

**United Academics AAUP-AFT Local 4996**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**Minutes - APPROVED**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2025 **Time:** 8:30-10:00 am AKDT

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CALL TO ORDER 8:34 a.m.	
Land Acknowledgement	president
Statement on Racial Justice and Social Equity	president
<b>Roll Call</b> Members present: Jill Dumesnil, Ingrid Johnson, Sharon Chamard, Ryan Harrod, Cindy Trussell Members absent: Andrea Dewees (arriving late), Richie Berndt Staff: Melanie Arthur Guests:	
Motion to Approve 2025-09-17 agenda: approved	
Motion to approve <a href="#">minutes from 2025-09-03</a> - <i>approved as amended</i>	
REPORTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● President - report provided</li><li>● Secretary - absent</li><li>● Treasurer - no report</li><li>● VP UAA - report provided</li><li>● VP UAF - report provided</li><li>● VP UAS - report provided</li><li>● VP Extended sites - report provided</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Contract Manager - report provided</li><li>● Organizing Manager - report provided</li></ul>	
NEW BUSINESS	
1. UNAC strategy for exigency/financial strain (draft) - <i>approved for RA consideration</i>	
2. People over Pentagon Act - <i>discussed, no action recommended</i>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Wed., Oct. 1, 2025, 8:30-10:00 am AKDT</li> <li>● <b>Good of the Order:</b> <i>items discussed</i></li> <li>● <b>Motion to Adjourn: 10:00 a.m.</b></li> </ul>	

### 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.

United Academics Executive Board		
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<b>STAFF</b> <b>CONTRACT MANAGER</b> Melanie Arthur, PhD <b>ORGANIZING MANAGER</b> Kate Quick, MFA		