I. Summary Minutes
SAC approved the minutes from September 10 with amendments (attached).

II. New Programs
There were no new programs for approval.

III. HEX Form Revision
A discussion concerning the revised HEX form (draft distributed on October 5, 2009 is attached) focused on information sought by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the BOR and the best way to clarify and format requested data. Other matters, the role of SW office in data verification as it pertains to the program development process, the degree to which revenue, enrollment and other data could be presented in a cogent way, were discussed. The next iteration of the form will be distributed by Provost Henrichs. All programs coming forward from now on will utilize a revised HEX form.

IV. Distance Education
A “draft for discussion” distance education plan outline to address recommendations set forth in the Legislative Audit was discussed (attached). Suggestions concerning the plan included cost, the importance of it being “student centered,” and related implementation issues. A revised version of the plan incorporating SAC comments has been distributed. SAC expects a revised plan outline will be approved and progress will continue on implementation of the audit recommendations.

V. Programs Review/Deletion/Suspension
This matter will be revisited at the next meeting later in October. A presentation will be made to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the BOR by the Provosts at the November/December meeting.

VI. Academic Master Plan
SAC discussed the latest version of the plan distributed on October 6, 2009 by Provost Henrichs. Issues discussed included:
- who is the audience for the document;
- the extent to which the plan should include mission descriptions of the MAUs and the content of such descriptions;
• how to address the “criteria” for programs and degrees, e.g. how various criteria set forth in the plan will be utilized by MAUs prior to recommending or developing new programs;
• to what extent the AMP document needs to be technically edited prior to distribution and who should complete the editing;
• in what manner the document will address doctoral degree issues. The current version of the plan contains several conflicting statements about MAUs offering doctoral degrees. A version of the plan must be agreed upon prior to distribution of the AMP to wider audiences.

It was agreed these five issues will be framed for discussion at the next President’s Cabinet meeting scheduled for October 21 (Fairbanks).

Following resolution/clarification of the above five issues (as well as those raised by SAC on August 13, see Summary Section VII), another version of the plan will be drafted for review by the President’s Cabinet. The President has asked that the Cabinet give final approval before a draft is sent for review and discussion among UA faculty and administrators.

SAC Agenda, October 29, 2009, Fairbanks, 1pm to 4pm, Butrovich Rm. 202-H

1. Finalization of the HEX Form;
2. Finalization of the DE Plan Outline;
3. Presentations and agenda for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents;
4. Academic Master Plan (ongoing);

Attachments
1. Draft DE Plan Outline (Discussed on October 6)
2. Draft HEX Form (Discussed on October 6)
3. Minutes of September 10, 2009 (Approved on October 6)