The following provides a summary of the meeting held in Anchorage, June 3, 2009.

I. New programs: The following new programs were approved;
   1. Constructions Management Graduate Certificate at UAF
   2. Environmental Studies Certificate at UAF

SAC engaged in a general discussion about the program approval process and how new programs are developed. Also discussed were issues attendant to the BOR’s program priorities for new initiatives; the MAU program review and evaluation process; and MAU program assessment practices. It was agreed SAC would focus on program review procedures in the 2009-2010 academic year. It is expected that program reviews will be presented at upcoming meetings of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the BOR. Select meetings with select committees and individuals will be set up. Note: In light of the discussions at the June 4-5, 2009 BOR and Academic and Student Affairs Committee, in which SAC members were present, it will be incumbent upon SAC to revisit how programs are presented to the BOR as well as what programs are presented.

II. SAC Membership;

SAC discussed membership both in the context of SAC deliberations, and also in regard to discussions concerning the Academic Master Plan. Membership includes the Provost or Chief Academic Officer from the three MAUs, the Vice Chancellor for Research at UAF, and the Vice Provost for Research at UAA. Presently, at UAS, the person occupying the provost position fulfills both the academic and research role. Also included are two representatives from the Faculty Alliance (the current Faculty Alliance chair and a representative appointed by the Alliance). All SAC members are invited to each SAC meeting. The agenda shall begin with issues more pertinent to the CAO’s. The second half of each day (normally 12:30 PM through the afternoon) will be set aside for the Academic Master Planning process.

SAC agreed, for the 2009-2010 academic year, meetings will take place on a Thursday and alternate between Fairbanks and Anchorage. VPAA Julius will be setting up all meetings for the coming year.
III. Distance Education;

SAC revisited Distance Education and discussed the Legislative Audit (pending reports) and approved the DE Plan (attached). The DE advisory group chaired by John Monahan (and which reports to SAC) will return to SAC (a report is due June 30). On July 7, the next SAC meeting, recommendations for a “Phase I” implementation of actions set forth in the DE plan will be reviewed. The phase 1 report, due June 30, will contain both “process” and initial “technical” matters and, it was agreed, the DE advisory group will work with other MAU appointed committees or ad hoc groups, and incorporate their suggestions (relating to Banner Coding issues for example) into the June 30 Phase I report. It was agreed that the DE Advisory Committee (and SAC) would endeavor to implement DE Plan actions/recommendations in alignment with priorities set forth in the Legislative Audit when it is formally received.

IV. Faculty Alliance Report;

Jill Dumesnil gave the report from the Faculty Alliance. She also introduced Jon Dehn, who will become the Faculty Alliance chair in 2009-2010. Dumesnil was thanked for her outstanding work on SAC.

V. VA Budget Planning Process;

SAC discussed various memoranda distributed by Michelle Rizk concerning the 2009-2010 Budget Planning process. VPAA Julius will convene a meeting of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Group. The charge for that committee is set forth in the summary of the SAC meeting, February 20, 2009. Dates and deadlines for upcoming meetings were reviewed.

VI. UAA Coordination with Commissioners of Labor, Education and AWIB;

Provost Driscoll provided a report and distributed information concerning ongoing discussions between UAA and various state agencies and organizations. His report highlighted efforts to coordinate activities. Provost Driscoll will follow up with SW staff to insure further alignment in UA activities in the areas under discussion.
VII. Academic Master Plan (AMP);

The committee engaged in a discussion of version 13 of the AMP. It should be noted that the committee felt much progress had been made and good will was expressed toward colleagues at respective MAUs and the “process” in general was given high marks by SAC participants. The distribution of the master plan was discussed. It is expected a version of the plan will be distributed for comment to governance bodies and other administrative bodies throughout the UA during the final week of August. Governance and other MAU groups will have the fall semester (2009) to comment on the draft plan pursuant to procedures in place for various governance/administrative bodies. Comments on the AMP will be sent to the provost or designee, and shall be due at the conclusion of the fall 2009 semester.

SAC shall review/discuss all comments on the plan received by the end of the fall semester 2009 and prepare a final report for distribution to the President’s Cabinet in March 2010. SAC may determine to solicit the views of others during January-March 2010 but it is hoped the Academic Master Plan will be ready for BOR approval by the June 2010 BOR meeting.

On June 3, SAC engaged in the following discussion in regard to version 13 of the AMP.

1. All areas of disagreement were reviewed to at least insure the SAC had a firm grasp of areas of agreement and disagreement.
2. It was agreed that language to bridge disagreements would be discussed on July 7, the next SAC meeting.
3. On July 7, SAC will also review the current version of the AMP charge against the original.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 45 pm; the Agenda for the July 7, 2009 SAC is as follows;

1. Program Review and Presentation of new Programs/Degrees at the BOR; upcoming agenda’s for the Committee on Student and Academic Affairs.
2. Review/Approval of the Phase 1 Distance Education Short Term Action Recommendations (Report due June 30, from the DE Advisory Committee being chaired by John Monahan.)
3. Budget Planning Processes and Priorities;
4. Report of the Faculty Alliance;
5. Academic Master Plan (the next version will be distributed by Provost Henrichs). Areas of disagreement will be reviewed along with the “charge” to insure all areas of the AMP as set
forth in the charge have been addressed at least initially in the version of the AMP that will be distributed. Finally, grammar and syntax will be reviewed by SAC prior to distribution.

The SAC meeting will be held in Fairbanks between 11 am and 5 30 pm in a room to be announced.

Attachments;
1. SAC Accreditation Guidelines (Approved May 17, 2009)
2. Endorsed Distance Education Plan
3. Draft Distance Education Core Committee Short Term Suggested Action Steps. This is the document that will be discussed by the Advisory Committee and other ad hoc committees as the Phase 1 recommendations are assembled and presented on June 30th. The Phase 1 report will be discussed at the July 7th SAC meeting.