

Draft Academic Council Notes
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Action/Business:

1. Program Action Request -
 - a. [UAA - BBA in Business and Data Analytics](#) - Susan and Denise presented on the program; it is built around a similar core of courses that all BBA students take that cuts across the various areas of business. It doesn't exist anywhere else in the State and it's a mix of synchronous and asynchronous delivery. There is no anticipated use of general funds to teach the program and will utilize existing faculty and funding. It will generate revenue through tuition. There needs to be a correction in section 6 Student Tuition and Fees and Section 7c. Where it states Funded through new internal UA university redistribution. They will update the information and get that back to Paul. We will work on redesigning the form after the August Board meeting. The program action form attachments was shortened to include necessary information for the Board.
 - b. [UAA - AAS in Veterinary Technology](#) - Susan and Denise presented on the program; UAAs Matsu College Campus has a veterinary assisting program. This program bridges the gap between the existing veterinary assisting program and the veterinarian program at UAF. Veterinary techs are an important component in the care of both large and small animals, and are much sought after in the industry. One has to graduate from an approved accredited program in order to get the program accredited. We have to have certain things in place and well established prior to being allowed to admit our first cohort of students. It will take time to coordinate seeking and receiving accreditation after we get approval from the Board. We will eventually need to hire an additional faculty member and that's all documented on the PAR form. It's a cohorted program with 16 students admitted the first year and 16 students the second year. It's limited based on the accreditation and the size of the facility and faculty. There was discussion and the question was asked by Paul, if a student takes this program from UAA, would any of those courses ladder into a BA program at UAA, like life sciences? Denise said she can talk with the College of Arts and Sciences, but that she thinks few of them would. Paul agreed that these classes are very specialized. The purpose of the AAS program is to give students a very intensive program to get the student into the workforce. Denise will follow up with Carson just to have the conversation and prepare for the Board meeting.

2. Board of Regents request for approval of a [UAS Accreditation Substantial Change - Outer Coast College \(Draft\)](#) - UAS is helping Outer Coast College pursue accreditation. They will temporarily move under UAS's accreditation until they can pursue their own standable accreditation. A memo will be submitted to the Board in August to request support of the relationship so that UAS can submit a substantive change proposal to the NWCCU. It will be one degree; a 2 year AA degree. What about the competition between Outer Coast and us? That is a different experience than a UAS student. The Outer Coast students could potentially move on to pursue UAS degrees. It's a pathway to grow UAS. It's a niche program offered for Alaskans. Denise suggested a change in language to state that UAS is seeking the Board's approval for the concept and upon approval, the ALO will submit a substantive change request. NWCCU has been consulted and outlined the next steps in the process. Paul Kraft commented that the two campuses working together is a good thing and not in direct competition with each other. Our hope is that some of the students remain and finish a degree with us.
3. Board of Regents request to change Policy 10.02.040 Academic Units for UAA College of Health - Currently, we have a huge number of specialized programs, most of which all of them having specialized accreditation. It's an administrative burden. We want to have School of Allied Health, add a new School of Justice and Human Services, School of Nursing, add new School of Preventative and Therapeutic Sciences, Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies (14.40.088), School of Social Work, and WWAMI School of Medical Education. This would take the School of Justice and Human Services and School of Preventative and Therapeutic Sciences from programs to schools. This essentially breaks out the School of Allied Health into these 2 units. It has the support of the Dean, the Provost, and the Chancellor. All 3 will be Action Items for the Board; does anyone else have any action items that we need to discuss. There was none. We can look at the PAR forms in the long term. The Board needs to know that due diligence has been done on any new program requests.

Agenda Items:

1. Faculty Governance Reports - Jennifer Ward, Jennifer Carroll, Jackie Cason - Jennifer Ward and Jackie Cason met with Paul and Pat last month and will meet again in August. There is a search committee for the ANTC Lead. Jennifer and Paul will follow up on how GERs can transfer back and forth between universities in an easier manner. Regent Purdue wants us to reiterate the fact that these transfers happen for the new Regents. Courses were aligned where practicable.
2. Upcoming ASA and BOR meeting, August 30, 31 - The meetings will be in Juneau. It will be a busy time with the first week of classes and Labor Day weekend. The ASA will be a longer meeting. Accreditation reports and program review reports. GER course transfer overview. Enrollment numbers. Student system modernization update from Ben Shier. Teach outs. No notice of actions this time. If anyone has something they need to add, let Paul know. Tuition increases at the November meeting for Fall of 24.
3. Roundtable and future agenda items - Teri, TVEP, is going through a legislative audit right now. Hoping TVEP will be reauthorized. Dept of Labor pathways to infrastructure grant and UA pulled off an

application to help with workforce development, broadband, and renewable energy and transportation. Alaska State Broadband Office put up a website supporting workforce development. Content will be loaded there to communicate the status of the workforce development plan. Senator Murkowski announced today the Alaska Infrastructure Development Symposium is scheduled for September 25-27, 2023. There were vendor opportunities last time for the Universities. Alaska Municipal League is hosting it because a lot of infrastructure funds are going to tribes. The universities send recruiters and Alaska 529 also had a table.

Gwen - entering that time of year when all of the Federal reporting kicks off again. The audits will be in Anchorage and they have 2 days of meetings.

Paul Kraft - CCDC - They are inviting the UA Senior Administration President and Vice President. They are in the beginning stages of planning that meeting. They are gearing up for the new semester. Enrollments were strong even though it was early.

Maren - Nothing further to report.

Denise and Susan - Nothing further to report.

Anupma - waiting for her staff to return back on campus. They want to talk about AI and ChatGPT and decide on how to have some guidelines. It's not going away so how do we provide guidelines for students? When staff are back on contract, they will have conversations about it. Alex Fitts retired and Trent Sutton has started.

Action items from previous meetings:

- Develop regulation associated with Policy [P10.02.070 Accreditation](#) - Working Draft Doc - [Regulation](#) - we have a process and procedures and Paul will check into it and bring that back to the group.

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

- Student Leave of Absence Policy - There is a committee working on this and will be refined and presented at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: TBD