I. **Meeting Summary**

The August 18, 2010 summary was approved without amendments (attached).

II. **New Programs**

There were no new programs introduced at this meeting.

III. **Teacher Preparation (Teacher Education Plan: Deans Report)**

SAC discussed the most recent plan submitted by the Deans of Education (attached). The following questions were considered; the proper audience and focus for the plan, the relationship of the plan to reporting requirements set forth in SB241 and to other documents required by the Board of Regents including the Academic Master Plan; how the plan will accommodate initiatives related to education in the state of Alaska; how to make this a more effective and manageable plan in regard to resource allocation. SAC agreed to compile a series of recommendations for the Deans of the three Schools of Education for incorporation into the next iteration of the plan. These recommendations are set forth in an email which is attached to this summary.

SAC recommended the Teacher Preparation Plan would constitute the first item on the October SAC agenda, and hopes an amended report will be available for that meeting. The Education Deans will be invited to join SAC for a discussion when the revised plan is completed.

SAC also discussed various strategies and approaches to successfully educating a higher percentage of public school teachers in Alaska. A loan forgiveness and scholarship programs were discussed. These topics will be revisited at the October SAC meeting.
IV. Faculty Alliance

The Alliance representative reported on conversations with their constituencies on the Academic Master Plan. In general, Alliance members at SAC have been supportive of the plan to date. The stance of the Alliance on the upcoming tuition question was also discussed. Subsequently the Alliance made a report on tuition to the regents during public testimony on September 23, 2010.

V. Alaska Pharmacy Education Planning Update

Based on available data regarding employer and student demand, consideration of the growth of pharmacy education in the Lower 48, and the economic climate in Alaska, the Pharmacy Education Committee recommended adoption of two consultant options at this time:

1. As an interim measure, completion of an MOA with Creighton University to provide limited support to their existing distance program in Alaska. This support would be primarily in the form of an Alaska liaison to work with Creighton students in accessing resources and coordinating clinical rotations. Creighton will make available five Alaska seats in their distance cohort each year. UA students and other Alaskans may compete for the five seats, which are expected to have a favorable applicant/admission ratio, as well as for the regular distance pathway seats.

2. As a mid-term solution, the University of Alaska will solicit proposals for a robust partnership with an accredited school of pharmacy to offer their program in Alaska. After initial solicitation of likely schools, the Pharmacy Education Committee will review the proposals and prepare and present to SAC a plan to bring this option to implementation.

SAC approved the Committee’s recommendations and requested that these two options be pursued. SAC determined that it was not feasible to pursue an independent pharmacy school at this time.

VI. Biomedical Planning Group Charge

SAC formally approved the charge of the Biomedical Planning Group (BPG) as set forth in the June 29, 2010 memorandum from Chancellors Ulmer and Rogers (attached) with the one modification in the timeline; e.g., that recommendations from the BPG will go to the Chancellor’s Cabinet rather than SAC transmitting the plan directly to the Board of Regents (as originally stated in the June 29 memorandum). Two additional BPG
committee members were proposed, and Provosts Henrichs and Driscoll requested the addition of these committee members by the Chancellors. These two committee members have since been appointed.

VII. **Distance Education**

SAC discussed the status of progress being made on the distance education audit response plan, in light of the impending change in staffing (Dr. John Monahan will be transitioning to another position at UA). A status report was provided on all recommendations from the Legislative Audit.

Also attached to this summary are two memorandums, dated September 13 and September 20, concerning distance education incentive plans, expanded access and the like.

SAC agreed to reassign, to MAU committees, the obligation to continue to implement the Legislative Audit Response Plan. Provosts Driscoll and Caulfield will draft a modified work-response plan with assignments. This issue will be discussed at SAC in October.

VIII. **Academic Master Plan**

A status report was provided on Regents comments received on Version 28 (September 6) of the AMP. SAC also reviewed the timeline for finalization of the plan. SAC expects that the Regents will discuss on the plan during BOR meeting on September 23-24. Subsequently, Regents expressed dissatisfaction with the content and format of the plan and requested the President work to revised the plan prior to its being brought forth for Regent approval. President Gamble scheduled a brief meeting with SAC on October 8 to discuss the recommendations of the Regents. The President is also scheduled to meet with SAC at the October 28 meeting.

SAC also agreed to revisit procedures for bringing doctoral programs to SAC (implementation of line 326-342 in Version 28). Provost Driscoll will distribute draft procedures for this discussion.

IX. **SAC Agenda, October 28, 2010, Anchorage, 9:30am to 5pm, Administration 204**

1. Approve September Summary
2. New Programs, if applicable
3. Review and discussion of revised Teacher Education Plan (if a revised plan is submitted by the Dean of Education)
4. Distance Education Status Report
5. Guidelines for pre-approval of doctoral programs at SAC
6. Accreditation Themes; UAF
7. Program Elimination; UAF
8. Conversation with President Gamble

X. Attachments to the SAC Summary for September 22, 2010

1. August 18 Summary (Approved)
2. Teacher Preparation Report (draft not dated) and follow up email from SAC asking for revisions to the plan
3. Report on Pharmacy Education
4. Memorandum from Chancellors Ulmer and Rogers (June 29, 2010)
5. Memorandum from Director Monahan (September 13 and 20, 2010)
6. Academic Master Plan (Version 28)