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## **Summary of March 18, 2008 SAC Meeting:**

### **A. New Programs**

The SAC discussed, voted on, and approved six Academic programs/certificates. The following were approved;

- 1) Associate of Fine Arts in Playwriting, Prince William Sound Community College,
- 2) Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Sustainability (UAF),
- 3) Associate degree in Science (UAF),
- 4) Certificate in Pre-Engineering (UAS),
- 5) M.Ed. in Mathematics Education (UAS),
- 6) M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (UAS)

Requisite paperwork will be sent to Greg Petitto in Academic Affairs with a cc to Jeannie Phillips for preparation for the BOR Academic Affairs Committee meeting in April.

### **B. Design Program Proposal**

SAC revisited the question of a Design Program/School or variation thereof. It was agreed, based on interest around the system, to incorporate two faculty task force groups to explore joint programs between UAF and UAA. (Funds for faculty to meet will be provided by the SW office.) Faculty identified to participate in these meetings will be appointed by their respective Deans/Provosts. The charge for each group shall be as follows;

- Group I: Examine the feasibility of developing and offering a joint program/degree/certificate in “sustainable northern design”.
- Group II: Examine the feasibility of developing and offering a joint program/degree/certificate in “graphic and digital design”.

It is expected these two faculty task force groups will be appointed shortly and will endeavor to meet in the spring semester 2008, with a recommendation being made to SAC. Group deliberations might focus on demand for such programs, curricular integration, joint responsibilities between UAA and UAF faculty, and the potential costs associated with various programs. This topic will be discussed in the VP Report to the BOR and be on the SAC agenda in April.

### **C. Academic Seed Funds**

SAC agreed that procedures for distribution of academic seed funds (\$150,000 split between UAF, UAA, and UAS) would mirror the process used in the Fall 2007. Recommendations from the Provosts for funding should be made to Vice President Julius with a cc to Barb Stockwell. It is hoped that funds approved will be expended this fiscal year. Where this is not possible (expenditure of funds this fiscal year)

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notification of such should be made prior to June 1, 2008 to Vice President Julius with a cc to Maia Zelenak.

SAC members also agreed to summarize all proposals funded this year (three sentences each, including the names/titles of faculty, and nature of the proposal funded) for eventual distribution to the UA community. Summaries should be sent to Vice President Julius by April 5, 2008.

#### **D. Rogers/MacTaggart Report**

SAC turned its attention to a review/discussion of the Rogers/MacTaggart Report as directed in a memorandum from President Mark Hamilton (dated February 8, 2008). Vice Presidents Wendy Redman, Pat Pitney, and Jim Johnsen joined SAC for the discussion. The conversation was wide ranging and touched upon many issues set forth in the report document. The group appeared to be in agreement on the following;

- 1) The original advisory group involved in consulting with Rogers and MacTaggart should be reconstituted this spring, (with inclusion of the Provosts) and meet on an ongoing basis and respond as they feel appropriate to recommendations set forth in the report. Recommendations of the Advisory Committee should be made directly to President Hamilton. Subsequently a memo was issued by the President, on March 26, 2008, outlining this process.
- 2) SAC agreed it will, as a group, respond to recommendations that concern the charge, focus, and role of various governance councils/committees. Such recommendations should adhere roughly to the following format:
  - a) Identification of what presently exists;
  - b) Identification of what should exist;
  - c) Identification of what has to happen in order; identify b) above. In answering c) it is assumed that organizational/structural issues be considered.
- 3) The discussion also included the idea that responses to report recommendations might be grouped into three general categories, each of which may require a different kind of conversation, with different participants, evidence, and options for consideration.

##### Category I

Consideration of the clarification of the role, expectations, and scope of various SW units, numerous statewide governance committees, and other councils currently working.

##### Category II

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Consideration of “structural changes” in the SW office. For example, reduction in staff, movement of particular programs currently housed in SW to a particular MAU, or a change in reporting relationship of senior personnel.

### Category III

Consideration of “process” issues. For example, how SW folks might relate to campus officials (and visa versa). The conversation in category III might concern perceptions and behaviors that appear to stain relationships among some senior personnel throughout the UA.

It was agreed the discussions would continue at the SAC meeting in April where the committee will be joined by the President’s Cabinet.

### **E. Non Credit Metric**

SAC members agreed to synthesis all information on a non-credit metric and have final recommendations by April. These recommendations will be considered at the next SAC meeting.

### **F. Distance Education**

SAC was informed of the status of the legislative audit. This agenda item will appear on the April agenda.

### **G. Agenda for SAC Meeting in Ketchikan** (2pm to 6pm, room/location TBA by Cathy LeCompte).

- 1) New Programs (if applicable)
- 2) Design Program/Faculty Task Force update
- 3) Rogers/MacTaggart Report (SAC may be joined by Presidents Cabinet. Agenda may also include the FY10 Budget Process)
- 4) Non-credit Metric
- 5) Distance Education. Recommendations from the ETT. This material was previously distributed. It is my understanding we will be joined by UA and legislative auditors for this discussion, as well as members of Academic Affairs Staff.

Please advise me if this summary needs to be revised or amended.  
Thank you.