

Academic Council Agenda
November 16, 2018; 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Safety Minute – Paul – Be careful on the road with the snow and ice. Have a blanket in the car, ice scraper and be prepared for winter driving.
2. Approve 10/19/18 meeting notes – All, 2 min. (*attachment*) – Notes are complete. Approved.
3. September 21, 2018 action item/regulation implementation update – Paul, 3 min. (*attachment*)
4. AC Scorecard updates – Paul, 5 min. (*attachment*)
5. UA Regulation R.04.04.070 Emeritus Status & R04.07.095 Staff Emeritus – Paul, 5 min.
Of note: Sent to GC on 11/7/18 for review (not as Action Transmittal) – Following discussion of the last meeting was sent to GC. GC, Mike Hostina, sent some lengthy suggestions. Paul would like to review them before discussing. Will get some clarification from GC and then will discuss at the next meeting. If we can complete this at the next meeting, there can be approval by the president by the end of the year, before the next nominations are done.
6. Discontinuations – John – 10 min. – Susan Kalina for John (*attachments*)
 - a. UAA – Nutrition Bachelor of Science – Was suspended back in 2011. Was so successful, there wasn't the capacity for it. Since suspension, the need has changed. Would like to discontinue and remove from the books. Discussion – None.
 - b. UAA – Applied Environmental Science and Technology Master and the Applied Environmental Science and Technology Master of Science – Both were a result of enrollment prioritization. The program suspension was part of degree cleanup. There was no reason to have a masters and a masters of science. Students have been advised to take the master's of science. This program has been taught out and would like to remove it at this time.
 - c. UAA – Computer Electronics Associate of Applied Science – The industry was never that interested in this degree. The students were also not interested. There are better options for students. Streamlining resources and simplifying things for students.
ACTION: There was no objection and all discontinuation requests will proceed through the process.
7. Faculty Initiative Fund – Chris, 10 min (*attachment*) Maria for Chris – The FA is really happy with the results of the updated RFP and is able to be released with plenty of time to market it. Discussion of revisions: Anupma likes the change of reducing the percentage of funds going to outside members. The primary goal is to fund UNAC members. Would like to discuss the requirement of getting approval of the dean/director. The acknowledgement of the dean/director was decided on with FA because of the changes in positions. Paul proposes that we move forwards with the document as revised. We can get it cleaned up and posted online for circulation. Paul will create a memo for announcing the RFP with response email (within 1 business day).
8. College of Health School of Nursing and School of Allied Health – Jeff, 5 min (*attachment*) – Action Request, mission statement and request from Jeff. No action requested today, but would like to introduce what is in the planning, get questions and will make revisions to be brought back at a later date. The Regents have tasked them with doubling the enrollment by the year

2025. The current spaces are at capacity and unable to expand to meet the new demand. They are currently looking outside of UAA in order to grow the program. This proposal is for the School of Allied Health. Originally had planned for 3 buildings, but only one has been completed. There has been exploration of other options to gain the needed extra space. Six months ago an industry group approached the university to purchase some property to build a medical arts building. Questions of a partnership with private industry to build needed buildings is being explored. Potentially little to no cost to the university, with any building built reverting to the ownership of the university. They are in the process of working with a contractor to determine the space needs and planning for a future RFP. Private partnership would allow for enhancements of the facility. The University Land Office has been supportive, along with the Facilities department at UAA. This approach is likely the only way to get the needed expansions.

- a. What is the request of the AC? Jeff – the programs that would fill the buildings would be of interest to the AC. Allied Health will be collaborating on how they can best utilize the space. The primary focus of the AC would be on what the programs would be for this opportunity.
 - b. Paul would like the AC to take a role in the strategic directions of the CoH. Susan – PAR form may not be the correct form. This is what is used to start a degree program. Paul – Need a statement instead of a PAR. We may want to write an endorsement from the council, and can use this as a model for future proposals. Kim (facilities) needs something from the council to move the proposal through the approval system. Paul – we will put this back on the agenda in January. Fred – Create an addendum.
9. ALEKS subcommittee direction – Fred, 10 min. – There is one ongoing situation – a group of faculty (5 faculty that are still evaluating) – It was unclear of who the committee would comprise? Will they report to the AC? It was thought that a subcommittee would get together on a regular basis (approx. 5 times a year) to review and recommend on the process for evaluating student placement. It would be wise to keep their leadership aware of the progress of the recommendations as they advance. We need to decide how they would communicate their recommendations to the AC towards the placement testing. A group of faculty from UAF, has met with Anupma to make a compelling argument that proctored exams were more accurate. It is better if a person from the subcommittee reports directly to the AC. There were a couple of things pointed out – proctoring for students that are rural. Working with a school district was a possible solution. Another concern was the cost of the proctoring. Susan – UAA has a meeting next week on the same topic.
- a. Paul will follow up on UAS faculty. Having the committee report to the AC is important. The experts would be the members of the committee. Do not need to report every meeting. Annual written report. They can bring forward recommendations at any time. Susan – We need to work with them on a charge, and review it every year. Paul – If there are costs, we need to decide how this is going to be carried. The council, chancellors and executive group are the ones that need to decide how to pay for it.
- ACTION:** Susan will meet with the UAA people. Fred will connect with Chris to discuss a charge and bring it up at the next AC meeting. This would include defining a chair. David presented the UAF concerns, and would be a good person to discuss with the subcommittee who would present the concerns to the AC council. Anupma will follow up with David. Paul and Fred will work on the charge.

10. Alcohol Policy and Regulation – Paul, 5 min. – We have Regents policy for alcohol and marijuana use and campus procedures “policy” for more specifics of when alcohol is allowed. We do not have any university regulation. Regent Anderson would like to see an overarching regulation in regards to alcohol. Because each campus already has regulation, it would be fairly easy to roll some of these up into university regulation. We will be working on joint AC and Student Services Council is this policy. The VC for Students at each campus has it fleshed out pretty much what we want to do. This is where we are going. We are not moving to ban alcohol on campus. Marijuana is still illegal because of our federal standing. The goal is to get the Regents out of the details and looking at the broader picture.
11. eLearning Subgroup Committee update – Karen, 5 min. -
 - a. eLearning Charter – Karen, 5 min. (follow up from 10/19/18 meeting)
12. Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment Subcommittee – Paul, 10 min – Fred – Will be re-engaging the subcommittee. Anupma will take the lead on this group. Teri will remain involved. Anupma asks Fred and Paul their recommendations of who should be on the committee. Paul – Will look at the committee membership from last time and make recommendations on filling in the gaps. Anupma – One from each campus, rural campuses and CTC represented. Susan – Would like some clarification of what this group would work on. Will they look at shared, common system approach that does not interfere with how the campuses do their processes. Create a common framework. Fred – The discussion needs to be at the policy level. Community Directors Council could possibly be in the group to develop the perspective, but we do not want to grow this committee larger than that at this time. We want to make sure we are looking at it globally. Their voices and input needs to be timely. Paul – Anupma, Susan and Teri should have a conversation on what the direction should be. Fred will provide the background of what’s been done in the past for Anupma. Fred – Refer to the AC Scorecard – there are some areas not yet completed that would be addressed by the subcommittee. He will also send previous documents. **Keep on the agenda**. Susan would like to co-chair the committee. Priscilla – There isn’t just one model that works for everyone.
13. Ted Stevens Legislative Internship – Paul, 5 min. – Has not had a committee meeting for a while. There are 11 interns this year that will be placed soon. There has been discussion with the Foundation to expand the program. In the program, it does state that other universities have access to the program as well. Miles Baker will be approaching APU to make them aware of this opportunity.
14. Faculty Alliance update – Chris, 5 min. –
 - a. Further refinements to the FIF RFP (number of proposals per PI/Co-I, reduced funding for non-UNAC faculty) with an eye toward working on the review process (and specifically, how faculty should be chosen to assist with the reviews)
 - b. Discussion on inviting Executive Dean Atwater to a future Faculty Alliance meeting so we can discuss concerns/questions raised by education faculty (with concerns expressed to Alliance primarily originating at UAA and UAF), and other FA scheduled guest adjustments
 - c. We decided to invite the chairs/co-chairs/designees of the GER&C committees to the next Alliance meeting so we can discuss a framework for the GERM committee (I still need to do this, mea culpa)
 - d. Sent an Op-Ed to Alaska newspapers describing Accreditation activities at UAA, and highlighting UAA strengths. (First of three letters, UAS is next.)

- e. FA recap on the BOR meeting and specifically discussed faculty concerns about the proposed BOR policy on administrative response to misconduct lacks a well-defined response following the three-year time limit (except that the President or a designee will determine the response). Perhaps this can be addressed in University Regulation?
- f. During the next Alliance meeting on 11/30 I will be in Gakona attending to the HAARP campaign as both Chief Scientist and as a scientist with experiments, occasionally putting out fires (both literally and figuratively) so may ask your assistance to chair part of the meeting.

15. Upcoming topics – All, 5 min.

16. Roundtable – All, time remaining

- a. Paul – There was a taskforce that was looking at placement for writing. Although we have a report from the subcommittee, there is still some differences in how these placed. Susan - There was a Learning Community created for writing placement. Good placement practice is an evolving art. There are already practices that faculty would like to put in place, but we need to have a communication process in place to keep these practices in alignment with the other campuses. Paul will dig up old information on the previous discussion. **Will put this on the next agenda.**
- b. Susan – GER regulations – Additional updates aren't posted. It is unclear of which regulations have been approved and sent through.
- c. Anupma – Has shared the Gateway portal with the Deans and Directors. This has gone a long way. This is only for general classes. There are students looking specifically for online classes. Could this be updated? It is not easy to determine distance programs. Also – Enrollment program underway and going well. Opportunities and barriers analysis was done. One of the barriers was that there are classes that could be bundled to create a certificate, but there is a process that makes this difficult. Paul – We have the power to write regulation. Anupma will look at regulations and NWCCC requirements then propose changes to the regulations and present it to AC.
- d. Priscilla – Community campus directors met and will be coming up with best practices to give each other ideas on instruction, recruitment, etc and will come up with a list as part of Strategic Pathways.
- e. Fred – There should be some regularity/cyclical basis, a review of the academic policies by this council. It may be something we should consider what the approach should be in reviewing and revising academic policies and regs. – **scorecard item**
- f. Larry – Apologizes for not having anything for the AC at the Summit Team.