Summary of January 9, 2008 SAC Meeting:

I. Review of PBB metric for non-credit courses/activities

Background information on the definition of non-credit courses/activities, and the possible use of non-credit metrics for systemwide performance measures, was discussed. SAC agreed to move forward, but felt metric(s) will not be easy to develop due to the variability and diverse use of non-credit courses/activities. Provost Henrichs will compile, with input from SAC members and other Directors throughout the system, a comprehensive list of "what counts" and what does not count, for non-credit courses/activities. Related to this issue will be how such courses/activities will be accounted for and tracked through Banner. Following the compilation, SAC will recommend how such information should be utilized as a metric, targets, goals, and the like. This matter will appear on the SAC agenda, February 5, 2008 in Juneau. Discussions are ongoing.

II. FY10 Planning Budget Process

Proposed processes and guidelines distributed by the SW Budget Office on December 12, 2007 were discussed. It was agreed that priority initiatives and disciplinary areas identified in the December document were, in fact, the most important at this time. SAC members agreed, subject to approval by the Chancellors, to distribute and discuss individual responses given to the budget office concerning improvements in UA's operating budget request process. It was also agreed SAC would discuss what role it eventually hopes to play in the development of budget priorities. This item will be revisited on February 5, 2008.

III. Program Approval Recommendations

SAC approved the following, and moved these matters to the President for recommendation to the BOR in February 2008.

a. UAA; Graduate Certificate in Adult Education and Language Education

b. UAF; AAS degree in Dental Hygiene

IV. Design School Concept Introduced by Regent Wickersham

Following the BOR meeting in Anchorage in December 2007, SAC agreed to review the design school concept as directed by the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent Cynthia Henry. SAC agreed there were a number of courses or programs which might fit into a "design major" (if such term could be construed broadly). It was agreed SAC would:

a. Compile a list (by the end of January 2008) of courses/activities that presently might be construed under a design program or major and;

b. Discuss whether a systemwide program or major at a particular MAU might be of interest to students. SAC agreed such discussions might constitute the first step toward a recommendation on the feasibility of a design school as proposed by Regent Wickersham.

This item will be revisited on February 5, 2008.

V. Review of Academic Affairs Proposals
Following discussion on the development of a process and criteria for the distribution of academic seed funds, SAC was informed that nearly 75 proposals were received throughout the UA. SAC agreed upon the amount of funds each MAU would have for distribution during the first cycle of distribution. Funds will be distributed by the Provosts. The Provosts agreed to provide information concerning how successful proposals met criteria as stated in the initial "call for proposals". A follow-up email identifying the amount of funds available by MAU has been distributed by Provost Driscoll.

The Provosts also agreed to provide the VPAA with the top 20 proposals received (at UAA and UAF).

VI. _Honorary Degree Process_

This matter came to SAC as a result of discussions held at the December 2007 meeting of the BOR. SAC discussed its role, if any, in the recommendation of honorary degrees. After some discussion, it was evident that procedures for the inclusion of Provosts, as well as the review and recommendation of honorary degrees, differed by MAU and, further, it was not immediately evident if SAC had any role to play in this process. VPAA will clarify the issue with President Hamilton.

VII. _Professional Development Opportunities and Programs for Academic Administrators_

SAC discussed whether professional development programs might be of value for UA academic administrators. There was general consensus such programs would be of value if presented and encouraged in ways which assisted new and continuing administrators. A range of issues concerning such programs (content, delivery, eligibility, scope, and the like) were briefly reviewed. Individual SAC members will be meeting with a representative from UA system to further clarify ideas.

Note: Although it was not discussed, the following guidelines might be helpful as SAC members review professional development ideas with their senior reports. If it is assumed there are three audiences; Department Heads and Chairs, Deans and Directors, and Senior administrators, SAC could discuss a program (or combined program) for each audience, after reviewing the following questions: 1)Purpose of development?; 2) Core competencies desired?; 3) Delivery methodologies?; 4) Who will deliver programs?; 5) Format/frequency for delivery?; 6) Incentives/requirements?; 7) How to assess outcomes?

This item will be revisited on February 5, 2008.

*Agenda for February 5th (Juneau, UAS, 12:00pm to 4:00pm)*

1. New Programs (if appropriate)
2. Student Success: follow-up from systemwide meeting scheduled for January 18-19, 2008
3. Review of PBB Metric for Non-credit Courses/Activities
4. FY10 Planning Budget Process/Priorities
5. Design School Concept
6. Professional Development Opportunities for Academic Administrators
7. Other items as determined by SAC