Statewide Academic Council
Meeting Summary
January 15, 2015

Present: Richard Caulfield, Virgil Fredenberg, Sam Gingerich, Susan Henrichs, Susan Kalina, Monica Kane, Karen Schmidt, Tara Smith, Helena Wisniewski

Absent: David Valentine, Daniel White

1. The summary of the 12.10.14 meeting was approved, with the addition of Tara Smith, Virgil Fredenberg, and Dana Thomas as present.

2. Informing VPAA and BOR of program admission and enrollment suspensions. In response to the Board of Regents request for notification, SAC members agreed that Board members will be informed as soon as is feasible following a university’s decision to suspend admissions or enrollment in a program, and that the Board will be provided with a concise rationale. Suspensions should be reported to the VPAA, who will prepare a summary for each board meeting. A specific process will be drafted by Susan Henrichs and distributed to SAC for comment/revision before adoption.

3. Dual enrollment

   The four draft policies moved by joint SBOE/BOR committee were discussed:
   a. Postsecondary public institutions shall allow enrollment in any course to qualified high school or home-schooled students. School districts shall allow dual enrollment program participation to students who meets dual enrollment requirements.
   b. Requirements for secondary student participation in dual enrollment shall be based solely on a postsecondary institution's placement standards for credit-bearing courses.
   c. Dual enrollment eligible high school students shall be allowed to enroll part-time or full-time in public postsecondary institutions.
   d. High school students successfully completing approved postsecondary courses earn both secondary and postsecondary credit.

   The main concern was how “qualified” would be decided. There was concern that “placement standards”, if limited to the current placement test score requirements, are insufficient. Some other states require a 3.0 high school GPA and also that the student meets the college or university admission requirement based on an ACT or SAT score. [However, UA institutions do not require any specific test score for admission for students who have a 3.0 HS GPA.] Some UA programs (e.g., emergency services) have age requirements.

   SAC members will send specific suggestions for revision to Susan Henrichs, who will collect those and provide to Steve Atwater (SW lead). Atwater will be asked to attend the next SAC meeting to discuss.

4. New program proposals or deletions
   a. None

5. Draft definition of Post-secondary Education and Career Ready – SAC members indicated that our purview should be “Post-secondary Education”; “Career Ready” is not our area of responsibility or expertise.
There were also concerns about the specifics of the current draft. Susan Henrichs has distributed an editable version of the draft. Proposed changes will be returned to her, collated, and provided to Steve Atwater. He will be asked to attend the next SAC meeting to discuss.

6. In-depth Seaton response – full response due mid-February
   a. Explain why more credits than usual limits, e.g., specialized accreditation requirements
   b. Note other completion initiatives – Stay on Track, intensive advising, etc.
   c. Advise that statute empowers the board to act on credit requirements so legislative action is not required
   d. Explain differences in credit requirements between UAS/UAF/UA for same program

Relative to d., Susan Henrichs will send a list of similar programs with differing credit requirements to the other two provosts for response.

Responses to a. should be sent to Susan Henrichs before Feb. 10. She will prepare explanations relative to b. and c. and distribute for comment/revision.

7. Non-credit tracking software – Karl Kowalski will be invited to a subsequent meeting to provide an update.

8. February Board of Regents’ Meeting agenda items
   a. Policy Revisions (pending, Morgan Dufseth is checking whether General Counsel review is complete).
      i. P09.05 – Employment of Students
      ii. P09.06 – Services for Students with Disabilities
   b. New program proposals or deletions:
      i. VetTech (UAA) New Program
      ii. BAS (UAA) Deletion
   c. General Education – David Valentine – progress report will be given during the Governance Report.
   d. Health care faculty recruiting and retention – Jan Harris and Bill Hogan, UAA, will provide a report during the ASA meeting.

9. April Board of Regents’ Meeting
   a. New program proposals or deletions
   b. UA Graduate Employment Summary (in Alaska and elsewhere). This will be based on the SWIR report being prepared. We are unable to provide comprehensive information on federal or outside-Alaska employment at this time. Susan Henrichs will coordinate.
   c. SAF Theme 3 Report – Productive Partnerships with Public Entities and Private Industries– Progress and Plans. Each university will prepare a concise (several pages long) report; Susan Henrichs will coordinate.

10. Future SAC Agenda Items
    a. R10.07 Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity
    b. SB241 report to the Legislature: Rick Caulfield will provide feedback to SAC when this is completed.
    c. Dual Enrollment Policy: Steve Atwater
    d. Postsecondary and Career Ready: Steve Atwater
    e. Implementation of common student satisfaction survey: Saichi Oba
    f. Student Code of Conduct: Saichi Oba
g. Learning Management Systems; common system discussion: Karl Kowalski  
h. Non-credit Tracking software further updates: Karl Kowalski  

11. Roundtable  
   a. Rotation of interim VPAA duties will be published and disseminated