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Academic Council Meeting Summary

November 17, 2017; 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Paul Layer, Duane Hrcir, Susan Henrichs, Karen Carey, Priscilla Schulte, Fred Villa, Jeff Jessee, Lisa Hoferkamp, Chris Fallen, Colby Freel (scribe)

1. Safety Minute – Saichi Oba

New guidelines on high blood pressure have recently been publicized. New research recommends that a healthy blood pressure level is even lower than previously understood. Saichi encouraged the group to familiarize themselves with the new guidelines.

2. Introduction: Interim VPASA Paul Layer – Saichi, 2 min.

Saichi introduced the new interim Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs at Statewide. Paul began his career with the University in 1989, and has most recently served as dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at UAF. He will be serving in his new capacity full time after December 31st. Paul thanked Saichi for facilitating this meeting.

3. Approve 10/20/17 meeting summary – All (attachment), 2 min.

The 10/20/17 meeting summary was approved without changes.

4. October 20, 2017 Action Item Update – Saichi, 5 min.

- a. ACTION ITEM: Colby will incorporate the new question into the PAR form. DONE.
- b. ACTION ITEM: Saichi will explain the changes to the PAR to ASA committee members. DONE.
- c. ACTION ITEM: Fred will provide the concurrent enrollment subgroup with a list of definitions for concurrent related terms. DONE.

5. Summit Team (ST): Academic Scorecard Update – Saichi, 10 min. (*attachment*)

Saichi reported that Summit Team recommended that the Academic Council (AC) score card conform to the other system council scorecards. Saichi discussed the addition of an “owner” column to indicate and track the work being done by the council.

Paul suggested that an “achievements” section be added to the score card to highlight important accomplishments of AC.

6. ST: Course alignment – perceived roadblocks – Saichi, 10 min. (*attachment*)

The academic council discussed that the biggest roadblock to collaboration is the class schedule between UAF (which has 60 minute hours) and UAA (which has 50 minute hours).

7. ST: Campus synchronous class delivery – All, 10 min.

a. Class duration

Susan reported that this issue had been brought to her attention by UAF College of Engineering & Mines Dean Goering and that the issue is currently being addressed by UAF Faculty Senate. If changed to 50 minute hours, UAF could align with UAA’s Tuesday-Thursday blocks.

- b. Teaching days (MWF or MW)
Susan reported that UAF favors a Monday-Wednesday-Friday (MWF) schedule. Duane Hircir informed the group that MWF schedule is an option at UAA and would provide more alignment between Engineering departments.

8. ST: UAA MPP/MPA program proposal – Duane Hrcir, 10 min. (*attachment*)

- a. New Program Proposal

Duane reported he understood that through the Strategic Pathways process, there were possible cost savings identified through an integrated MPP/MPA program. The cost savings could be realized through class crossover between the two programs. Additionally, ISER faculty members help the program meet the minimum faculty requirements for accreditation.

- b. Program review channels

Karen Carey expressed concern that the proposed program did not align with the direction established by the Board of Regents and the President. She also expressed concern that the MPA program would be in direct competition with UAS's efforts in this area.

Susan H. clarified that the review process entails discussion at the Academic Council (AC), then based on AC consensus moved to the Board of Regents Academic and Student Affairs committee (ASA). She further clarified that the proposal would need further approval from the President prior to appearing on the ASA agenda. However, the President may delegate that responsibility to the Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs.

Paul agreed that further clarification on the President's direction was needed and will discuss this with him.

ACTION ITEM: Paul will confirm that the MPP/MPA proposal is consistent with the President's direction.

- c. Program Inclusion in UA budget

9. ST: AK Native Course Inventory – Priscilla, 5 min.

Gary Turner suggested that a database be developed to catalog all AK Native courses offered at UA. He suggested that a standard form be developed to collect information about AK Native courses. Furthermore the group agreed that it needed to establish what data it needed to collect on this form and how to use it.

Priscilla Schulte pointed out that the SP charge included expanding collaboration with native corporations. After the database is developed, we should reach out to other organizations to further expand offerings.

10. ST: e-Learning subcommittee charge – Saichi, 10 min. (*attachments*)

Maintain decentralized structure while increasing collaboration across campuses through e-Learning consortium. Explore outsourcing selected programs to private partner.

Saichi reported that the e-Learning subgroup last met Nov. 6th and discussed the SP charges. The subgroup feels a concern about charge #1, in particular the second part of the charge: "Explore outsourcing selected programs to private partner." The subgroup feels that either it needs further clarification on this charge, or that the charge should be taken off their plate.

Karen reported that the idea of outsourcing is widely unpopular, especially among faculty. Susan responded by explaining that the limited outsourcing that is occurring at UAF involves contracting for specific services, and total outsourcing of programs.

Saichi pointed out, and the group agreed, that there is a stigma surrounding “outsourcing” and that in fact may not be an accurate description of what the group is being charged with. Perhaps there needs to be a conversation with the President regarding the intent behind the outsourcing piece of the charge.

ACTION ITEM: Paul will verify the President’s intent relative to the outsourcing of eLearning programs.

11. New program addition and discontinuations – Provosts, 5 min.

No program new additions or discontinuations.

12. New proposals for program suspension of admissions – Provosts, 5 min. (*attachment*)

UAA: AAS in Dental Hygiene

Duane reported that UAA is seeking the discontinuation of its AAS in Dental Hygiene. He explained that the program requires 90 credit hours, which is over the maximum credit level for an associate degree as established in BOR Policy. He further explained that the job market has a higher demand for hygienists with a bachelor’s degree.

13. Focus (Lumina Foundation publication) – Saichi, 15 min.

Saichi, referencing FOCUS a Lumina foundation publication, gave a brief description of the value of competency based education. He encouraged the group to familiarize themselves with this concept and keep an open mind about what value competency based education could bring to UA.

14. ST: Protection of Minors Regulation Update – Tim Edwards, 5 min. (*attachment*)

Tim reported that the regulations were approved and implementation has gone well at UAF, with some challenges to work through at UAA and UAS. Trainings will be held at UAA in March and at UAS in September.

15. Concurrent Enrollment Regulations Subcommittee Update – Fred Villa, 15 min. (*attachment re fees*)

Fred reported that Faculty Alliance (FA) had returned their feedback regarding the policy language to him. Faculty requested that the language include provisions that instructors meet the same qualifications as adjunct faculty and that courses may contain controversial subject matters. The subgroup will take up this issue again at their next meeting. Their goal is to have a final version of the draft regulations by mid-December.

- a. Integrated tech prep issues
- b. Terminology/definitions for tech prep, concurrent enrollment, and dual enrollment
- c. Variance of system fees/payment responsibility
- d. Protection of Minors

16. Faculty Alliance Update – Lisa Hoferkamp, 5 min.

Faculty has recently discussed GER alignment and BlackBoard issues. FA will be conducting a morale survey in January. Lisa would like to arrange a meeting to discuss relevant issues with Vice President Layer.

17. Upcoming topics – All, time remaining

Saichi asked that recommendations for certificate program discounts be discussed at the next meeting.

18. Roundtable – All, time remaining

11/17/17 ACTION ITMES

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ACTION ITEM: Paul will verify the President's intent relative to the outsourcing of eLearning programs.