

Honor Our Differences ♦ Prioritize the Academic Mission ♦ Educate for the Common Good ♦ Build the Future

United Academics AAUP-AFT Local 4996

Executive Board Meeting

Minutes - approved

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 **Time:** 9:00-11:00 am AKDT

CALL TO ORDER	
Land Acknowledgement	
Statement on Racial Justice and Social Equity	
Roll Call Members present: Jill Dumesnil, Ingrid Johnson, Cindy Trussell, Sharon Chamard, Richie Berndt, Andrea Dewees Members absent: Ryan Harrod Staff: Kate Quick, Melanie Arthur Guests:	@ 902
Motion to Approve 2025-08-20 agenda	Approved as amended
Motion to approve minutes from 2025-08-06	Approved as corrected
REPORTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● President - Report Provided● Secretary - Report Provided● Treasurer - Report Provided● VP UAA - N/A● VP UAF - Report Provided● VP UAS - N/A● VP Extended sites - Report Provided	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Contract Manager - Report Provided● Organizing Manager - Report Provided	
NEW BUSINESS	
1. E-Board meeting time - 1st & 3rd Wednesday 0830-1000 Everyone to provide written report submitted NLT 5pm into the meeting materials folder	

2. UNAC strategy for exigency/financial strain (draft) - Ongoing edits	
3. Pushing UA to hire mediation for depts in conflict - Discussion	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NEXT MEETING: Wed., September 3, 2025, 08:30-10:00 am AKDT ● Good of the Order ● Motion to Adjourn: 11:09 am 	

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 AT UA

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.

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