United Academics AAUP-AFT Local 4996 Representative Assembly Meeting Minutes APPROVED

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2025 **Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm AKST

Item	Facilitator
CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:05AM	
Land Acknowledgement	
Statement on Racial Justice and Social Equity	
United Academics' Guiding Tenets • Honor Our Differences • Prioritize the Academic Mission • Educate for the Common Good • Build the Future	
Roll Call: RA Membership List Present: Jill Dumesnil, Abel Bult-Ito, Sharon Chamard, Ryan Harrod, Cindy Trussell, Andrea Dewees, Tim Hinterberger, Tony Rickard, Leah Berman, Kathy DiLorenzo, Kaia Henrickson, Pete Praetorius, Richie Berndt, Deb Mole, Matthew Cuellar Staff: Kate Quick, Melanie Arthur Absent: Maria Williams, Kimberly Pace, Haiwei Chen, Art Nash, Terry Reilly Guests: Gokhan Karahan	
Motion to approve the amended agenda passed Motion to approve October 19, 2024 Minutes passed.	
REPORTS	
1. Officer Reports a. President Report provided. b. Treasurer Report provided. Motion to accept the treasurer's report passed. c. Secretary Report provided. d. UAA Org Vice President Report provided.	

e. UAF Org Vice President	
No report.	
f. UAS Org Vice President	
Report provided.	
g. Extended Sites Vice President	
Report provided.	
2. Staff Reports	
a. Contract Manager	
Report provided.	
b. Organizing Manager	
Report provided.	
3. Standing Committees	
a. Collective Bargaining (vacant)	
No report.	
b. Legislative Relations (Pete Praetorius)	
Report provided.	
c. Membership, Organizing, and Communications (Deb	
Mole)	
Report provided.	
d. Finance, Budget, and Audit (Gokhan Karahan)	
Report provided.	
e. Elections (Terissia Bell)	
Report provided.	
f. Non-Tenure Track Members (Kimberly Pace & Sue	
Fallon)	
Report provided.	
SPECIAL ORDERS (priority motions - 2/3 vote	e to get here)
4. None	
BREAK	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (with motions)
5. Vote on the TA'd Contract	
Motion to move TA'd agreement to ratification by the dues paying	
membership passed unanimously.	
6. Timing of next negotiation	0
Motion: The RA agrees to change the timing of negotiations as	Secretary
discussed. Motion passed.	
7. Status of UAF Org VP	
This was discussed.	

8. February BOR meeting at KPC in Soldotna

This was discussed.

9. Upcoming training opportunities

This was discussed.

10. Other issues or concerns

Issues were discussed, including potential establishment of a strike fund and retiree affiliate membership.

CLOSING ITEMS

Next meeting: April 12, 2025, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Good of the Order: None

Motion to Adjourn passed at 1:33pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We live and work on the unceded territories of Alaska Native Peoples. We very much appreciate their past and ongoing stewardship of these lands.

STATEMENT ON RACIAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL EQUITY

As part of our commitment to enkindle racial justice and social equity within the University of Alaska system, we will speak up when we experience examples of racism or injustice in our meetings and as we conduct our business.

This means we can and will interrupt the meeting to draw the issue to one another's attention.

We will do this kindly, with care, and in good faith. This statement is a reminder that we commit to doing this in the service of ending the system of racial oppression that is perpetuated through institutionalized policies and individual bias.

United Academics Executive Board			
PRESIDENT	Jill Dumesnil, Ph.D.	2023-2026	
TREASURER	Sharon Chamard Ph.D.	2024-2026	
SECRETARY	Abel Bult-Ito, Ph.D.	2023-2026	
ORGANIZATIONAL VP - UAA	Ryan Harrod	2024-2027	
ORGANIZATIONAL VP - UAF	Vacant	2024-2027	
ORGANIZATIONAL VP - UAS	Andrea Dewees	2024-2027	
ORGANIZATIONAL VP - Extended Sites	Cindy Trussell, Ph.D.	2024-2027	
CONTRACT MANAGER			

Melanie Arthur, Ph.D.

ORGANIZING MANAGER

Kate Quick, M.F.A.