I. **Agenda**

   Approval of the summary for meetings held November 3 and December 11, 2009 (attached).

II. **Meeting Dates**

   The meeting scheduled for March 3 has been moved to March 10, 2010 (a meeting schedule is attached).

III. **Budget Proposals**

   Committee members discussed various budget proposals (attached) in an effort to arrive at consensus regarding budget recommendations in the coming year. It is expected that such recommendations will also be introduced into budget prioritization processes at various MAUs.

IV. **LEAP Outcomes**

   The committee discussed essential learning outcomes (Liberal Education and America’s Promise) within the context of the charge of the SSAH committee. The LEAP campaign is organized around a set of “Essential Learning Outcomes,” all of which are best developed by a contemporary liberal education.

   The Committee agreed to introduce a statement (to theSenates) in support of essential learning outcomes as a framework to guide undergraduate education at the UA. The draft statement (and essential learning outcomes) is attached and will be discussed at the next meeting of the SSAH Committee on February 24, 2010.
V. Electronic Portfolios

   The Committee discussed electronic portfolios including the pros and cons of recommending e-portfolio’s at the UA. The e-portfolio conversation was held in the context of how best to prepare UA students for professions. The conversation and potential impact are summarized in the attachments provided by Dean James Liszka. This issue will be on the next committee agenda in February.

VI. Proposals to assemble UA faculty in the Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities

   The Committee discussed various resources that might be utilized for SSAH at UA and also devoted time to ideas for systemwide conferences or training sessions for faculty. The feasibility of looking at “best practices” in teaching or training in areas such as ethics, critical thinking and the like were reviewed, including potential audiences and locales for systemwide meetings. This topic will appear on the February agenda.

VII. The Arts and Economic Development

   Ideas and proposals were discussed which linked community development to the SSAH. The Committee will return to this topic in February.

VIII. SSAH Agenda, February 24, 2010, Anchorage, 2:00pm to 4:30pm, Administration 201, UAA

   1. Essential Learning Outcomes for possible endorsement by UA Academic Senates.
   2. E-Portfolio Proposal Discussion
   3. Discussion of Support for systemwide conferences devoted to SSAH
   4. Arts and Economic Development
   5. Related and new matters

IX. Attachments to the SSAH Summary for January 20, 2010

   1. Approved summary for meetings held on November 3 and December 11, 2009
   2. SSAH Meeting Schedule
   3. Funding Proposal from UAS
   4. Funding Proposals from UAF
   5. Funding Proposal from UAA
   6. Email from John Petraitis: E-Portfolio Information
   7. Statement on Essential Learning Outcomes to submit to Senates
   8. In Defense of Liberal Arts (OpEd from Newsweek)