

Draft Minutes
United Academics Representative Assembly
Friday 23 August 2019

Special Meeting by Zoom

3:02 pm Meeting was called to order.

3:03 pm Roll was Called.

Members present: Jody Drew, Pete Praetorius, Lisa Hoferkamp, Nelta Edwards, Tim Hinterberger, Erik Carlson, Ian van Tets, Max Kullberg, Terry Nelson, Peter Bieniek, Arthur Nash Jr., Kate Quick, Anthony Rickard, Gordon Williams, Rick McDonald, Mara Bacsujlaky, Sharon Chamard, Charla Brown, Soren Orley, Abel Bult-Ito

Members absent: John Radzilowski, Andrea Dewees, Sharyl Toscano, Armin Abdihodzic, Haiwei Chen, Robert Coker,

Staff: Cyndee West

3:07 pm Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved without objection.

3:08 pm University Budget Issues and Related Union Issues.

- **The faculty review MOA.**

Rescinding the MOA that suspended all faculty reviews for the AY19-20 was discussed. The follow rationale and motion were approved with a 18-1 vote:

Rationale: An agreement between the Alaska Governor and UA BOR Chair signed on 13 August 2019 reduced the UA operating budget cut for the AY19-20 from \$136 million to \$25 million. On 20 August 2019, the BOR terminated the declaration of financial exigency effective 19 August 2019. Consequently, the rationale for the MOA was no longer in effect.

Motion: Cancel the faculty review MOA signed on 6 August 2019 and reinstate all faculty reviews with a two-week delay for file submission, unit peer committee review, and candidate response to unit peer committee recommendation.

- **One university or a consortium of three universities.**

Whether United Academics should weigh in on the discussion of one university or a consortium of three universities was discussed. It was generally agreed that we should not weigh in on the structure of the

university. We should strongly advocate for cuts in administration and saving of academic programs and faculty positions so we can be the best university for our students and can perform our research effectively.

- **Cards to be completed by members.**
The membership committee has finalized cards to be distributed to members. These cards ask for contact information and what activities they would like to be involved in to strengthen our union.
- **Input on major union issues.**
Representative Assembly members would like to be more involved in major union decisions. We agreed that we would have additional special RA meetings by Zoom to keep RA members informed and have them participate in discussions on major decisions when possible.
- **RA headshot cards.**
To inform members of who their RA representative are, the membership committee is working on one card or several cards with RA contact information and headshots.

4:32 pm **Next Special Meeting.**
The next special RA meeting will be on Zoom on Friday 13 September 2019 from 3:30-5pm.

4:33 pm **The meeting was adjourned.**