

Academic Council Notes
August 12, 2021; 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Action/Business:

1. Approve [June 8, 2021 Meeting Notes](#)
 - a. If there are any questions or comments, please send the comments to Kelly.
2. Program Action Requests
 - a. [BA Early Childhood Education](#)
 - i. Denise was able to attend the Board of Education meeting with the superintendents in Late June. they basically walked through the semi-convoluted process they would need to go through to attain reaccreditation. It is a multi-step process. CAEP requires the university to have data on graduates before granting accreditation.
 - ii. Also going with a parallel track with accreditation through NAYEC, with an associate degree, which DEED had expressed their interest in, and has also been recognized by CHIA, a creditor of the initial licensure program.
 - iii. The proposal was shared with the ACEC committee. The committee is still focusing a lot on structure, so there was not a lot of opportunity to work on the program in detail.
 - iv. The faculty at UAS are very supportive of this program. There is the potential of funding. There were concerns at UAF about alignment, in the elementary programs and non licensure programs. Overall, UAS faculty support the program.
 - v. There is a document from UAF that provided feedback to include overlap of existing programs and transferability between the programs.
 - vi. UAS Provost's office is in support of the program. Steve Atwater and Mary Lou Madden are also in support. There are areas of overlap that would have been expected in any program. There are different audiences, so the program covers

a needed demographic. Paul will meet with Anupma to discuss this further.

There is a need to come to a resolution prior to taking it to the Board.

- vii. Maren would like to establish a practice of working directly with the Academic Council prior to sending anything to the Board, and only bring items to the Board that have been agreed upon.
- viii. Denise will provide a memo to the Board on the progress made to get to the agreement.

ACTION: Will move the PAR forward to the ASA Committee for approval, with Denise's memo discussing the incorporation of the feedback provided

3. Notices of Intent

a. [AAS Business Computer Information Systems - Suspension - UAA](#)

- i. Changes to business analytics and AI, so this program no longer meets the needs of the industry across the state. The college is working towards developing existing and new programs to meet those needs.
- ii. There are two very good AAS programs that are affecting more students.
- iii. The accreditor requires that they provide a teachout plan for any programs.

4. [P10.02 & R10.02.040 Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination - UAF School of Management](#) - Change - Paul

- a. Mark Hermmann provided an overview of the proposed change to the structure of the School of Management to the College of Business and Security Management, raising it from a school status to a college status at UAF.
- b. The Master's program has been in place for quite a while now and there has been no effect on the NPP or MBA programs.
- c. There are no administrative costs associated with this change, only minimal rebranding and printing costs.

ACTION: AC supports moving the proposed change to the ASA agenda

Agenda Items:

- 1. Faculty Governance Report - Jak, Gokhan, Heather

- a. Jak - Governance has been especially interested in the Faculty Initiative Fund and is working on the process. Had asked for the Administrative Review reports to be made public, and are awaiting the responses by the chancellors. Have received permission to look at two goals in the Goals and Measures document, academic excellence and continuing to have high quality research. Will be creating a faculty task force across the system, to be complete by midOctober for the Board. Will be meeting with the executive committee senate tomorrow. The faculty are concerned about the post-COVID workplace agreement and will be discussing the revision to the policy in their upcoming FA meeting.
 - b. Gokhan - UAA Faculty Senate worked on the Goals and Metrics document and will continue working on it. Faculty Initiative Fund - Discussed having an impartial committee formed. There will be discussions regarding how to divide the funds. Will make a decision in the next couple of weeks.
 - c. Heather - UAS have not expressed having any objections to FA disperse the FIF funds.
 - i. UAS will be voting for the next chair and will be final tomorrow at 1:00 pm
2. UA Press transition - Alex
- a. There was a change to university regulation. The UA Press has transitioned to a consortium with the University of Colorado. There will not be too much change in the day-to-day process. Employees may become UoC employees if they choose. Employees will maintain their physical presence at UAF. Under the agreement, production of books should increase from 15-18 books a year to 22-23 books a year. There will also be a couple of designated spots on the University of Colorado Press Board of Advisors for representatives.
3. ASA Committee [Agenda](#) - Paul
- a. [Accreditation Reports](#) - Reviewed
 - i. Regent Perdue has asked for a review of our policy regarding accreditation. The current policy is very brief and does not describe anything about what we normally do, which is reporting to the Board on the status of accreditation, or any other aspects of that.

- b. [Program Reviews](#) - Reviewed - Asked Mark Herrmann to be available for questions
- c. [Teach-Out Updates](#) - The Board wants an update on the teach-outs primarily from UAA and UAF, in regards to the discontinued programs.
- d. Tuition - flat across the system, with the exception of graduate programs at UAF and a surcharge to the SOM. Have not yet seen any proposals for changes for FY23, so tuition is only set for this AY. Will use the September meeting to set the stage for the November meeting.
- e. ACEC Committee - Update on where the committee stands with the liaison position. Continued discussion on the role the committee plays, and how the Academic Council wants to use the committee to vet the Education programs.
- f. Program enrollment - Where we ended up at the end of Spring compared to last year, and looking at Fall. We have been tracking the enrollments, which will be changing quickly as students start to register. We will provide an update on registration and enrollments in the Fall Semester.
- g. Academic Program Notifications - Provide a review of the program notifications we discussed today and at our last meeting.
- h. Did You Know - Critical Minerals - Video presentation of Critical and Strategic Minerals

ACTION: Paul is asking the provosts to review other accreditation policies in state policy.

4. Roundtable and future agenda items - All

- a. Paul - Pearl Brower has been brought on as a special advisor to the president for Alaska Native Initiatives. Will allow us to bring a lot of the issues to the fore.
- b. Priscilla - The Ketichikan is assisting with the sociology teachout at UAA. The Community Campus Directors Council has not been meeting and are really hoping President Pitney will move forward with appointing a chair.
- c. Susan - Update on midterm accreditation visit - report will be submitted not next week, but the week following. Going pretty well. The visit is 10/7-8.
- d. Teri - Working on a project to update the eligible training provider list and all programs on that list are tied to funding from that source. WE have a lot of programs on that list.

The DoL is using a new program to manage that list, which has created some additional administrative work. Ensuring as many programs that are eligible are on that list.

Hoping by early fall, that we will have it as up to date as possible. The more that are on it, the better it is for our students that need it. Looking at feedback from the TVEP process.

- e. Maren - Recommends disbanding the eLearning Council. The projects that have gone through eLearning can be evaluated by more targeted committees. Faculty are back on contract. Had convocation. Had a larger new set of faculty than in prior years. Chancellor Carey's husband passed last week. He was laid to rest today. She did start a memorial scholarship fund. Will return to Juneau today.

ACTION: Paul will send out a memo disbanding the eLearning Council. Maren asks that we invite members from the committees that are currently working on (eLearning working groups on the next agenda)

- f. Denise - Meeting with new faculty. Will have convocation next Friday. In the College of Business and Public Policy, have hired John Nocksinger as Dean, and in the College of Engineering have hired Kenrick Mock, and in the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Jenny McNaulty, who briefly served as Provost of the University of Montana Western and before that served as interim Dean at the University of Montana and Missoula Arts and Sciences. Will be launching searches for two other dean positions, Community and Technical College Dean and College of Health Dean.
- g. Alex - Nothing to add
- h. Kelly - Will be changing the September and December meetings to accommodate the Board schedule.

Action items from 5/13/21:

- FA to review the language of the "Accelerated Masters" and make recommendations

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 9th, 2:00-4:00 pm