I. **Meeting Summary**

The March 25, 2010 summary was approved with amendments.

II. **New Programs**

There were no new programs introduced at this meeting. However, two new programs, an Associate of Applied Sciences in Drafting Technology at UAF and a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene at UAA, are in the process of being reviewed. SAC agreed to attempt approval of both programs via email, if they are shared in a timely manner. Provosts Driscoll and Henrichs stated they hoped to see the programs on the June agenda of the BOR.

III. **Academic Master Plan**

SAC engaged in a comprehensive discussion regarding feedback on the plan (Version 23) and the presentation of the draft to the BOR in June. SAC has scheduled May 20 to review/incorporate Senate and other administrative comments. The timeline, set forth in the March SAC summary, was reviewed again. SAC agreed to resolve all outstanding issues prior to delivery of the draft in June.

In regard to one matter, incorporation of various systemwide plans into the AMP (Health, Distance Education, Teacher Education, etc.), it was suggested a criteria for incorporation be SAC endorsement of the plan. To date the DE and Health plans have
been endorsed by SAC. VPAA Julius will inquire of Melissa Hill and the Deans of Education if any further revisions should be made to the Teacher Education plan prior to its incorporation into the AMP draft presented in June.

IV. Planning Group Discussions

SAC discussed the need to clarify the role of systemwide planning groups and individuals who participate in such groups, in light of the reported decision by the President’s Cabinet to separate planning from budgetary recommendations. While there was general support for planning groups, it was felt they would disappear if not reconstituted and redefined. The following ideas were suggested;

1. Planning groups be reviewed to determine those that should be discontinued, put in abeyance or reconstituted.

2. SAC discussed whether or not a “charge” or clarified role for particular planning groups be written.

3. In regard to budget recommendations or considerations which may be brought forward by planning groups, it was thought such recommendations should be made to MAUs in alignment with processes in place for the determination of campus budget priorities.

4. VPAA Julius and Associate VP Michelle Rizk will develop a draft memo to clarify the role, purpose and future activities of planning groups, and distribute the draft for review to SAC and those individuals in SW and Academic Affairs presently involved in planning group efforts. Following review of the draft memo, SAC will recommend next steps. Ultimately, recommendations will be made to the President’s Cabinet.
V. Faculty Alliance

A report was made on progress discussing the AMP. The Alliance made a recommendation that SAC membership be enlarged to include one member (the Senate President) from each MAU. At present SAC is comprised of two Alliance members; a function of the merger of the Research Advisory Council (where there was one Alliance representative) with the Statewide Academic Council (where there one Alliance member). The Faculty Alliance now seeks a third member so that all Senates are represented.

SAC discussed the implications of this proposal which shall, if approved, become operative in 2010-2011.

The following recommendations were made to the Alliance;

1. Budgetary implications of this recommendation would have to be considered (presently, travel for Alliance members is funded by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs;

2. It would be with the understanding of SAC that Alliance members on SAC act as full members of SAC, voting on behalf of the Alliance on all matters requiring a vote called for by SAC. Alliance member would not be “observers” but represent the Alliance in deliberations occurring at SAC meetings. Alliance members on SAC would share in accepting responsibility for decisions made by SAC.

John Petraitis will report back to SAC on whether the second condition is acceptable.
VPAA Julius will explore the budget implications of adding another member to SAC.

VI. Distance Education Training

Proposals received by the Office of Academic Affairs (for funds to be spent this fiscal year) have been approved. Additional back-up for these proposals may be needed.
VII. SAC Agenda, May 20, 2010, Fairbanks, 9:30am to 4pm, Butrovich Rm. 204, UA

1. New Programs, if applicable
2. Academic Master Plan revisions, preparation of the plan for presentation at the June meeting of the Regents
3. Distance Education, Report to the June BOR
4. Report of the Faculty Alliance
5. Planning Groups (Continuing Discussions)
6. New Business

VIII. Attachments to the SAC Summary for April 22, 2010

1. There are no attachments to the April summary.