



### **3. Communication**

To serve as an instrument by which information which is of interest and concern to the university system faculty may be freely collected, disseminated, coordinated, and discussed.

### **C. Responsibilities**

The Alliance recognizes the faculty of the individual universities as having the primary responsibility and authority for recommending the establishment of degree requirements; implementing the degree requirements; establishing the curriculum, the subject matter and methods for instruction; determining when established degree requirements are met; and recommending to the UA President and the UA Board of Regents the granting of degrees thus achieved. The Alliance shall have advisory and coordinating role in academic affairs; no action of the Alliance shall abridge individual university's authority in academic matters.

When issues have statewide impact, the responsibilities of the Alliance may include, but are not limited to, coordination on matters relating to academic affairs such as academic program review; the addition, deletion or merging of academic programs; curriculum; subject matter and methods of instruction, those aspects of student life relating to the educational process such as degree requirements, grading policy, course coordination and transfer, student probation and suspension, standards of admission and scholastic

## **Article 4. Membership and Organization**

### **A. Membership**

The membership of the Alliance shall consist of three faculty members from each of the faculty senates at the University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks and University of Alaska Southeast. The representatives are the incoming president, the president, and the past-president of each faculty senate.

If a Faculty Alliance member can no longer serve, then the faculty senate of that university shall appoint that person's replacement.

## **B. Selection**

Incoming presidents, presidents, and past presidents of faculty senates serving on the Faculty Alliance shall be selected in such a manner as prescribed by local faculty senates.

## **C. Term of Service**

The term of service shall be three years: year one as incoming president of a faculty senate, year two as president of a faculty senate, and year three as past president of a faculty senate.

## **D. Recall of Members**

Any member may be recalled by the faculty senate by which the member was chosen. The method of recall shall be determined by the local faculty senate. That faculty senate shall select a replacement to complete the term of office.

## **E. Officers**

Alliance officers include the chair and the next chair in rotation.

### **a. Chair Rotations**

The chair shall rotate among the Faculty Senate past-presidents from each university: UAA, UAF and UAS. The chair position shall rotate to each university in sequence so that the chair generally is located at each university every third year. This is subject to confirmation of the majority of Faculty Alliance. If for any reason the chair in rotation is unable or unwilling, or not confirmed to serve, the next chair shall be elected by a majority of the Faculty Alliance. The regular rotation shall resume following the term of the chair thus elected.

## **F. Task Forces**

maintained in the System Governance Office.

## **B. Amendments to Constitution; Distribution prior to Voting**

Amendments to the constitution shall be sent to Alliance members and to the local faculty senates at least 30 days prior to the Alliance meeting at which they will be considered. Amendments to the constitution require seven Alliance member votes.

## **Article 9. Review and Transmittal of Proposals**

The review and transmittal of actions from the Alliance shall be done according to Regulation 03.01.010

## **Article 10. Presidential Action on Recommendations**

If the UA President determines that UA Board of Regents action is warranted as a result of a governance recommendation, including, but not limited to changes to Regents' Policy, the governance item is placed on the regents' agenda for discussion or action as appropriate and the sponsoring governance leader(s) are invited to participate in the discussion of the issue.

Spokespersons for governance groups may also present their views directly to the UA Board of Regents in accordance with board procedures.

## **Article 11. Handbook**

The Faculty Alliance shall annually submit a directory of Alliance members, a description of the Alliance and how it works, and the annual Alliance calendar to the system governance executive officer for inclusion in the governance handbook. This handbook shall be posted online and publically available.

## **Article 12. Reports**

The Alliance chair or designee shall prepare a report of Alliance activities. This report shall be submitted to the system governance executive officer for compilation into a single report of governance activities for submission to the UA President and the UA Board of Regents as part of the agenda for regular board of regents meetings. The system governance executive officer shall also maintain Alliance electronic and written communications systems.

Faculty Alliance  
**Bylaws**

## **Section 2. Meetings (Constitution Article 5)**

### **A. Public Meeting Notice**

The Alliance chair shall prepare the public meeting notice in conjunction with the system governance executive officer.

Public meeting notices for regular meetings shall be distributed to the university community and posted on the Alliance web site at least ten days prior to the meeting. Notice shall be distributed and posted at least 24 hours in advance for special meetings.

### **B.**

however, only Alliance members may participate in the meeting unless the rules for participation in a meeting are suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### **F. Executive Session**

The Alliance may meet in executive session at any meeting when the subject to be discussed tends to prejudice the reputation or character of any person, or when the subject under discussion includes matters which are required by law or university policy or regulations to be held confidential. The portions of a meeting spent in executive session shall not be recorded.

#### **G. Roll Call Vote**

A roll call vote shall be ordered if requested by one-third of the members present.

#### **H. Meeting Format**

Regular or special Alliance meetings may be conducted by any communication technology.

### **Section 3. Quorum (Constitution Article 6)**

#### **Procedure for Voting by Proxy**

When Alliance members cannot attend a meeting, they shall advise the Alliance chair prior to the meeting. Absent members may designate another Alliance member to vote as their proxy, and must notify the Alliance chair of this in advance of the meeting in an email or written format.

### **Section 4. Parliamentary Authority (Constitution Article 7)**

#### **A. Time Limit on Speaking**

The Alliance chair may set time limits on each agenda item. No speaker shall then speak for more than the fixed number of minutes on any one topic unless more time has been granted in advance. The time limit may be extended by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

### **Section 5. Amendments to the Bylaws**

#### **A. Written Submission**

Amendments to the bylaws must be presented in writing by voting members of the Alliance to the Alliance chair at least two weeks before the meeting at which they will



be considered.

**B. First Reading and Action**

Amendments shall have first reading and discussion at the first meeting after they have been received by the Alliance chair. Amendments may then be voted on at the same meeting or postponed for further consideration.

**C. Voting on Amendments**

Amendments shall be by a simple majority of the membership, and at least one member from each university must be in agreement.

**D. Submission to the System President**

Within ten days after the meeting at which amendments were approved by the alliance, the System Governance executive officer shall forward them to the System President with a request for response within 30 days.