Summary; SW Planning Committee for the Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities
April 28, 2010
Administration Rm. 201, UAA Campus

Present; D. Julius, P. Linton, K. Krein, J. Liszka, S. Forster
Audio; C. Swartz
Absent; S. Henrichs, J. Petraitis, J. Dumesnil, E. Heyne, G. Babb, J. Everett

I. Agenda
   The summary of March 25, 2010 was approved (attached).

II. Essential Learning Outcomes

   The group returned to a discussion regarding the merits of having systemwide standards. Also discussed were issues concerning the role of the Senates, GER committees and others. Lastly, the resource allocation issue was revisited.

   The following issues or goals were agreed upon by those participating in the meeting;

   1. It was agreed committee membership needed to be broadened to include other constituent groups if a common systemwide approach is desired (Essential Learning Outcomes).

   2. Challenges brought forward in April, were on point with those discussed in the March meeting (summary posted on the Academic Affairs website) and concerned the difficulty or arriving at a “system” response.

   3. The group shared a chart (UA System and AAC&U’s Liberal Education and America’s Promise (LEAP) General Education and Student Outcomes for Baccalaureate Degrees) which compares standards across the system in an effort to further the conversation on developing a systemwide approach.

   It was felt that further clarity regarding the role of the Committee was needed. Participants agreed to revisit the charge of the committee at the next meeting. The group remains relatively unified in its desire to elevate the status of SSAH throughout the system and encourage MAU budget discussions to include SSAH projects and programs in budget priorities.
III. SSAH Agenda, May 18, 2010, Anchorage, 2:00pm to 4:30pm, Administration 201, UAA
   1. Approval of April summary
   2. Role and focus of the Committee
   3. E Portfolio’s
   4. Other issues brought up by committee members

IV. Attachments to the SSHA Summary for April 28, 2010
   1. March 26 meeting summary
   2. UA System and AAC&U’s Liberal Education (chart)