

Faculty Alliance Motions from August 25-26, 2008

MOTION RELATING TO CHARGE FOR ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN

MOTION: passed unanimously

“Faculty Alliance moves that it cannot endorse the academic master plan charge for UA as presented by Dan Julius without shared governance in accordance with Regents Policy and University Regulation 03.01.010. In its current form, the document does not constitute faculty involvement, provides no opportunity for expansion, contains no provision for sustainable consistent faculty involvement in academic master planning in the long term but rather relegates decision making to SAC and/or ad hoc committees. The Alliance is encouraged by the second sentence, of section 5 that ... *‘governance bodies will be ...involved in the review/development of this plan prior to recommendation to the President’s Council) and its implementation’*, and look forward to working collaboratively on this very important mission. This action is effective August 26, 2008.”

MOTION RELATING TO ELECTRONIC FACULTY WORKLOAD

MOTION: passed unanimously

“The University of Alaska Faculty Alliance moves to reject the use of Digital Measures software for electronic Faculty Activity Reports throughout the UA system. The Alliance supports the idea of an effective, efficient electronic reporting system tailored to the unique needs of the University of Alaska.

Our concerns with the proposed system being tested at UAF focus on the following liability, accreditation and union issues.

Second, our concerns focus on technical problems, some of which have not been addressed in more than one year.

Lack of reliable search functionality.

Since two thirds of the data fields in the Digital Measures system are free form alpha-numeric, making a complete and effective search is virtually impossible. Invariably data will be missed or misrepresented in a search. This does not help administrative tasks of reporting faculty performance.

No data entry validation.

In addition to the three items listed above, the following items are also identified in the Digital Measures system: (i) -1 (igital Measur)-5(e)