To: SAC
From: Daniel J. Julius
Re: Summary of Meetings, April 16 and May 13, 2008

These meetings were held in Anchorage;

1. Announcements/Status Reports
The SAC was provided with an update of the budget planning process (for FY 2009 and 2010) and a status of the statewide groups preparing budget recommendations pursuant to the outline of the budget preparation document (see email of 5/13/2008 from M. Rizk to statewide facilitators.) A progress report on Distance Education, the UA Climate Consortium, and agenda for the June Board of Regents meeting were also provided.

2. New Program Approval
SAC approved the B.A. in Fisheries to be offered at UAF. This degree will be presented at the BOR Meeting in June. Also on the agenda for the Academic Affairs Committee will be

   a. A status report of legislation (SB241) concerning the regents obligation to report to the legislature on education delivery;
   b. Tuition and residency requirements;
   c. The Alaska Teacher Mentor Program.

**Action Item:**
Provost Henrichs to ensure all requisite background and materials concerning the new B.A. degree have been provided to Jeannie Phillips. Provost Henrichs will also coordinate the presentation at the Board of Regents meeting in June.

**Action Item:**
Provost Henrichs, Driscoll, and Everett to coordinate with their respective Deans of Education regarding the presentation to the Academic Affairs Committee on SB241. SAC will discuss the presentation and receive a summary on June 17, 2008.

3.) Non Credit Metric
SAC approved final language outlining a non credit instructional productivity measure for performance based budgeting, and also agreed to develop a partnership and outreach performance measure (background material outlining system progress on this metric was distributed). It was agreed the first draft of the metric on partnership and outreach would be circulated at the September 2008 SAC meeting.
Action Item:
Provost Driscoll to circulate first draft of partnership and outreach metric to SAC prior to the September meeting.

4. Pharmacy Study
SAC agreed to seek funds for a feasibility study concerning potential UA programs to help meet Alaska’s need for pharmacists and related occupations. Karen Perdue will chair this initiative. The group appointed to conduct the study will report back to SAC on the following;

1. questions that will be explored in the study
2. a timeline
3. budget and budget source
4. proposed outcomes of the study

Following the approval of SAC on (1) through (4) above, the feasibility study shall commence.

Action Item:
Provost Heinrichs to work with Karen Perdue to develop a preliminary approval process for SAC, addressing points (1) through (4) as discussed above.

5. Design Programs
SAC agreed to endorse concepts and a study as proposed in SAC meeting summary dated March 18, 2008. It was agreed the two study groups may include practitioners and non UA personnel with expertise in areas being reviewed. Those responsible for conducting these studies, and possible development of design programs, will receive funds from the statewide office. However, committee chairs must obtain approval from the VPAA on budget expenditures needed. The charge for each study group is set forth in the SAC meeting summary of March 18.

Action Item:
Provost Driscoll and Henrichs to appoint committees, and committee chairs, to develop an outline of proposed studies on design programs as set fourth in the SAC summary of March 18. Budget expenditures for the work of the committees will be reviewed by VPAA Julius, following review by the Provosts.

6. UA Umbrella Identification of MAU/SW Priorities
SAC discussed the need for an umbrella “academic master plan” setting forth responsibility for programmatic areas, and respective overall academic roles of the SW and MAU’s. It was agreed VPAA Julius would draft a “charge” that will serve as a guide for these discussions. The charge will address the following general areas;
a. Ground rules for discussion of the Academic Master Plan (i.e., what issues will be discussed, how and to whom recommendations will be made, timelines, etc.)
b. That some duplication in programs/degrees/mission/et al., is expected and desirable;
c. That the academic master plan will be aligned with individual MAU mission statements;
d. That we will address economies of scale in areas where MAU capacity, available resources, or related factors may not warrant program mission duplication;
e. Future programmatic/mission for the UA system;
f. Programmatic/mission for respective MAU’s
g. Other individuals, constituencies, forums or governance bodies who should be involved in the review and development of the Academic Master Plan.

Action Item:
VPAA Julius to distribute draft “charge” for academic master plan prior to the next SAC meeting (scheduled for June 17, 2008)

7. Statewide Course Management System
The SAC considered the issue of a statewide course management system and decided additional background material was needed by various members of SAC before a substantive discussion could take place. This matter will appear on the next agenda of SAC.

Action Item:
Assistant Vice President Oba will gather relevant background information and distribute such to SAC members.

8. Governance: Relationships between SAC and the Faculty Alliance
A general discussion ensued concerning Faculty Alliance participation on SAC. Suggestions to improve an already positive relationship were exchanged. Bogdan Hoanca reviewed issues concerning the participation of alliance members and made a number of concrete suggestions which were adopted. These suggestions included; earlier distribution of the agenda to additional constituencies, longer timelines for consultation with alliance members, the need for clarification of the roles and responsibilities of systemwide governance bodies. It was agreed relationships with SAC, and opportunities for consultation with alliance members, were vastly improved from what had occurred in prior years. The incoming Faculty Alliance designee to SAC will be invited to the meeting scheduled in June.

The agenda for the next SAC meeting, scheduled in Anchorage on June 17, 2008 between 9:00 am and noon, will be;
(Note: The Student Success Task Force will meet after SAC on that day between noon and 4:00 PM.)
Agenda for SAC, 6/17/2008

1. New Programs, if appropriate;
2. Follow up report on design programs and feasibility studies;
3. Follow up report on pharmacy study;
4. Update/status report from Statewide facilitators regarding the FY2010 Budget Process:
5. Statewide Course Management system
6. Review of presentations for Board of Regents Academic Affairs Committee.
7. Other items as brought forward by SAC members.