Statewide Academic Council  
Summary September 17, 2014

Present: Dana Thomas, Elisha Baker, Susan Henrichs, Tara Smith, Dave Valentine, Virgil Fredenberg, Rick Caulfield, Saichi Oba, Brian Barnes, Helena Wisniewski

1. Approval of the summary of the 08.06.14 meeting – Attachment – Dana did not circulate the faculty workload information to SAC as a whole – it was only circulated to provosts.

2. INBRE – biomedical research planning group – Brian Barnes – Described INBRE, its purpose, and funding (NIH); a statewide infrastructure building grant. Barnes is the PI, David Driscoll (UAA) is the Co-PI. Curricular development – Minors and majors in biomedical areas; UAA and UAF have faculty committees to handle development. Success is via faculty receiving grant funding and students engaged in programs. 3.8 million to invest each year. Undergrad student stipends to work with a faculty member. No current link to K-12.

3. APS course eligibility – Saichi Oba – Attachment – The three universities need to provide the list of courses that satisfy APS eligibility in Science, Language Arts, and Social Science by November SAC meeting.

4. New program proposals or deletions
   a. UAA Doctorate in Nursing Practice – Attachment – $400K in budget request (3 positions) + some internal reallocation + tuition. Some current faculty can contribute to this program. Super tuition – no. Sufficient facilities? Yes. The second part of health facility would help but not a road block. This is not a research program. This is replacing the master’s program – that substitution helps keep costs down. Salaries in nursing faculty becoming a growing problem – no objections
   b. Eventual expanded WAMI program proposal coming next year from UAA.
   c. UAA has suspensions and deletions coming in maybe November or December.
   d. UAS has a program suspension, pre-engineering certificate that has been acted on. Certificate and AAS in CIOS will likely be suspended in spring.

5. Policy and regulation revision – Attachments for each
   a. R10.04.060 – Transfer of Credit – approved
   b. P09.02.030 – Scope of University Authority for Violations of the Student Code of Conduct – it was decided at the previous meeting to discuss proposed changes at each institution and examples? Can we strike “… if it had been directly related to the University.” What is the “university community?” Wouldn’t most be criminal and fall under item B?
   c. P09.09.040 – Nondiscrimination and Gender Equity – approval of GC proposed revision to a more general statement on state and federal law – approved

6. Center for Arctic Policy Studies – Attachment – UAA would like more time to review. Feedback from UAS and UAA requested by September 26. There is no budget request – internal reallocation used to stand up the proposed center and external funding is expected to sustain it.

7. Revisions to the Program Action Request form – Rick Caulfield and Dana Thomas – Attachment – no objections
8. Research related issues
   a. UAS research representative on SAC – Rick Caulfield – Attachment – system wide collaboration suggests that research reps should be at the table. Agree to revise R10.02.020 to represent the current situation with drafts distributed in advance of October meeting – volunteers = Tara, Bear, Dana. Noting that SAC is not a voting body – it is an advisory committee that makes recommendations to the chancellors, president and board of regents and individual institutional and/or faculty alliance representative responses may differ for some issues.
   b. Establishing a lead university in some research areas to avoid conflicts in the future – Do not restrict individual investigator proposals. Reaching out to political, corporate entities, etc. from multiple institutions can create embarrassing situations and needs attention to avoid conflicts.
      i. Put on Joint SAC – President’s Cabinet agenda in December
      ii. What criteria should be used?

9. September Board of Regents’ meeting
   a. Policy and regulation revisions
   b. New program proposals or deletions
      i. Addition of Medical Assisting Undergraduate Certificate at UAS
      ii. Deletion of Early Childhood Programs at UAS
      iii. Addition of Speech-Language Pathology Post-Graduate Certificate at UAA
   c. Program review and accreditation report + list programs at capacity. UAA will do program prioritization report + accreditation. Programs at capacity definitions – see Susan Henrichs spreadsheet for definitions. UAA should address the Occupational Safety and Health program request from industry during this conversation.
   d. Faculty workload metric – board discussion of this request – Fisher request – Dana will send draft email message to SAC for input
   e. Jamie Merisotis, President, Lumina Foundation
   f. Committee structures illustrating approval processes for academic approvals for UA and each university. Intended to educate the BOR on our internal processes. Requested by Regent Powers.
   g. Ed programs and Education Matters (Full Board) – deans to attend – Dana will provide a one pager on FEA, ATP, and ASMP
      i. Discuss new CAEP admission criteria and likely impact on programs – deans
      ii. Discuss not repeating history – re-invent program then undo because rural students were not making it at reasonable rates – Susan Henrichs – Diane may be available to briefly speak to the CAEPR report
      iii. Conclusions from August 8 meeting and our plan to move forward – Rick and Dana

10. Possible November A&SA meeting to review policy revisions

11. December Board of Regents’ meeting
   a. New program proposals or deletions
   b. SB 241 Report – full fledged
   c. e-Learning Report
   d. Shaping Alaska’s Future priorities and progress – each institution
   e. ASA in the future and transition to new VPAA
   f. Services for students under duress academically, financially, or personally – VC for Students and AVP Oba
12. Roundtable