SAC Summary November 19, 2009

Present; D. Julius, S. Henrichs, J. Dehn, R. White, R. Stell, M. Driscoll, J. Petraitis,

Absent; B. Sharpton
Guests; Gwen White, Karen Perdue, Sally Mead

Note: This SAC meeting was held in conjunction with the Distance Education Ad Hoc Committee and the Chief Student and Enrollment Services officers committee.

Members of the DE Ad Hoc Committee who attended in person included; J. Monahan, P. Pinney (UAF), E. Madsen (UAF), L. Harris(UAS); those who attended via audio included, C. LeCompte(UAS), Steve Smith(UA), R. Whitney(UAA)

Members of the Student and Enrollment Services committee who attended included; S. Oba (Chair, UA), B. Schulz(UAA), B. Gifford(UAS), D. Foley(UAF), J. Poole(UAF)

Discussion Items;

I. New Programs/HEX Form
   No new programs were brought forward on this date. Provost Driscoll briefly introduced the proposed Graduate Certificate Program in Advanced Human Service Systems for discussion at the December 3, 2009 SAC meeting. A new HEX form was approved with several amendments and changes. The forms will be presented to Regent Jacobsen and the Committee on Student and Academic Affairs on November 30/December 1, 2009. It is anticipated that several new programs proposals, including several held over from June 2009, will be brought forward on the new form. A revised form has been distributed to all SAC members and will be posted on the Academic Affairs website.

II. Academic Master Plan
   SAC reviewed progress to date on the plan and questions about the AMP posed by the President’s Cabinet that must be addressed by SAC prior to general distribution of the draft plan. SAC reaffirmed the importance of an inclusive process that has the support of the Faculty Senates as well as academic and administrative leaders at UA.

   SAC agreed to try to address questions brought forward by the President’s Cabinet (which concerned the focus of the plan, criteria for programs/degrees, and related matters, by reformulating broad MAU priorities in alignment with system and UA budget priorities, and truncating the criteria for program development). Subsequently a
new version of the plan (which it is anticipated will become Section A; Section B will be comprised of procedural guidelines to utilize Section A remain intact), based on the discussion held on the 19th, was distributed by Provost Henrichs on November 28 and December 1st. The next version, dubbed a “Shortened AMP” (Section A of the plan) will be discussed on December 3 at the upcoming SAC meeting.

It was agreed Vice President for Academic Affairs Julius will meet separately with the Provost and Chancellor at all three MAUs to discuss the focus and use of the AMP, and gauge reactions of the chancellors with the goal of facilitating the process of developing a plan. It is hoped after these meetings that the AMP can be distributed to Faculty Senates and other MAU constituencies in time to bring a completed draft to the BOR in June 2010.

III. Distance Education
SAC was joined by the DE Ad Hoc Committee chaired by John Monahan.

Members joining SAC included;
John Monahan, Chair of DE Ad Hoc Committee, SW
Pete Pinney, Associate Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community and Native Education, UAF
Eric Madsen, Dean, School of Education, UAF
Larry Harris, Dean, School of Education, UAS

Joining via audio;
Cathy LeCompte, Director, UA Ketchikan Campus
Rich Whitney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology, UAA
Steve Smith, Chief Information Technology Officer, SW

Absent;
Tom Miller, Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs, UAA

The DE Ad Hoc Committee and SAC discussed general approaches to implementing guidelines offered by the Legislative Audit. SAC reaffirmed, with the support of the DE Ad Hoc Committee, the importance of the notion that distance education at UA be “student-centric.” Further, it was agreed that the community and branch campus directors (who have a representative on the DE Ad Hoc Committee) be further involved in the implementation process as they are prime users of distance education at UA.

A plan to address distance education issues at UA were brought forward by UAA representatives and tentatively approved by SAC.
SAC agreed to provide direction to the DE Ad Hoc Committee regarding “next steps” for implementation of Legislative Audit recommendations and implementation of a UA DE plan.

IV. **Luncheon Meeting with Student and Enrollment Services Leaders**

Vice Chancellors for Student Services and UA representatives joined SAC for lunch. They discussed issues germane to both academic and student affairs at the University of Alaska. Topics included a uniform expiration for placement exams across the system and Governor Parnell’s announcement regarding the Governor’s Performance Scholarship (GPS).

The Provosts have referred the uniform expiration for placement issue to appropriate governance forums at their respective campus. Faculty alliance representative John Petraitis also expressed interest in the scope of this issue and suggested further discussion with faculty groups might be an appropriate next step. In the following discussion, the group felt the Governor’s GPS program holds much promise, however, the lack of a “need component” and apparent lack of greater assistance for non-traditional students was cause for some concern. While not a perfect program, it was felt the GPS represented a bold move by the Governor generally welcomed by the UA.

V. **Health Distance Education Plan**

The discussion was led by Associate Vice President Karen Perdue. She introduced a system wide plan to improve distance education delivery and related technologies in health programs. Information regarding this plan was included in the material sent to SAC for the October 29, 2009 meeting.

Ms. Perdue reaffirmed that health programs are fast becoming a very large user of distance education and, for many years, had specialized programs to assist faculty in the delivery of these programs. The plan (draft attached) is ready for distribution. Comments will be solicited and recommendations brought back to SAC.

It was agreed that the plan would be implemented in alignment with general UA Distance Education plans involving compliance with DE Legislative Audit recommendations.

VI. **Coordination Interests/Issues**

SAC agreed to endeavor to meet jointly with various system wide groups in the future.
VII. Presentation for BOR on Program Review
SAC reviewed the presentation to the Board of Regents on program review and related matters. The draft summary of Program Review/Deletion BOR policies (distributed for the meeting on October 29) was reviewed. Provosts agreed to distribute program review summaries associated with processes at each MAU. The presentations on November 30/December 1 will be made by each provost.

VIII. SAC Agenda, December 3, 2009, Fairbanks, 10:30am to 4pm, Butrovich Building Room 204
1. Shortened AMP, Section A (Draft distributed by Provost Henrichs on November 28th and December 1st)
2. SAC Charge to DE Ad Hoc Committee regarding the DE plan brought forward by UAA on November 19th and “next steps,” e.g. actions plans, accountability metrics, etc. needed for implementation of the plan, a response to information requests from the BOR will also be discussed.
3. Update on the following committee deliberations and actions;
   - ITEL; Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities Committee; P-20 deliberations;
   - various workforce development actions and plans including TVEP funding. The latter item will be contingent on the availability of Fred Villa.
4. New programs
5. Review of BOR Meeting and direction from the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee on various matters including SB241

IX. Attachments to the SAC Summary for November 19, 2009
1. New HEX Form
2. UAA Proposal for Enhancement of DE, November 17, 2009