

Agenda  
**Board of Regents**  
**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
Thursday, December 12, 2013; \*3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Butrovich Building, Room 109  
University of Alaska  
Fairbanks, Alaska

*\*Times for meetings are subject to modifications within the December 12-13, 2013 time frame.*

**Committee Members:**

Michael Powers, Committee Chair  
Jyotsna Heckman, Committee Vice Chair  
Courtney Enright

Gloria O’Neill  
Kirk Wickersham  
Patricia Jacobson, Board Chair

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee adopts the agenda as presented.**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

**III. Full Board Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 10.02.040 Related to Renaming the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Engineering to the University of Alaska Anchorage College of Engineering**
- B. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 10.02.040 Related to University of Alaska Fairbanks’ Realignment of the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center**
- C. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 10.02.060 - PWSCC Change Related to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Accreditation Standards and Eligibility Requirements**
- D. Approval of a Graduate Certificate in Science Teaching and Outreach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks**
- E. Approval of a Master of Education in Science Education, K-8 at the University of Alaska Southeast**

**IV. New Business**

- A. Approval of Appointment to Regents’ Scholarship Committee**
- B. Discussion of Minimum Baccalaureate Admission Standards**

**V. Ongoing Issues**

- A. Presentation on Undergraduate Research**
- B. Update on Calendar of Academic and Student Affairs Reports**
- C. Discussion on Dual Enrollment – Barriers to Enrolling at UA**

- D. Report on e-Learning
- E. Discussion on Technical Vocational Education Program Renewal
- F. Report on SB241
- VI. Future Agenda Items
- VII. Adjourn

**This motion is effective December 12, 2013."**

**III. Full Board Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.02.040 Related to Renaming the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Engineering to the University of Alaska Anchorage College of Engineering

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**"The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve a revision to Regents' Policy 10.02.040 related to renaming the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Engineering to the University of Alaska Anchorage College of Engineering. This motion is effective December 12, 2013."**

**POLICY CITATION**

In accordance with Regents' Policy 10.02.040, academic unit establishment, major revision, and elimination, modification to university units, requires approval by the board.

**RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION**

The University of Alaska Anchorage School of Engineering has grown substantially since its inception. The school now includes 17 degree programs, 5 academic departments, over 40 faculty members, and over 1000 students. The name change will put the School of Engineering on the same footing as other academic units of the same size at the University of Alaska Anchorage and will recognize the growth and achievements of the school.

Provost Baker will provide background information to members of the committee.

- B. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.02.040 Related to University of Alaska Fairbanks' Realignment of the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center Reference 4

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve a revision to Regents’ Policy 10.02.040 related to University of Alaska Fairbanks’ realignment of the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center. This motion is effective December 12, 2013.”**

**POLICY CITATION**

In accordance with Regents’ Policy 10.02.040, academic unit establishment, major revision, and elimination, revisions to the list of academic units, requires approval by the board.

**RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION**

Current Regents’ Policy lists the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center (ARSC) as a separate unit that must have Board of Regents’ approval for any major modifications or elimination. Due to a dramatic reduction in federal funding and staff, ARSC would be better suited to operate as a sub-unit of the Geophysical Institute (GI).

In FY10, ARSC had total revenue of \$13.6 million dollars. In FY13, due to dramatic cuts in federal funding and in spite of nearly \$1 million dollars of new base funding from internal reallocation by UAF, ARSC’s revenue had decreased to \$3.9 million. Staffing during this same time period was reduced from 46 to 20 personnel. Placing ARSC as a sub-unit of the GI will increase internal efficiencies with associated cost savings, enhance internal and external research collaborations and provide a more long stable environment for high-performance computing at UAF.

University of Alaska Fairbanks administration is requesting that the Board of Regents remove ARSC from Regents’ Policy 10.02.040 and that President Gamble authorize the revision to University Regulation 10.02.040 to place it as a sub-unit of the Geophysical Institute. Reference 4 shows these revisions to both policy and regulation.

Chancellor Rogers and Provost Henrichs will be available to answer any questions the committee may have.

- C. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.02.060 - PWSCC Change Related to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Accreditation Standards and Eligibility Requirements Reference 5

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve a revision to Regents' Policy 10.02.060 - PWSCC change related to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities accreditation standards and eligibility requirements. This motion is effective December 12, 2013.”**

RATIONAL/RECOMMENDATION

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities changed reporting standards and eligibility requirements for separately accredited institutions in a system. The changes proposed will meet the new standards and eligibility requirements. Vice President Thomas will answer questions regarding the policy revisions presented in Reference 5.

- D. Approval of a Graduate Certificate in Science Teaching and Outreach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Reference 6

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve a Graduate Certificate in Science Teaching and Outreach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective December 12, 2013.”**

POLICY CITATION

In accordance with Regents' Policy 10.04.020, degree and certificate program approval, all program additions, deletions, major revisions, or the offering of existing programs outside the State of Alaska, requires approval by the board.

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

Reference 6 contains the rationale for the approval of a Graduate Certificate in Science Teaching and Outreach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Provost Henrichs will provide background information to members of the committee.

- E. Approval of a Master of Education Science Education, K-8 at the University of Alaska Southeast Reference 7

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve a Master of Education in Science Education, K-8 at the University of Alaska Southeast. This motion is effective December 12, 2013.”**

**POLICY CITATION**

In accordance with Regents’ Policy 10.04.020, degree and certificate program approval, all program additions, deletions, major revisions, or the offering of existing programs outside the State of Alaska, requires approval by the board.

**RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION**

Reference 7 contains the rationale for the approval of a Master of Education in Science Education, K-8 at the University of Alaska Southeast. Provost Caulfield will provide background information to members of the committee.

**IV. New Business**

- A. Approval of Appointment to Regents’ Scholarship Committee

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee approves the appointment to the Regents’ Scholarship Committee as presented by Committee Chair Powers. This motion is effective on December 12, 2013.”**

**RATIONALE**

In 1999, the Board of Regents approved the following motion and scholarship description:

**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves the Regents' Scholarship Program as amended by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on November 18, 1999. This motion is effective November 19, 1999."

Name: Regents' Scholarship

Eligibility: University of Alaska junior, senior or graduate students in good standing.

- Criteria: Demonstrated commitment and involvement in leadership and civic or professional service activities, and recognized academic achievement.
- Selection: Initial screening by UA Foundation staff. Selection by a committee of five former members of the Board of Regents appointed annually by the chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee with the approval of the entire committee.
- Funding: Endowment in UA Foundation from private donations from current and former members of the Board of Regents, and other funds designated by the Board of Regents.
- Awards: First awardees will be selected in Spring 2000 for use in Fall Semester 2000. The number and amount of awards is dependent on the amount of funding received.

#### RECOMMENDATION

This spring, there will be a vacancy on the committee due to former regent Gordon Evans' resignation as a scholarship committee member. Committee Chair Powers will recommend a replacement to the committee.

B. Discussion of Minimum Baccalaureate Admission Standards Addendum 4

Vice President Thomas will lead a discussion on minimum baccalaureate admission standards.

#### V. Ongoing Issues

A. Presentation on Undergraduate Research Addendum 5

UAA Dean Spatz, UAF Director Barbara Taylor, and UAS Dean Sousa will present on undergraduate research.

B. Update on Calendar for Academic and Student Affairs Reports Addendum 6

Vice President Thomas will provide an update on the report calendar.

C. Discussion on Dual Enrollment – Barriers to Enrolling at UA Addendum 7

The provosts will lead a discussion on progress to remove the barriers for high school students to enroll at the University of Alaska.

D. Report on e-Learning Addendums 8 & 8A

Vice President Thomas and Associate Vice President Gruenig will provide a report on e-Learning.

E. Discussion on Technical Vocational Education Program Renewal  
Addendum 9

Associate Vice President Villa will lead a discussion on Technical Vocational Education Program renewal.

F. Report on SB241 Addendum 10

Associate Professor of Education Policy and Director of the Center for Alaska Education Policy Research Hirschberg will provide a report on SB241.

**VI. Future Agenda Items**

**VII. Adjourn**