

**Notes**  
**Academic Council Agenda**  
**January 14, 2021; 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Ayden entered the meeting at 12:43 to test controls.

Recording started @: 2:02pm, stopped 3:55pm

Sent for review:

**Action/Business:**

1. Approve [December 10 Meeting Notes](#)
  - a. Please send corrections to [ewharris@alaska.edu](mailto:ewharris@alaska.edu)
    - i. Brief overview of minutes.
    - ii. VP Layer spoke with Regent Purdue that the December Notices, and she has some concerns.
      1. Coordination and undue duplication/competition.
      2. If Faculty come on board, are there issues with tenure regulations?
        1. This is taking what we already have and repackaging it in a way that we feel will help students be successful. In some cases duplication is necessary - easy of student entry into programs.
        2. Able to get certificates in and out, and more expedient, this improves Alaska's workforce.
        3. Not adding faculty or facilities where they live. In this case, it is important that we are flexible in our offerings in short term certificates and aas programs. Leadership of Universities should be informed of expectations and trusted to carry it out.
        4. Needs based and responsive programs, programs of less than 30 credits that do not replace other programs. Council reviews are valuable in this process.
        5. In community campuses, they are tailoring programs to their communities.
  - b. Question regarding <https://distance.alaska.edu/programs/> , who owns this site and who is updating it? Having this information not synced up is difficult.

- i. eLearning council has received a lot of praise on this website.
  - ii. Will need to be looked into.
- c. Question - My Future Alaska contract is coming up. My Future UA update?
  - i. No update, contract due in October. VP would like to have a conversation with Provosts and Chancellors on this.
  - ii. Request to add My Future UA to next agenda.

## 2. Program Requests

- a. [BOR Program Action Request - Discontinue Education Para-Professional AAS - UAF CRCD](#)
- b. [BOR Program Action Request - Discontinue Education Para-Professional Certification - UAF CRCD](#)

- i. Provost Prakash: Programs have had no enrollments and have been discontinued since 2013-2014. No students or faculty associated with program, and is really a house keeping item. Approval has been given across the board.
  - ii. Jak Maier, Faculty: Concur with Provost Prakash
  - iii. VP Layer will move forward with review and will aim to get them on the next ASA agenda 2/18/2021. Move forward as Ad Hoc, if there are no objections provided to VP Layer my Wednesday, 1/20/2021, COB.
    - 1. ASA Agenda should be set by one week prior to the ASA meeting.
      - a. If 7 days are not enough to submit changes to ASA agenda, then the meeting should be scheduled out at least 10 days out.
      - b. Date will be looked at, and we will see about shifting the meeting. Ayden will review scheduling. Typical scheduling is pushed up one week this year.
      - c. Agenda items requested in advance of meeting.

## 3. Notices of Intent

- a. If any

## Agenda Items:

1. Faculty Governance Report
  - a. Heather: FA is concerned about the lack of a Student Regent. Students have stepped up to represent the student body, but they have a non-voting voice. FA is involved with administrative review at SW. Meetings posted for faculty reps on SW and University teams. Shared Drive was created at the request of Jak so that all four Administrative Management Review committees have access to data from the other committees.
    - i. Student regent - Legislature failed to confirm in their abbreviated session. Deadline was extended in November; they failed to confirm any nominations. Governor waived nominations. He could choose a prior nomination - two students were nominated and Cachet Garrett was selected, but the other student is still eligible. This lies with Gov. Office. Only recourse that could be seen was to get an ex officio member so that the student voice is heard. VP Layer met with CSL and asked that they provide at least 2 nominations per University to put forward to Gov.
  - b. Jak: Have been involved with Alaska Native Student Success Initiative. UAF also has expedited academic review this year.
  - c. Gokhan: UAA has put together a committee for a permanent Chancellor.
    - i. President is moving quickly to have a new Chancellor on board by summer to get them ready for Fall semester.
2. January 15 Board of Regents agenda
  - a. [SB241 Education Report](#) (attachment)
    - i. Look back-report over the last two years. Not a progress report. Required by law and will be presented.
    - ii. Language concern over reporting frequency. This will be pushed back on, as the reporting is very frequent.
  - b. [Alaska Native Success Initiative](#) (attachment)
    - i. President Pitney will give a report on this. We are putting together a page that will be housed on the president's page. It will house studies, progress reports, etc. Will go live very soon. High priority.
      1. Equity in the system and the need to do something about this in our student, faculty and staff bodies.
    - ii. Screen share: Review of BOR agenda
      1. Advocacy presentation - accomplishments, advocacy powerpoint (please review)
      2. System office presentation.
      3. Alaska Native Initiative Goals

4. Land grant
5. Challenges put out to the Athletic program for fundraising to maintain. Will review.
6. Feb meeting will be the business meetings.
7. Faculty was reached out to and they wanted to get feedback on extending the President's contract for another year.
  - a. Reasonable President search takes at least a year. Pitney's original contract was for 12-18 months, but it has been 6 months at this point. Concern about

### 3. February ASA and BOR planning

- a. "Did You Know" presentation on Health programs
  - i. Alum to be interviewed by Jeff, Paul will present growth reports and some additional accomplishments.
- b. Additional Items on Agenda:
  - i. Mission statements
  - ii. UAF graduate degrees on atmospheric science
  - iii. "Did You Know" presentation on Health programs
  - iv. Program assessment
  - v. Items brought up today
  - vi. Moderate dive into a summary of fall enrollment from an enrollment, credit hour and revenue standpoint.
  - vii. Student services - follow up on COVID challenges from fall and as we move forward
  - viii. Alaska college of education Summit
  - ix. Health program presentation
    1. Different from "Did You Know" presentation on Health programs
- c. Additional "Did You Knows" for fisheries and research were suggested.
  - i. Please send additional topics to Robbie Graham [rlgraham3@alaska.edu](mailto:rlgraham3@alaska.edu)
- d. Does ASA ever receive just a written report, or are the presentations required?
  - i. We could potentially introduce this to the board.
- e. Timeline in response to UAF Expedited Review - ASA needs to establish a timeline. Meeting has not been scheduled.
- f. The House and Senate are not organized at this time. A lot of these conversations have not started yet. The education discussion historically took place in early March.
- g. Dual Enrollment - DEED has requested a notification be sent out through their CTE listserv so they know who to contact. This has been sent in the fall and

spring in case of changeover. If there is any feedback on language and revisions, please send to Teri Cothren.

#### 4. Workforce Reports - Teri Cothren

- a. One last report to post, we are expecting the aviation report next week. Once we have these posted, we will begin the communication plan.
- b. Documents to be updated every two years (next is 2022) to update information current. Positive feedback has been received. If there are other programs or areas we should highlight, please submit those ideas.
  - i. Please note that programs should be workforce relevant and have an active enrollment/graduation rate.
- c. Communication plan should be distributed for review next week.
- d. DOL Dan Robinson is planning to share these national colleagues.
- e. Updates should reflect accurate salary and graduations rates. Salary gaps may need to be separated further than they are currently listed on page 5.
- f. Is there a way to discuss with state agencies their data and how they are collecting it?
  - i. There is opportunity for these kinds of discussions.
  - ii. IR is always working with DOL on this data. If there are concerns or errors in data pulls, please contact Gwen.
    1. New wages every quarterly by DOL.
    2. Wages are not being counted for unemployed students.

#### 5. UAS and UAA mission statements

- a. UAA Update
  - i. Mission statement is approved and ready for consideration at system wide level.
    1. VP Layer would like this committee to review it, as well as to the President after it is approved by the Chancellor prior to it being sent to ASA. Wil need to come through AC at the next meeting.
- b. UAS Update
  - i. Voting will happen tomorrow, and should be expected next week.

#### 6. Accreditation/Planning

- a. Semi-annual reporting does not make sense. Will push back on the report to the legislature as it is very in depth in reporting requirements. This data is already provided on an annual basis.

#### 7. Teacher Education Summit report

- a. Yesterday was a follow up meeting. 3 working groups

- i. Coms & marketing
    - ii. Structures and Pathways
    - iii. Roles & Responsibilities
  - b. Can we push this at the Feb meeting, or do we need more time to push structural and policy changes?
    - i. UAA - Concerns about pulling this unit out and away from the amount of support it is able to receive. Staffing is an issue
    - ii. UAS - Education is the primary college and is very significant and should be its own unit.
    - iii. UAF School of education is quite large, so staffing is not an issue
    - iv. VP Layer will follow up on what we want to put forward. If structure is going to be changed, the Board needs to be involved, as they were in favor of current structure. Do not expect this to be a fast moving issue.
  - c. Educational landscape and Board landscape changes.
  - d. Have not heard from the Governor's Office on selection of new regents. Regents serve officially until Feb 1st, or until new selection.
  - e. UAS Juneau received a donation of \$1 million.
    - i. This should be addressed, and the public should be made aware of what is happening. There is the potential in Juneau that people will be upset by lack of transparency. Past Chancellors have been informed that UAS will not be Alaska College of Education.
      - 1. Agreed. UA needs to be open.
  - f. Thompson LLC procurement process was wrapped up today. On board to put together an advertising campaign and to put together a website. The pathway and structural pieces are in process, but there is a lot of discussion that needs to happen. The sooner that this can be made official the better.
8. eLearning Council update - Maren
- a. Meeting last month. Extended the timing of meeting to allow the subgroups to get together Next meeting Feb 2.

- i. Subcommittees - Online program inventory, and two others (add from transcript).

9. Roundtable and future agenda items - All

- a. Priscilla - Community Campus Council - Good meeting with the President about the value of the community campuses. There was discussion about double appropriation for community campuses. It was more a meeting where different campuses were addressing issues that were important to them. President will be meeting with and speaking with community campus directors.
- b. Proposal for domestic maritimes centers of excellence has been submitted. Includes several community campuses and coastal communities. The designation application was submitted in December. There is no funding tied to this currently, but may be used as leverage. Partnering with AVTEC and planning a press release with a 5 year action agenda to guide work. (add this documentation from Teri)
- c. Anumpa - Atmospheric Science Program was initially put for discontinuation. There was some pushback, so there was a request to pull this back. The Dean of CNSM put together a committee to look at the structure and needs of the program. Earth SYstems science task force was created. A white paper has been drafted - Earth System Science Graduate degree with four pathways. Faculty have discussed this and stakeholders have been involved. Faculty senate will be brought into the process and this will be presented at the next Academic Council meeting to be presented at ASA meeting.
- d. Action items -
  - i. timing of next Academic Council meeting before ASA to give enough time to review materials.
    - 1. Doodle poll - Looking at Feb 8-11 send out to AC members.
  - ii. Website will be looked into
  - iii. VP Layer will discuss Did You Knows with President
  - iv. Dual Enrollment reporting
  - v. SB32

Adjourn at 3:55pm.

Roll:

1. Anumpa Prakash
2. Denise Runge
3. Paul Layer
4. Priscilla Schulte
5. Jeffrey Jessee
6. Steve Atwater
7. Karen Carey
8. Maren Haavig
9. Gwen Gruenig
10. Teri COthren
11. Heather Batchelder
12. Gokhan Karahan
13. Jak Maier
14. Susan Kalina
15. Alex Fitts