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Agenda

**Faculty Alliance**

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Via [Google Hangout](#)

Audio-only: 1-855-280-1855

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Voting Members:

David Fitzgerald, 1st Vice President, UAA Faculty Senate

Maren Haavig, President, UAS Faculty Senate

Diane Hirshberg, Past President, UAA Faculty Senate

Lisa Hoferkamp, President-Elect, UAS Faculty Senate

Kevin Krein, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate

Cecile Lardon, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate, Chair, Faculty Alliance

Orion Lawlor, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate

Debu Misra, President, UAF Faculty Senate

Tara Smith, President, UAA Faculty Senate, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

Karl Kowalski, Chief IT Officer

Tom Langdon, OIT Customer Support Services Manager

Andy Anger, UAF Professor, Applied Business and Accounting

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Approval of April 8 Minutes

Attachment 1

4. Public or Guest Comments

5. Report from Chair

6. Report from Faculty Senates

7. Ongoing Business

- 7.1. Alaska Native GER – Memo to Task Force Attachment 2
- 8. New Business
  - 8.1. Move to one version of Blackboard for the UA system – Karl Kowalski and Tom Langdon
  - 8.2. Faculty Overload Benefit Rates Attachments 3& 4
  - 8.3. Directory Information – Enrollment Status Attachment 5
  - 8.4. Tuition Notice – Mid-Year Increase Expected Attachment 6
  - 8.5. Telework Regulation Attachment 7
  - 8.6. Transition Process
- 9. Comments, concerns, and announcements
- 10. Adjourn



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Minutes

**Faculty Alliance**

Friday, April 8, 2016

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1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 1:05 p.m.

Voting Members:

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Maren Haavig, President, UAS Faculty Senate

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Kevin Krein, Past President, UAS Faculty Senate

Cecile Lardon, Past President, UAF Faculty Senate, Chair, Faculty Alliance

Orion Lawlor, President-Elect, UAF Faculty Senate *joined at 2pm*

Debu Misra, President, UAF Faculty Senate

Tara Smith, President, UAA Faculty Senate, Vice Chair, Faculty Alliance

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

2. Adoption of Agenda

Debu moved to adopt, Dave seconded. No objections, agenda adopted as presented.

3. Approval of March 25 Minutes

Members agreed to approve both meeting minutes by email.

4. Public or Guest Comments

None given.

5. Report from Chair

Cécile reported on the ongoing Board meeting and noted next year will be especially difficult for Alliance members as they deal with the impending changes. Her report to the Board included recommendations for program review, thanks for their opposition to SB

174, and the GER Task Force charge renewal. Members engaged in a discussion on GERs and how to move forward and how to communicate that plan to the Regents.

6. Report from Faculty Senates

UAA – Tara reported they created an open resource policy, and Diane noted they would have their annual Roast and Toast on May 15.

UAF – No major updates from UAF Faculty Senate.

UAS – President Johnsen will be in Juneau next Monday with Robbie Graham, AVC Public Affairs, to discuss Strategic Pathways with faculty, staff, and students.

7. Ongoing Business

7.1. Criteria for Phase I Programs/Services

Members reviewed previously gathered criteria and discussed additional criteria before making a final determination on what to forward to President Johnsen. Cécile noted she would re-order the document and make suggested wording changes before sending Alliance members for a final review before sending to the president by the end of the day.

8. New Business

8.1. Resolution Regarding SB 174 – Ran out of time – Alliance members opted to vote on the resolution by email. The resolution subsequently passed 7-0, with two members absent.

8.2. Faculty Overload Benefit Rates – Ran out of time.

9. Agenda Items for May 3 Meeting

None given.

10. Comments, concerns, and announcements

None given.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

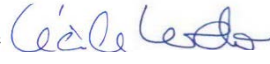
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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: May 2, 2016  
To: GER Coordinating Task Force  
From: Cécile Lardon, Chair, Faculty Alliance   
Re: Alaska Native GER Course

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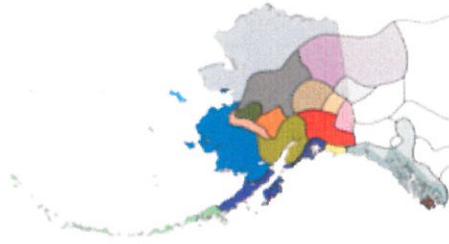
The members of the Faculty Alliance have discussed the request by the Alaska Native Studies Council (see attached letter) to include a course on Alaska Native culture and history as a part of General Education Requirements in the University of Alaska System. The Faculty Alliance is in general support of such a course, and members feel the course would be beneficial to UA students. In addition, the Coalition of Student Leaders have passed a resolution in favor of this request (see attached), as has at least one Faculty Senate (UAS). And the Special Taskforce on GERs convened by the Board of Regents (as part of the “Regents’ Four”) endorsed such an inclusion as well.

As such, the Faculty Alliance asks the General GER Alignment Task Force to explore options for including a course on Alaska Native peoples, their culture and history in the GER requirements for the UA system and to provide a recommendation.

In the interest of providing time-sensitive feedback to the President on this issue I am asking your group to provide a recommendation to the Faculty Alliance on whether such a course should be included in the GER requirements by Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. That way, the Alliance can vote on it and pass its recommendation to the President for the November meeting.

Attachments: Letter from the Alaska Native Studies Council – Oct. 22, 2015  
Coalition of Student Leaders Resolution 2016-03

# ALASKA NATIVE STUDIES COUNCIL



- Lance *Xh'unei* Twitchell, UAS
- Jeane *T'áaw xíwaa* Breinig, UAA
- Beth *Ginondidoy* Leonard, UAF
- Sharon *Chilux* Lind, UAA
- Maria *Shaa Tláa* Williams, UAA
- Gordon Pullar, UAF
- Sean *Asiqluq* Topkok, UAA
- Alvin Amason, UAA
- Da-ka-xeen Mehner, UAF
- Paul Ongtooguk, UAA
- Dalee Sambo-Dorough, UAA
- Ray Barnhardt, UAF
- April *Lisik* Laktonen Counciller, Alutiiq Museum
- Theresa John, UAF
- Agatha John-Shields, UAA
- Evon Peter, UAF
- Alberta Jones, UAS
- Lenora "Lolly" Carpluk, UAF
- Annette Freiburger, UAF
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- Marie *Arnaq* Meade, UAA
- Liza Mack, UAF
- Medeia Csoba-Dehass, UAA
- Ryan Harrod, UAA
- Thomas Swensen, Univ of Colorado
- Charlene Stern, UAF
- Phillip *Aarnaquq* Charette, UAF
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October 22, 2015

Dear Regents,

Thank you for your service to the University. We appreciate your leadership in guiding the University of Alaska to excellence. I am sending this letter on behalf of the Alaska Native Studies Council. This Council consists of Alaska Native and Alaska Native Studies faculty from all UA campuses system-wide. As a group, we work to promote sustained commitment to integrating Indigenous perspectives into a variety of educational settings. Our mission is to identify, develop, and implement Native-focused curricula, and to promote and publish Alaska Native-related research and pedagogical strategies. Probably the most significant collaborative effort of the Alaska Native Studies Council has been the development of the now annual Alaska Native Studies Conference. This academic conference has been held successfully at UAA in 2013, UAS in 2014, UAF in 2015 and soon to be UAA again in 2016. We expect approximately 500 attendees from Universities across the world to attend this growing event this coming year. We have also published two journals based on the 2013 and 2014 conferences proceedings and 2015 is in press.

The Council recognizes and has frequently discussed at length a critical gap for all UA students. Many, perhaps the majority of our students graduate without even a basic knowledge of Alaska Native peoples, their histories and their cultures. We would like to see a change within the UA system and advocate for requiring an Alaska Native focused general education course or other requirement that addresses this gap. We hope the UA Board of Regents will consider addressing this deficit in our curriculum at a future meeting.

## Mission/Vision

The Alaska Native Studies Council promotes a deeper and more sustained commitment to integrating Indigenous perspectives into a variety of educational settings. Our mission is to identify, develop, and implement Native-focused curricula, to promote and publish Alaska Native-related research and pedagogical strategies, and to develop a strategic plan to help us attain these goals.

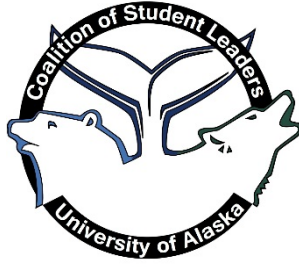


Given that Alaska Natives are nearly 20 percent of the state's populations, Alaska Native corporations are the state's number one employer, contribute to 25% of the state's GDP, and 75% of UA graduates secure jobs in Alaska, we believe the University of Alaska should implement a curricular requirement pertaining to Alaska Native coursework. The requirement will strengthen students' education, and will enhance their employability within our state. We are doing a disservice to our students by not equipping them with an understanding of Alaska's first peoples whose homelands they occupy. Other universities have done this including University of Hawaii – Hilo which requires a Pan-Hawai'in GER.

There are a variety of options available that can be explored and discussed further, and the Alaska Studies Council stands ready to assist in this discussion. We urge the UA Board of Regents to explore the possibility UA system-wide.

Best regards,

Alaska Native Studies Council



## Coalition of Student Leaders

### Resolution 2016-03

#### **Recommending that the University of Alaska adopt Alaska Native Studies as part of the General Education Requirements**

**Whereas,** The University of Alaska is currently revising the General Education Requirements (GER) that must be taken by all baccalaureate students before graduation, and;

**Whereas,** The University of Alaska Major Academic Units (MAUs) of UAF, UAA, and UAS all require students to take some cultural learning courses in subjects like art, world history, or language, and;

**Whereas,** Alaska's population includes a significant percentage of Alaska Native peoples, and;

**Whereas,** The University of Alaska ought to endeavor to increase outreach and accessibility for Alaska Native peoples, and;

**Whereas,** Alaska Native culture and history is integral to the understanding of Alaska's past, present, and future, and;

**Whereas,** Students of all ethnic and geographic backgrounds would benefit from a better comprehension of Alaska Native Studies, and;

**Whereas,** The University of Alaska offers at least some Alaska Native Studies courses at all campuses, either in-person or via distance education, and;

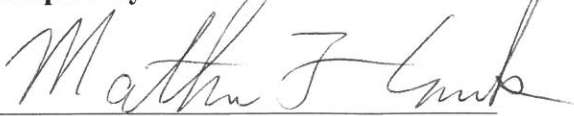
**Whereas,** Student governments for the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Southeast, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks have passed resolutions supporting including Alaska Native Studies as part of the GER, indicating widespread student support, now;

**Therefore be it resolved,** That the Coalition of Student Leaders recognizes the importance of understanding Alaska Native culture and history, and;



**Therefore be it further resolved,** That the Coalition of Student Leaders recommends that the University of Alaska require all baccalaureate students to take at least one 3-credit Alaska Native Studies course as part of the GER.

**Adopted by the Coalition of Student Leaders the 26th DAY OF APRIL 2016**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mathew Carrick".

Mathew Carrick, Chair

Voting members' results as attested by Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 4