

Academic Council NOTES
March 17, 2022; 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Action/Business:

1. Approve [February 10, 2022 Meeting Notes](#) (00:42)
 - a. Recording: https://media.uaf.edu/media/t/1_nglkx0o0 (no passcode required)
 - b. If there are any changes to the notes, please let Kelly know.
2. [P01.02.060 Shaping Alaska's Future](#) - proposed deletion (01:34)
 - a. There is a request to the governance groups for feedback due back April 15th. Once the feedback is obtained, is there any objection moving this forward to the chancellors and president for their comment and review? No objection received.
3. [P10.03.020 Honorary Degrees & P10.03.030 Meritorious Service Awards](#) - Proposed changes (02:46)
 - a. Proposed change gives the Board the ability to revoke any honorary degree or meritorious service award in the case of behavior that may be damaging to the university.
 - b. Issue raised (UAS) - Can wording be made to clarify posthumous revocation situations. Paul will get clarification on revocation. (05:24)
4. Program Action Requests (05:50)
 - a. [Interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts](#) - Deletion - UAS
 - i. Was suspended about a year ago after a faculty review. Some of the courses that were unique to the program were not offered, there have never been any students admitted, and this will not eliminate any faculty positions.
 - ii. The deletion was requested after a faculty review and the Faculty Senate at UAS has reviewed the request.
 - iii. Will be moved forward to the ASA Committee for the May 26 meeting. Kelly will work with Maren on the paperwork for the ASA committee.
 - b. [Bachelor of Arts Indigenous Studies](#) - Addition - UAS
 - i. [CourseLeaf Indigenous Studies, B.A.](#)
 - ii. Passed through the undergraduate curriculum committee and faculty senate this year. Was shared with provosts Runge and Prakash.
 - iii. UAA - has no objections

- iv. UAF - has no objections
- v. Recommended to move to ASA committee - Faculty of the Alaska Native serving programs meets and converses regularly across the system. The UAA Alaska Native Studies department is extremely supportive of this. There are requirements for 2 Alaska Native languages that are particular to the Southeastern region.

DISCUSSION: MMP - It is working through the UAF curriculum progress, meeting next on March 21st. At UAS they have rescheduled their graduate curriculum meeting to follow if the degree is approved at UAF. The degree is set up at UAF. They are hosting the degree. If the approvals occur, the graduate committee will review on the 23rd and then faculty senate on April 1st, then on to approval with the Board.

Agenda Items:

1. Faculty Governance Reports - Jak, Gokhan, Jennifer (18:35)
 - a. Jennifer - Congratulations to Maren on the position of Provost. The FA is meeting for a retreat in Juneau this weekend in person. Will meet with ANSI leaders to work on Alaska Native Success Initiatives and items related to that.
 - b. Gokhan - UAA FS passed a resolution regarding the events taking place in Ukraine and Russia to provide support and ask the administration to see how we can best help the situation with regards to the refugee crisis.
 - i. The chancellors and president had a conversation. We have one student in our system from Ukraine and eleven from Russia. We have a large population of researchers, faculty and staff that have ties to Russia. There was discussion about how to provide support for those who have families in Russia or Ukraine. Chancellor Parnell is taking the lead on what we can do for students.
 - ii. There is another initiative out there regarding providing support to Afghan refugees.
2. Update regarding discussions with K-12 superintendents on spring break - Provosts (27:09)
 - a. Nothing new to report - there has been a small amount of discussion.
3. Board of Regents Review of February meetings (27:43)
 - a. The president has been appointed. There was a lot of sentiment raised by the governance groups regarding the process of appointment.
 - b. ASA - nothing pending for action items for the board.

- c. The AdHoc committee on Tuition is meeting next Thursday at 1 pm and will be discussing “following the money” (where does tuition money go and how is it used at each university). The VC’s for administration services and students are working on presentation data. Chair Davies prefers to clarify policy as opposed to rewriting policy.
4. Legislative update - [pending legislation](#) (30:32)
- a. A big one for Education is SB 225 licensing teachers. They are still writing the rules allowing districts to hire outside teachers at a lower level of rigor than they are requiring of UA teachers.
 - i. ACEC meeting today - there was discussion on the testimony that was given to the senate education committee. Districts are desperate for teachers but turning to out of state programs is putting UA in an awkward position.
 - ii. Amy Vinlove spoke with the senate education committee. That was well received. She did bring up some of the needs of how to move forward.
 - b. The textbook bill (SB 146) is still in committee and is doubtful that it will get through both houses before the end of the session.
 - c. HB 21 (faculty addition to BOR) is still floating around the house.
 - d. The accreditation reporting (SB 36)- Paul testified to the house education committee- it is not clear where it will go at this time.
 - e. Faculty regent bill - Passed out of house education. Was in house finance, but they are working on the budget. They are now working on the capital budget. Unsure of whether it will move to the floor or not.
 - f. Regents - There has not been any announcement of who the new regent will be. We are assuming Regent Spencer’s nomination will be brought up for a vote soon.
5. Workforce Development Update - Teri (37:20)
- a. Teri’s email update:
 - i. The UA Workforce Committee met on Tuesday to review the FY23 TVEP Requests from across the system. Following their review and discussions, they made recommendations to fund \$5.3 million in requests to support workforce programs. The recommendations are being reviewed by each university to ensure they reflect what the committee recommended and then will go to the president for consideration and approval. We plan to announce FY23 awards in April to assist with planning in advance of the new fiscal year.

- ii. Mariculture partners at each university participated in the Economic Development Administration Build Back Better grant application that was submitted by the Southeast Conference on March 15th. If successful, there will be approximately \$10 million to invest in mariculture programs to develop this emerging industry.
 - iii. The chancellors identified points of contact at each university to coordinate hosting resource tables at Senator Murkowski's upcoming Grants Symposium on April 11th (Kelly has link to share). The goal is to highlight how programs across the university system are positioned to support the workforce needs related to federal infrastructure funding. There will also be a workforce strategy session on April 12th to look at what the infrastructure and related workforce needs will be and explore how we can link, leverage, and align regional partnerships to address these needs. University participation is encouraged.
 - iv. Since you'll be at the Innovation Summit, I'll leave it up to you if you want to share how they integrated the workforce with the economic needs.
 - b. Innovators Hall of Fame and the Innovator Summit - focused on workforce.
 - c. Teri participated in a panel on how partnerships can develop. They discussed how partnerships across different entities are ways of building up networks and understanding what the labor market looks like. President Pitney was talking today about some more workforce related efforts that are being done.
 - d. On Tuesday the workforce committee met and went over the TVEP requests and prepared draft recommendations to fund about 5.3 million in requests for workforce programs. That was the target amount we set. Still unsure as to the amount we are going to receive for TVEP. The mariculture partnerships at each university are participating in the economic development administration build back better grant that was submitted by the southeast conference on March 15. That would be a \$10 million investment for the mariculture programs if it's funded through the Build Back Better program. Senator Murkowski's grant symposium is on April 11th.
 - e. On Tuesday, Paul was invited to be on a panel focused on how to engage the National Labs and form partnerships with minority serving institutions.
6. [P04.04.070 Emeritus Status](#) - proposed changes regarding retirement (45:55)

- a. This would be a change to the language of the term “retirement”. It would allow the chancellors the ability to support the nomination of someone who has not really retired.

DISCUSSION:

- Gokhan has talked with the eBoard and they do not have any problem with the language. Any changes that may affect faculty would go through the governance groups.

7. [R04.07.095 Emeritus Status, Staff](#) - proposed changes (54:45)

- a. Language changes.

DISCUSSION:

- There is still work to be done to better define non-academic employees.

8. Roundtable and future agenda items - All (57:36)

- a. Denise - A new degree proposal for BA in communication at UAA.
- b. Alex - UAF has 3 grad certs awaiting the chancellor's signature.
- c. Maren - No new degrees. JEDC Conference is in Juneau this week and the Mariculture Conference is April 12th-14th. There was a failed search for the Education Director. Will be reposted.
- d. Priscilla - The Community Campus Directors have not met yet. There was a change in time. Kelly will look into it.
- e. Gwen - Would like to add to the next agenda - Goals & Measures to update targets and how they are counted over time. Asked if anyone has a preference for what the cycle should be and formalize a predictable process.
- f. Denise - [Women's history month](#) series of events.
- g. Anupma - Comment on honorary degrees and meritorious service proposed changes- what if it's posthumous - will the next of kin be notified and addressed. Yesterday there was a meeting on the workforce needs in the finance sector and how the university can meet those needs. The zero cost and low cost textbook bill has been getting more traction. Chad and Sara are working with the staffers on this and have expressed concerns over it being too restrictive and there are additional cost concerns. There are some discussions over negotiated regulations from the federal side (VA benefits & financial aid). There is concern about the legislature's actions and attitude regarding reciprocity certificates. Common Calendar - contract dates - the start of the semester classes is at the start of a pay period and not in the middle of a pay period as it

traditionally is. This is creating challenges because the university needs to bring the faculty on contract ahead of time.

- h. Jennifer - Nothing to add
- i. Gokhan - Nothing to add

Action items from previous meetings:

- 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 (5/13/21 meeting)

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

- Dual Enrollment - Age requirement - elementary school students

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14th, 2:00-4:00 pm