

Draft Academic Council Notes
November 16, 2023; 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Action/Business:

1. Program Action Request -
 - a. [UAA - Suspend Master of Science in Global Supply Chain Management](#) - This is a notification only.

Agenda Items:

1. Faculty Governance Reports - Jennifer Ward, Jennifer Carroll, Jackie Cason
 - a. Jennifer Ward - UAS, They are looking at ways for faculty to be involved in evaluating our administrators. Her report to the BOR, she spoke about student success, faculty workloads, and tenured track faculty. She expressed support for the UA Scholars program and expanding it.
 - b. Jackie Cason - UAA, resolution on the floor to renew our Carnegie designation as a community engaged campus, and a resolution on our idea survey. Continue to align with BOR policy to measure or make an argument on teaching effectiveness, addressing affordability through tuition cost, books, and fees. They are looking at various ways that their programs could be involved in supporting the Alaska Long Trails Project.
 - c. Jennifer Carroll - UAF, They have been working with mid-level administrative departments to come and talk with the faculty senate to expand and improve relations. They have been looking at updating the PI policy and other areas of concern for the research faculty. They are working on academic integrity issues. They are also looking into AI and using a measured approach and would like a faculty symposium with AI as a topic.
2. November ASA and BOR agenda items
 - a. Roadmap to Empower Alaska - There were some slight modifications to the original goals. It was some rewording and addition of goals. They are seeking feedback. Paul shared the Regents' priority strategies for FY24 and the timeline.
 - b. BOR passed the operating and capital budget with some modifications.
3. Roundtable and future agenda items - All
 - a. Paul - APLU Meeting, They attended the awards ceremony for Courtney and the Tamanta program. It was a fantastic video and well received. Two main topics of discussion were about AI and the other was Student Success. The AI discussion brings about concerns for security and

the debates about how to harness the tool for academic benefit. Another question raised was about academic integrity when using AI. This technology challenge is something that needs to be looked at and how to teach faculty and students how to appropriately use it.

- b. Teri Cothren - They have worked to partner to increase funding for students. The Dept of Education is looking to invest in a pilot program for career guides. Workforce Innovation Funding through the State of Alaska Department of Labor Job Centers. The university is working to increase programs on their list. Discussion about programs and funding that the University is working on for workforce development. Some concerns were raised about gainful employment requirements and the ability to adequately comply with the requirements with limited staffing. Teri shared information on Ukrainian refugees and how to integrate them along with other refugees into the workforce by providing the training and education needed. Strategies shared on how to do this were presented.
- c. Paul Kraft - CCDC meeting 3 weeks ago. They discussed celebrating successes, things they had in common, and the challenges they faced and strategies to resolve them. They met with university leadership; President Pitney, Paul Layer, and Michelle Rizk. They discussed how to add value to the work being done and how to tell the story to the Board of Regents. It was a positive and invigorating experience. They are considering a spring retreat and inviting provosts.
- d. Charlene Stern - UAF CTC is still looking for a new dean and the deadline is December 28th.
- e. Gwen Gruenig - They are working on UN Review Books coming up in January or February. The IR staff worked on the development of this data. They are doing a printed copy as well as electronic. They are working on team code, data which is related to grants and sponsored programs. If anyone is interested in more information, contact her and she will fill them in.
- f. Maren Haavig - They have a few key positions under recruitment; Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, Ketchikan Campus Director, Director of Alumni Development, and a Director of Research and Sponsored Programs. They are working with the Gardner Institute transforming the undergraduate experience; this is a 5 year commitment.
- g. Trent Sutton - They are also working with the Gardner Institute and in the process. They are in the midst of program reviews, they are initiating process mapping or process improvement in two areas, specifically how they interface with programs that specialized accreditation and program teachouts. A year ago they refined their indicator methods. They have 4 board categories; student success, research, workforce development, and DEI. They are in the process of disseminating the data and will create dashboards for those and set up for the site visit. They will have reports prepared and shared out.
- h. Susan Kalina - They sent staff to NWCCA. They have a couple of programs coming up that they are hoping to have at the February Board meeting. There are more that they would like to get

to the May/June Board meeting. There is a notice of temporary suspension due to faculty retiring and they are in the process of rehiring.

- i. Anupma Prakash - They attended the NWCCU and had an opportunity to share to the roundtable.
- j. Paul Layer - They have an RFP out for upgrades to our data warehouse, including visualization and tools. They had 16 proposals and the directors have been reviewing them. They will be sorting out the top 3-5 and get some demos to show the products.

Action items from previous meetings:

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

Next Meeting: December 14, 2023; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.