

Academic Council Notes
February 10, 2022; 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Action/Business: (0:00)

1. Approve [January 13, 2022 Meeting Notes](#) (0:26)
 - a. Recording: https://media.uaf.edu/media/t/1_mvifxafy (no passcode required)
 - b. If there are any questions or comments, let Kelly or Paul know.

There are no items for approval for this meeting. If there are items for the June BOR meeting, please make those available at the March AC meeting. UAF has a combined UAS/UAF MMP degree in the works. March meeting - develop agenda items for the June BOR meeting.

Agenda Items:

1. Faculty Governance Reports - Jak, Gokhan, Jennifer (3:36)
 - a. Gokhan - Faculty senate provided their final comments on the Goals & Measures document and they are wondering where it is at, at this time. Administration asked them to reactivate an existing Faculty Senate committee. There may be some interest across the system regarding this committee's work, institutional and unit leadership review. Additionally, there has been some discussion about having a similar committee at the Faculty Alliance level.
 - i. Paul - At UAF there are standing committees that review senior and mid level administrators on a regular basis.
 - ii. Denise - Had approached the committee that had been on pause and was wondering whether Deans should anticipate reviews in the future. Due to leadership changes, it had fallen off the radar and was inactive for a few years.
 - b. There is a FS Resolution (020422) regarding the recent announcement from the BOR Chair regarding the removal of the term "interim" from the Interim President's title.
 - c. General Council - Student voluntary and involuntary leave has been discussed by the FS E-board. They are requesting more time for discussion, review, and feedback
 - i. Rachel Plumlee with General Council has told Paul that the document is still in development and is not ready for "prime time".
 - ii. Anupma - Asks for the document to be sent back through for review again.

- d. Jennifer - UAS FS just approved a new BA in Indigenous Studies. They are going through the no-cost course for marking, which is progressing, for courses that have no textbook costs are indicated on the course catalog. The Research Committee asked that we change the name of the Faculty Excellence award from Excellence in Research to Excellence in Research or Creative Activities.
- i. Anupma - UAF uses the term Excellence in Research and Scholarly Activities.
 - ii. There are 15 Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity (URECA) awardees.
 - iii. There are provost candidates on campus interviewing at this time.
 - iv. Question: Is anybody else revising the tenure and promotion rubric to reflect some of what came from the ANSI report - integrating ANSI suggestions.
 1. Anupma - Much of the criteria that was suggested is within the units that offer Indigenous programs. Those units have their own unit criteria. It is not the general university P&T process, it's the unit criteria that will need to be revised and updated.
 2. Denise - College of Arts and Sciences updated their faculty evaluation guidelines in January, which may be reflective of the ANSI suggestions, but will need to verify.
 3. Paul - Is there college/school/discipline specific criteria, or is it all of UAS with the same unit criteria?
 - a. Maren - It is all of UAS.
 - b. Jennifer - There is a scholarship of teaching and learning matrix rubric, and then a research and service matrix rubric in the handbook.
 4. Paul - Is UAS considering a resolution similar to UAA in regards to the proposed presidential appointment.
 - a. Jennifer - They are in discussion and in the middle of voting. More will be known tomorrow.

DISCUSSION: (16:17) Next Friday afternoon is a meeting of the BOR Governance Committee chaired by Regent Hughes. They want to have a discussion about the proposed motion. They have invited the governance leaders to talk about some of the concerns coming from the groups. Any motions passed to the Board prior to that meeting would be helpful for them. The student group is also working on a couple of resolutions looking at the process, but it is difficult

for the CSL to meet quorum. UAF FS had a resolution earlier this week. The FA meets tomorrow. The System Governance Council will also be meeting tomorrow.

2. Update regarding discussions with K-12 superintendents on spring break - Provosts (19:38)
 - a. UAS - Has not reached out to the school districts. - Calendars have never been aligned due to the Sitka, Ketchikan and Juneau school districts being extremely late.
 - b. UAF - Anupma has reached out to the FNSB school district. The calendar is already set for us for the next few years. The first year is definitely out of sync, and there are issues with further years. The FNSB has to go through their own process.
 - c. UAA - Denise has not had this conversation because the calendar has already been set and approved.
 - d. We are ahead of local school boards in setting our spring break calendars.

ACTION: Paul will report back to CCC that there are no changes to the calendar due to the school districts being behind us in planning.

3. Board of Regents planning (23:30)
 - a. Academic and Student Affairs agenda - Feb. 17 - The agendas are going live this afternoon.
 - i. Fall Enrollment Report - Take a look at the fall closure numbers and where we are with the programs. There will be questions from the Board about the enrollment. A spring summary had been sent to the Board on 1/13, and an update on spring enrollment numbers will be going out in the next day or so.
 - ii. Report on Transfer of Credits from other Alaska Institutions - Each of the universities provided some data on transfers. When we look at transfers from other non UA institutions, there are approximately 40 APU and 15 Iñisaġvik students per year that transfer into the UA system. The other 'Big 2' nationally accredited institutions are Charter College and Alaska Career College. There may be questions about which programs are drawing the most students. This was not broken down in the report. There have been several conversations with Alaska Christian College in Soldotna regarding students that have transferred into UA, approximately 4 per year. When we look at this, it is not a large number, but it is important and has gotten a lot of attention through ACPE. This will just be an update stating that we have an articulation agreement.
 - iii. [Academic Program Teach Outs](#) will be a standing item on the agenda until the programs have been taught out.

1. Denise - Would like to acknowledge the work that Susan and Maren and Alex have been working with faculty on how those courses would go and it is a collaborative effort.
- iv. ACEC update - There is a meeting this afternoon with the chancellors and provosts about the liaison position. There has been some discussion regarding the enrollment numbers of the total enrollment, graduates, and initial licensure programs.
- b. Tuition ad hoc committee - Next meeting Feb. 18
 - i. The topic is going to be focused on student enrollment management and how we look at recruiting and data driven decision making.
- c. Board of Regents
 - i. Presidential appointment - Will be a major part of the discussion.
 - ii. Did You Know - Drones (for Feb 24 BOR meeting)
 - iii. Goals and Measures - Action item - There are 31 measurements looking at the goals we want established. There are 1 year and 3 year baselines for the measures and the universities have been asked to provide us with 5-year targets. The focus is to roll university information into the system level goals. Gwen is still working on the list of high demand jobs, in teaching, health and overall, and getting some baseline numbers on those high demand jobs.
4. Legislative update (34:08) - [pending legislation](#)
 - a. HB 132 has not moved.
 - b. SB94 still has not moved.
 - c. SB32 - Moved out of the State Affairs committee and is now in Rules committee. May be moving towards the floor at some time. The operating budget is the current priority.
 - d. SB36 - Stalled in House Education and has not had a hearing yet.
 - e. HB21 - Moved from House Education into House Finance, which is still dealing with the budget.
 - f. SB146 - Has not had a hearing. Most likely not going to go anywhere. We are already complying with the spirit and letter of the proposed law, making the law unnecessary. We already post the cost of textbooks, and developing more low-cost and no-cost textbook opportunities available to the students and making them known.

- g. Budget - From the capital budget side, how is the deferred maintenance going to be handled. There was talk of a geobond, but that most likely is not going to happen this year. We are not expecting deferred maintenance to be on the general obligation bill.
 - h. There were some presentations to House finance talking about the drone program, critical minerals and heavy oil recovery. The small nuclear reactor technology hearing was postponed due to so many budget issues coming up.
5. [R04.07.095 Emeritus Status, Staff](#). Proposed changes (38:48)
- a. We went through a process of creating a process for emeritus recognition of staff. In the process, some language got pushed around. The first sentence of “C” may imply that other staff are not eligible for emeritus recognition. To make it consistent, the language was changed. There was also a proposed edit to change the six month prior to retirement date deadline to three months before retirement date.
 - b. It will go out for comment and review to the governance groups through the regular review process.

ACTION: Move regulation through to governance groups for consideration and comments

6. Possible modifications to [P10.03](#) for revocation of meritorious service or honorary degrees (42:25)
- a. A question that has been raised by UAS is, can they be revoked? There is already language for the emeritus awards, but not currently for meritorious service and honorary degrees. This would go into Policy because the Board awards these. Paul would like this to be ready to go on the June Board agenda.
 - b. Shaping Alaska’s Future is the official policy of the university. This has been in place since President Gamble. We may want to bring this up for future consideration.
7. Roundtable and future agenda items - All (49:10)
- a. Priscilla - Paul Craft is the new chair of CCDC. The topic of free community college has gone away, so that discussion is done. Paul - Encourages them to have a meeting this spring and invite the president. There is a new director at Kuskokwim.
 - b. Anupma - Owen Guthrie is now the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and Jen Peterson has taken the place of Interim Executive Director of UAF eCampus.
 - c. Maren - Midcycle review is scheduled for April 14th and 15th. Midcycle report is due on the 28th. They do not know if it will be virtual or face-to-face at this time. Hopefully after submitting the report more information will be available. Paul - asks Maren or

Karen Carey to provide the dates so we can provide a notification to the Board of this review.

- d. Denise - Continued to progress in searches for director of the School of Education, and Deans of College of Health and Community and Technical College, but Director of the School of Education has been delayed due to additional applications. Co-Chairing the search for VC Student Affairs. Review of applicants will begin on Monday.
- e. Susan - Nothing to add.
- f. Gwen - Working on the goals and measures. Sending out the smaller items first.
 - i. Anupma - What is the date their part is due? Paul - Thursday at the latest.
- g. Paul - Upcoming meetings - as programs are approved, bring them up to this committee as soon as they are available so

ACTION: Move March meeting to the 17th due to Spring Break.

Action items from 12/15/21 and 1/13/22:

- Develop regulation associated with Policy [P10.02.070 Accreditation](#) - Working Draft Doc - [Regulation](#)
- FA to review the language of the “Accelerated Masters” and make recommendations (from 5/13/21 meeting)

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

- Dual Enrollment - Age requirement - elementary school students
- Shaping Alaska’s Future is the official policy of the university. This has been in place since President Gamble. We may want to bring this up for future consideration.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 17th, 2:00-4:00 pm