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**United Academics AAUP-AFT Local 4996**

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes - approved**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026 **Time:** 8:30-10:00 am AKST

<b>CALL TO ORDER 8:34 a.m.</b>	
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	
<b>Statement on Racial Justice and Social Equity</b>	
<b>Roll Call</b> Members present: Jill Dumesnil, Sharon Chamard, Ryan Harrod, Cindy Trussell Members Absent: Richie Berndt, Andrea Dewees (sabbatical) Staff: Kate Quick, Melanie Arthur Guests:	
<b>Motion to approve 2026-03-18 agenda - approved</b>	SC/CT
<b>Motion to approve <a href="#">minutes from 2026.02.18</a> -approved</b>	IJ/CT
<b>REPORTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● President - report given</li><li>● Secretary - no report (absent)</li><li>● Treasurer - no report/discussion held</li><li>● VP UAA - report given</li><li>● VP UAF - report given<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Motion to add item to agenda to discuss E-Board project list - approved</li></ul></li><li>● VP UAS - Report given</li><li>● VP Extended sites - report given</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Contract Manager - report given</li><li>● Organizing Manager - report given</li></ul>	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Negotiation team update - Patrick Tomco declined, so Kimberly Pace will be the UAA role and NTT role <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Motion to move forward with the smaller, five member team (IJ/SC) -<b>approved</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Workload sessions rehash-action items for Negotiation Team - <i>table to a separate meeting for hosts of workload session (need a bullet list of recommendations for N.Team to consider)</i></li> <li>3. Hire an external contractor to build a new website? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jill, Kate, and Melanie will investigate &amp; get a quote</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Review E-Board project list</li> </ol>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Wed., April 1, 8:30-10:00 am AKDT</li> <li>● <b>Good of the Order</b></li> <li>● <b>Motion to Adjourn: 10:09 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.

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