

**United Academics AAUP-AFT Local 4996**

**Representative Assembly Meeting Minutes - approved**

**Date:** Saturday, October 18, 2025 **Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm AKDT

Item	Facilitator
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	
<b>Statement on Racial Justice and Social Equity</b>	
<p><b>Roll Call:</b> <a href="#">RA Membership List</a>  <b>Present:</b> Jill Dumisnil, Ingrid Johnson, Cindy Trussell, Leah Breman, Matthew Cuellarm Kimberly Pace, Tim Hinterberger, Kaia Henrickson, Ryan Harrod Haiwei Chen, Pete Praetorius, Mary Wegner, Andrea Dewees, Jak Maier, Sharon Chamard, Maria Williams Richie Berndt  <b>Staff:</b> Kate Quick, Melanie Arthur  <b>Absent:</b> Art Nash, Kathy Dilorenzo, Taylor Rose  <b>Guests:</b> Ambra McMillian, Terissia Bell</p>	
<p><b>Motion to Approve Agenda</b> Motion/Pass  <b>Motion to Approve <a href="#">August 16, 2025 Minutes</a></b> Motion/Pass</p>	
<b>REPORTS</b>	
<p><b>1. Officer Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. President - Report Given</li> <li>b. Treasurer - Report Given</li> <li>c. Secretary - Report Given</li> <li>d. UAA Org Vice President - Report Given</li> <li>e. UAF Org Vice President - Report Given</li> <li>f. UAS Org Vice President - Report Given</li> <li>g. Extended Sites Vice President - Report Given</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Staff Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Contract Manager - Report Given</li> <li>b. Organizing Manager - Report Given</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. Standing Committees (<a href="#">committee roster</a>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Collective Bargaining Committee (Jak Maier) - Report Given</li> <li>b. Legislative Relations (Mary Wegner) Motion/Second/Approved</li> </ul>	

<p><a href="#">RA letter to DC delegation on federal funding</a></p> <p>c. <a href="#">Membership, Organizing, and Communications</a> (Ryan Harrod) - Report Given</p> <p>d. Finance, Budget, and Audit (Gokhan Karahan)</p> <p>e. Elections (Terissia Bell) Report Given</p> <p>f. Committee on Non Tenure Track Members (Kimberly Pace)</p> <p>4. <b>Ad Hoc Committees</b> - None active</p>	
<b>SPECIAL ORDERS (priority motions - 2/3 vote to get here)</b>	
<p>5. <b>Vote on Ambra McMillian for vacant UAA seat</b> - Motion/Second/Pass Statement of Interest</p> <p>6. Updated <a href="#">UNAC Financial Hardship Strategy</a> Motion/Second/Approved</p> <p>7. Donate \$1000 to relief efforts in western Alaska - Motion/Second/Approved</p>	
<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (with motions)</b>	
<p>8. "Trump Compact" for Higher Education - motion to draft a no compact petition as discussed Motion/Second/Approved</p> <p>9. Organizing conversations check-in</p> <p>10. Transparency best practices</p> <p>11. Issues from the floor</p>	
<b>CLOSING ITEMS</b>	
<b>Next meeting: February 21, 2026, 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. AKST</b>	
<b>Good of the Order:</b>	
<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b> Motion/Second/Approved 1145	

**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.

<b>United Academics Executive Board</b>		
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Jill Dumesnil, PhD	2023-2026
<b>TREASURER</b>	Sharon Chamard PhD	2024-2026
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Richie Berndt, MSML	2025-2026
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL VP - UAA</b>	Ryan Harrod, PhD	2024-2027
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL VP - UAF</b>	Ingrid Johnson, PhD	2025-2027
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL VP - UAS</b>	Andrea Dewees, PhD	2024-2027
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL VP - Extended Sites</b>	Cindy Trussell, PhD	2024-2027
<b>CONTRACT MANAGER</b> Melanie Arthur, PhD		
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