

University of Alaska Academic Council Charter

I. Membership and Chair

- Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs (VPASA), University of Alaska (UA) Statewide (Chair)
- Provost, University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)
- Provost, University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)
- Provost, University of Alaska Southeast (UAS)
- Chair, Community Campus Directors Council
- Vice Chancellor for Research, UAF
- Associate Vice President, Workforce Programs, UA Statewide
- Associate Vice President, Student and Enrollment Strategy, UA Statewide
- Dean, College of Health, UAA
- Current Chair, Faculty Alliance (FA)
- Chair-Elect, FA
- Upcoming Chair-Elect, FA

II. Charter

- Mission – To foster University of Alaska’s delivery of high-quality, cost-effective academic programs that are readily accessible to students in Alaska and beyond, through appropriate policies and academic administrative procedures, collaboration, and review of academic program actions including new program approval, program reduction, and program discontinuation.
- Scope – Degree, undergraduate certificate programs requiring 30 or more credits, and graduate and post-baccalaureate certificate programs that are delivered by UAA, UAF, and UAS, either singly or in collaboration.
- According to University Regulation R10.02.020 Scope and Responsibility of the Academic Administration, the Academic Council serves to assist the VPASA in performing responsibilities listed in UA Board of Regents Policy P02.02.017 and P10.02.02.
- Goals
 - Work with Statewide and university governance, along with the Provosts, to implement new Board of Regents’ policies and regulations in addition to proposing changes to existing policies and regulations. Examples include General Education Requirements and placement for entering students.

- Through the president, advise the Board of Regents on policy changes and other actions to improve academic program quality, increase student access, increase university revenue, or reduce costs.
- Monitor Alaska's workforce needs and coordinate University program collaboration, development, or expansion to meet those needs.
- Develop and implement joint strategies, complementary to University strategies, to meet established enrollment goals.
- Respond to assignments of the UA Board of Regents and the UA President.
- Encourage and support inter-university collaboration and innovation.
- Authority and decision process
 - The AC makes recommendations via:
 - Unanimous agreement of the VPASA and AC.
 - Lack of agreement of the AC and/or the VPASA. In this case, the source(s) and nature of the dissenting views are discussed by the AC and provided with the recommendation.
 - Non-support of the action item. In this case, the source(s) and nature of the dissenting views are discussed by the AC and provided with the recommendation.
 - Implementation
 - For decisions that do not require Board or president approval, implementation requires agreement of all AC members. Decisions that do not have agreement of all members will be elevated to the VPASA for resolution.
 - If the action involves only academic affairs, the provosts will work with Faculty Governance and community campus administration, as required, to implement the decision.
 - If the action involves other functional areas, such as student services or administrative services, the proposed action will be reported to the Summit Team and introduced at other councils, as appropriate.
 - For all other actions, The AC makes their recommendation to the president or Board of Regents, depending on the level of decision, through the VPASA.
- Reporting – The VPASA reports to the UA President as the AC chair.
- Plan for interaction with other councils

- The VPASA is a member of the Research Council. This will support communication and coordination in areas of mutual interest, including graduate programs and engagement of undergraduate students in research.
- The three provosts, the UAF VCR, and the VPASA are members of the new Summit Team, and will regularly meet with members of other councils and will report major AC activities to them.
- The VPASA is a member of the IT Council. Per regulation R10.02.030 Systemwide Instructional Technology, changes to systemwide instructional technology must be approved by the AC. The AC will work with the IT Council on reevaluating existing technology, exploring other options, and making recommendations about changes.
- Sub-Council(s) – with the approval of the president, the AC may create sub-councils for specific system-wide coordination and policy/regulation development. These sub-councils will develop their own charters with across-system membership and work with other councils as appropriate. The sub-council(s) will report to the AC. Current sub-councils are:
 - E-Learning
 - Teacher Education
- Communication plan – Report to Summit Team via the council chair according to the established schedule. Report to the Board of Regents annually via the council chair on goals achieved and progress on remaining goals.
- Meeting Schedule – Monthly