Statewide Academic Council
Meeting Summary
December 10, 2014

Present: Elisha Baker, Richard Caulfield, Virgil Fredenberg, Sam Gingerich, Susan Henrichs, Karen Schmidt, Tara Smith, Dana Thomas, Helena Wisniewski, Dave Valentine, Andrew Harrington, Dan White

1. Approval of the summary of the 11.13.14 meeting – Attachment – Accepted, no revisions

2. Policy and regulation revision – **Delay until January meeting because correct version was not distributed with agenda**
   a. R10.07 – Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity – Attachment

3. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement – Andy Harrington – Attachment – Maryland is presenting the most challenging issue and we should consider a barrier for working with this state. Emails sent to 5 states with physical presence issues for internships or related issues. A few states are likely to become SARA states in the next few months; these include Arkansas, Ohio, Alabama, HI, MN, NH, UT, VT, CT, Iowa, Illinois. Three states AR, NC, OK, have decided they do not need SARA state legislature – their institutions can take part. Carol indicated 40-45 states are likely to be in SARA by 2015. Registering, paying the fee, and posting the bond in Maryland is challenging – so AGC suggests that UA and its institutions put up a warning about Maryland students enrolling – ask OIT about how difficult it will be to put up such a warning. UAS has 4 Maryland students – one in the MPA program. Suggest that each UA institution assess where they have students and, where appropriate, register with those states. UAA students in Maryland are commonly military students who started in Anchorage then were re-stationed so we want to support their completion. Could OIT check IP location of computer when attempting to register? If you are a resident of Maryland attempting to enroll in a distance delivered program, please call (give UAA, UAF, UAS phone numbers) so we can see if we cross the barrier of registration or not and allow us to monitor who is engaged.

4. Definition of eLearning – Gwen Gruenig – Reporting those programs that cross the 50% delivery mark primarily because of general education and eliminate the inclusion of graduate research and thesis in reporting to the UA BOR. BA programs commonly complete the general education courses online and this is a great benefit. Ensure that the trend information for past years is subject to new definition so a false crisis is not illustrated in future reporting – we could show the federal reporting and the UA reporting so both are illustrated.

5. New program proposals or deletions
   a. Addition of a Veterinary Technology AAS at UAA – Attachment – could consider more shared facilities with UAF, possibly at Palmer for large animals, in the future. **No objections – add to February BOR agenda**
b. Deletion of Bachelors of Arts and Sciences at UAF – Attachment – No objections – add to February BOR agenda

6. Definition of College and Career Ready – Attachment – Keep on SAC agenda and have Steve Atwater report on updates and receive revision suggestions from SAC

7. Tier 2 GER English courses – David Valentine – Dan Kline (UAA) leading English effort – Tier I are composition courses, not literature (which are humanities and a much broader conversation). General Education Requirements Task Force – each faculty senate will appoint three faculty members to that group – report back to Faculty Alliance by April 2015 with final report by November 2015. That group should recommend the tier II English (humanities) areas.

8. Seaton query on certificate/degree credit requirements (e.g. holding the 120 credit line for bachelor’s degrees) – Attachment – Submit summary of program credit changes by next week with end of January for more detailed information about why more credits than usual limits. Share what else we are doing about completion - stay on track, intensive advising, et. And the impact on retention and completion rates. Statute empowers the board to act on credit requirements so legislative action is not required.

9. February Board of Regents’ Meeting
   a. Policy Revisions
      i. P09.05 – Employment of Students
      ii. P09.06 – Services for Students with Disabilities
   b. New program proposals or deletions
   c. General Education and Related Instruction
   d. Health care faculty recruiting and retention – Jan Harris and Bill Hogan, UAA
   e. SAF Theme XX Report – Progress and Plans

10. April Board of Regents’ Meeting
    a. New program proposals or deletions
    b. UA Graduate Employment Summary (in Alaska and elsewhere)
    c. SAF Theme XX Report – Progress and Plans

11. Roundtable