

United Academics AAUP-AFT Local 4996

Representative Assembly Meeting Minutes - approved

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2025 **Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm AKDT

Location: Zoom

Item	Facilitator
CALL TO ORDER 10:02 am	
Land Acknowledgement	
Statement on Racial Justice and Social Equity	
Roll Call: RA Membership List Present: Jill Dumesnil, Leah Berman, Kaia Henrickson, Richie Berndt, Cindy Trussell, Ryan Harrod, Kathy DiLorenzo Tim Hinterberger, Andrea Dewees, Kimberly Pace, Sharon Chamard, Pete Praetorius, Deb Mole, Haiwei Chen, Staff: Melanie Arthur, Kate Quick Absent: Maria Williams, Matthew Cuellar, Ingrid Johnson, Art Nash, Guests: Taylor Rose, Jak Maier	
Motion to Approve Agenda - Motion to Approve and Passes Motion to Approve April 12, 2025 Minutes - Motion to Approve and Passes with correction	
REPORTS	
1. Officer Reports a. President Report Provided b. Treasurer Report Provided c. Secretary Report Provided d. UAA Org Vice President Report Provided e. UAF Org Vice President Absent f. UAS Org Vice President Report Provided	

<p>g. Extended Sites Vice President Report Provided</p> <p>2. Staff Reports</p> <p>a. Contract Manager Report Provided</p> <p>b. Organizing Manager Report Provided</p>	
<p>3. Standing Committees (committee roster)</p> <p>a. Collective Bargaining Committee Chair Named</p> <p>b. Legislative Relations Chair Named</p> <p>c. Membership, Organizing, and Communications Chair Named</p> <p>d. Finance, Budget, and Audit (Chair: Gokhan Karahan)</p> <p>e. Elections (Chair: Terissia Bell)</p> <p>f. Committee on Non Tenure Track Members</p> <p>4. Ad Hoc Committees - None active</p>	
SPECIAL ORDERS (priority motions - $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to get here)	
<p>5. Vote on Jak Maier for vacant UAF Extended Sites seat Statement of Interest - Motion to Appoint and Passes 12/12</p> <p>6. Vote on Taylor Rose for vacant UAS Extended Sites seat Statement of Interest - Motion to Appoint and Passes 12/12</p>	
BREAK	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (with motions)	
<p>7. Organizing conversations goal and activity Break Out Rooms</p> <p>8. Benefits of membership presentation Presentation Given</p> <p>9. CLC Presence Discussion Motion to Join/Participate - Pass 12 Yes</p> <p>10. Issues from the floor Events</p>	

CLOSING ITEMS

Next meeting: October 18, 2025, 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. AKDT

Good of the Order: N/A

Motion to Adjourn: Motion/Second - 1:45 PM

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

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