing for an effective date.

SB 32 FY01 Capital Budget

An Act making and amending capital appropriations and reappropriations and capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date.

SB 36 Y2K Compliance Requirements

An Act relating to state procurement of certain computer-related contracts.

SB 37 State and Municipal Immunity for Y2K

An Act relating to immunity for certain claims against the