

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, January 7, 2026 **Time:** 8:30-10:00 am AKST

CALL TO ORDER	
Land Acknowledgement	
Statement on Racial Justice and Social Equity	
Roll Call Members present: Jill Dumesnil, Ryan Harrod, Cindy Trussell, Ingrid Johnson, Sharon Chamard (arrived late) Members absent: Richie Berndt, Andrea Dewees Staff: Melanie Arthur. Kate Quick is excused Guests:	
Motion to Approve 2026-01-07 agenda - approved	
Motion to approve minutes from 2025.12.17 approved	
REPORTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● President● Secretary● Treasurer● VP UAA● VP UAF● VP UAS● VP Extended sites	Reports provided
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Contract Manager● Organizing Manager	Reports provided
NEW BUSINESS	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strike FAQs - discussed 2. Strike fund discussion - discussed 3. Action Builder Zoom session with Josh Gardner at 10am on 1/9 - discussed 4. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NEXT MEETING: Wed., January 21, 8:30-10:00 am AKST ● Good of the Order ● Motion to Adjourn: 10:02 a.m. 	

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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