

Academic Council Agenda

October 19, 2018; 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Safety Minute – Paul – It will be slippery tomorrow with the snow, drive and walk with care.
2. Approve 9/21/18 meeting notes – All, 2 min. (*attachment*) -
3. September 21, 2018 action item/regulation implementation update – Paul, 3 min. (*attachment*)
 - a. Clean up the scorecard – projects – academic programs – GER requirements
4. AC Scorecard updates – Paul, 5 min. (*attachment*) – We tried to clean it up last month. It was discussed at Summit team. UAA is still working on the MPA/MPP program. – John – Stalled in progress due to the new director search. E-Learning sub-council – didn't meet last time because of travel.
5. UA Regulation R.04.04.070 Emeritus Status & R04.07.095 Staff Emeritus – Paul, 10 min. – Paul is requesting suggestions from the council. Susan – Had no comments or concerns. Chris – Since it was driven by the staff, they didn't want to comment. Emeritus status for faculty being revoked was not a popular item with the faculty. What constitutes an “extreme” event to cause revocation. ACTION: Paul/Kelly will send UA Regulation R04.04.070 Emeritus Status & R04.07.095 Staff Emeritus to GC for review and recommendations.
6. Common Calendar – Approval Process – Paul, 10 min. – We have a common calendar that has been approved by the FA for 2020, 21 and 22. It still needs to go to other governance groups for a timeline. Once complete, they will send it to the president and then on to the Councils for approval. Paul – It has been vetted by faculty. Now pass to president for approval and distribution. The finance side of things, the fee payment, UAF and UAS have identical fee payments. Myron is going to talk to Beverly and the other campuses about whether we can align some of the fiscal dates. John – We should try to make that happen. It just adds confusion if students are trying to take classes in multiple campuses. Saichi – This was why the board asked for the common calendar. Do we get the dates common by this calendar, or should it be for next fall. Paul – Get this calendar out now (academic) and get the fiscal calendar out by next fall. Paul thanks Chris and the FA for putting this together. We did get 2 years out and would like to get on a regular cycle to get ahead of the next calendars.
7. Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment – Paul, 10 min. Anupma – Six attendees from UA attended the Vertex conference. It was very informative. There are a lot of different terms and business models. Teri also added her notes. Key message – The whole nation is going with

concurrent enrollment. Indiana or Illinois made it a policy that the universities were to offer classes. There were different issues that cropped up in different cases. Some students were finding problems with financial aid and grades by the time they graduate high school. Paul – Sen. Gary Stevens (Kenai) is interested in having a hearing about middle colleges and dual enrollment. The president is meeting with him today to work through these ideas. Saichi – Understands that we don't want the state to create policy. Karen – This becomes a matter of funding. Does not want the legislature to come down on us and force a one-size-fits-all model. Paul – We need to work with the senator to provide many models to provide flexibility. Saichi – The Mat-Su model is coming straight out of the school district. The money is a per-student allocation carved out for the middle college. Karen – We need to have enough students to make it worthwhile to do. We need to have the population and SE does not have the population. Anupma – Not all school districts are not willing to do the same. Paul – Smaller districts do not have the flexibility to fund these programs and enrollment would be small. ACTION: Provosts – What are the campus policies and procedures for teaching dual enrollment classes for instructor approval? ie: The equivalent of a masters degree, etc. Karen – At UAS, the faculty vet the high school teacher and they must have a masters degree. Paul – Do the community colleges follow the same policies? The approval is the responsibility of the faculty, but need the criteria. We cannot hold a high school teacher to higher standard than we do our adjuncts. Anupma – Do the teachers get credit for years of experience teaching a particular class at UAS? Karen – No, this does not count at UAS. Saichi – Is there a way to expand this? Paul – This feeds back to accreditation, but we need to first inventory our process. Fred has provided a document “What we know about dual enrollment”. Kelly will send to the group.

8. Ted Stevens Legislative Internship – Paul, 5 min. – President Johnsen charged Paul with creating a working group looking at increasing the profile, funding and participation of the program. Amy Lovecraft was on from UAF, Karen from UAS. Anupma – URSA at UAF has a network of undergraduate body. The program is only currently used as a capstone for the political science degree. Paul – Would like to see this expanded across other degrees, such as Arctic studies.
9. Alcohol Policy and Regulation – Paul, 5 min. – Not discussed at this time.
10. World Building – Paul, 5 min. – There is a designed website being completed at this time. The president does not want to release it until its completed. The president wants this to be aspirational. What does this mean and how do we get there? It will be coming out in the next few weeks.

11. UA Gateway update – Saichi, 5 min. – We have been working for 3 weeks now with the new company. The implementation team has been working. Phase 1 is the first 90 days. The board will be shown a presentation on an update. They are trying to establish a domain name. Academy one will block off the domain for building upon. Be creative, bold, suggestions are welcome.
Chris – suggests Alaska.edu
12. EAB implementation and future considerations – Saichi, 5 min. Client lead sessions, Alaska Contingent – each campus updated where they were. Fairbanks still has some questions. They are holding off implementation. Fairbanks and SE are still interested in going with Campus. The Governance model was discussed – Individuals from around the system sits on a team and makes recommendations about what is needed. We have had a small working group to report back on how things are moving forward.
13. ALEKS update – Fred, 10 min – The intent was to have no more than 3 meetings so we could hear from faculty without bogging them down. Issues were student accounts expiring before they completed the developmental part before they could test for placement. Also, do more research about proctored and un-proctored testing placement. One recommendation is to try to work with Enterprise Services – if a student’s placement score was more than 12 months, then that score should not be valid for placement. They did want to keep it open so they could continue to develop. Because those instances are not perceived to be excessive, they have agreed to do this for no extra cost. If there was additional need for testing, they can also un-pair the records and move forward at no extra cost. If the numbers were in the thousands of instances, it would then be considered for fee. Each university has an account. Each campus pays for their use. Anupma questions if the accounting is internal. Was not sure if it was slated to be cut from the UAF funds last year during the budget cuts. If ALEKS placement is expensive, proctored ALEKS placement would be even more expensive. Fred – It was discussed in the committee and found that it was necessary to have proctored ALEKS placement and recommends to the Council to continue. Karen – Proctoring is very difficult in the remote communities. Fred – The recommendation from the committee was that the council create a subcommittee of faculty to look at the math placement to see if it is effective and how to make it more uniform across the campuses. The committee would like to be empowered to make decisions. Anupma – Suggested possibly electronic proctoring, having a web cam to monitor the activity of the test taker. Karen – Accuplacer is now requiring anybody who proctors one of their tests needs to be able to pass their proctoring test at 100%. Fred – Many options that ALEKS provides are expensive because they involve human involvement on their part. Anupma – Another faculty member called her

with a concern of this being an additional hurdle to cross for students and could be a deterrent to coming to UA. Karen – UAS is changing their policy to allow students to register prior to taking the ALEKS placement so they can get the student into the system first. ACTION: Paul is empowering the subcommittee to conduct periodic reviews of the math placement students and to assess the process. (scorecard) Saichi – UA has allowed so much to be backed up to the start of a term that it has become a detriment to students. This committee has the potential to improve the student success rates by scaling back some of these hurdles. Anupma – Are there any hurdles being identified with other universities? Fred – It is definitely coming up geographically, but the same problems are coming up nationally.

14. eLearning Subgroup Committee update – Karen C, 5 min. - Has nothing to report this month.

Paul – Owen will be on the eLearning subgroup.

- a. eLearning Charter – Paul, 5 min. – The president has the charter, but has not had a chance to review it. Will need to place this on next month’s agenda.

15. Faculty Alliance update – Chris, 5 min.

- a. Faculty Initiative Fund – Chris, 15 (*attachment*) – Paul – We would like to get the FIF RFP out sooner to have more time to gather and review proposals. Chris – The easiest change would be the timeline. Stretching out the timeline, keeping everything within the school year and within the faculty’s contract time. Proposal guidelines – During the review process, there were different size proposals for requests. It was difficult to evaluate large next to small. Propose to create 3 different tiers and have the faculty choose which level they are going to submit to. Up to \$10,000 with 10 awards, etc. Also, lengthened the project duration from 1 year to a 12-24 months. Adding a different category, Innovative Research, Scholarly endeavors, seed money, add – projects that show partnership between the community and university. Following this, they would like to work on the evaluation process and get a better handle on this. Anupma – Suggests saying “about” or “up to”. Maria – \$5,000-20,000 tier 2 amounts. Paul – Duration – Having a 12-18 months. For a Tier 2 to have 12 months of funding. For a Tier 3 to have a single event or a month of funding. ACTION: Paul will talk with Geoff Bacon to see what the time limits are and what is in the CBA, and Myron to see if the funds are able to be carried forward. Tier 3 does not necessarily need to have a shortened period. The Word doc has been sent to everyone. ACTION: Paul requests that everyone send recommendations to Chris by early next week. ACTION: Kelly will get the submission site set up. Anupma – Questions if we could focus evaluation on the areas of crime and

justice, energy and health care, based on the research needs of state? Proposed timeline – 2/1/18 to submit, review period at end of March. Announcement 5/1/19. Paul – Supervisor approval – Does this become part of the workload? Did this have to go through the sponsored programs office? Anupma – Only have Tier 1 proposals to go through OGCA. Maria – The budgets had varied so widely on the proposals. Would not like to put so many restrictions on these that it deters people from applying. Karen – The most important parts are the collaborations that come from these proposals. Kelly – A common question that came across the desk was how many proposals could be submitted per person.

16. Upcoming topics – All, 5 min.

17. Roundtable – All, time remaining

- a. Priscilla – Has been thinking about concurrent/dual enrollment – Will be having their CCDC meeting 10/31/18. Paul – The Summit team had a question about some of the discounts and how they have been working. Although our overall enrollments have dropped, some of the enrollments have grown in a few courses. A topic of conversation coming up is going to be whether this should be extended. A lot of the numbers are showing overlap.
- b. Karen – Working on accreditation every minute she gets.
- c. Maria – Nothing for the council. In the future, would like to discuss international students paying out-of-state tuition.
- d. Chris – Will talk about the RFP at the board meeting, sent a thank you note to Dan Klein. There is some confusion on the misconduct policy and the review period. Travel regulation and processes – mandated use of the portal and card. Reviewing bylaws – timelines about agendas needing to be out 10 days before the meeting, but they meet every 2 weeks. Also trying to recruit faculty interested in serving on system wide committees.
- e. Anupma – The UAF alcohol and firearm policies are online. Paul – Saichi is helping to prepare another presentation to the board on alcohol and firearm policies. Anupma – Will answer questions. They are also working on the pet policy, presented by student affairs.
- f. Saichi – No updates. Student services council meets every 4th Thursday of the month.

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