

Academic Council Notes
March 23, 2023; 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

January Recording and Meeting Notes:

Recording: https://media.uaf.edu/media/t/1_9cvyezge (no passcode required)

[Notes](#)

Action/Business:

1. Program Action Request
 - a. [UAA - Dietetic Internship Graduate Certificate program discontinuation](#) - There were changes to the specialized accreditation that the program needed to prepare for, the Board has been informed, and this program has been taught out. The faculty asked for the program to discontinue and to have it removed from the catalog.
 - b. [UAA - Speech-Language Pathology Assistant AAS program addition](#) - There is a huge need for speech language pathology in Alaska. The proposal builds on our existing strengths. There is some general fund, reallocations, and expected tuition. We expect 2 FTE's for the program.
 - c. [UAA - Undergraduate Certificate in Outdoor Leadership program addition](#) - This is a new certificate program; \$188,000 allocated but doesn't show tuition recovery. It draws exclusively from existing and routinely offered course work required in the Associate Applied Science and Outdoor Leadership; it's a bridge program where students can earn credit and then move onto the associate degree.
 - d. [UAA - OEC Marine Natural Resources Technician](#) - This occupational endorsement will be delivered at Prince William Sound and builds off of current programming. It's an in-person, hands on program and they hope that it can expand to different campuses and regions as it develops.
 - e. [UAA - OEC Gerontology](#) - UAA has been doing grant funded work in this area and will be housed in the Health Sciences Dept. and be a mix of in person and online modality. This will be utilizing existing UAA courses and reduces the fiscal impact. There is industry demand for this certificate.
 - f. [UAA - OEC Event Projection](#) - UAA had to close the BA degree in Theatre, but there is a need for people with technical skills to support theater productions. UAA works with the industry to create a small subset of technical theater courses that could be restructured into this occupational endorsement certificate. The industry wanted this to resemble an apprenticeship or internship program where they could have current employees learn and get better on the job; this meets a local standard.
 - g. [UAF - Aerospace Engineering BS program addition](#) - This proposal is for a BS in Aerospace Engineering and is building on the success of a Minor that we currently have that has over 100 students enrolled. There is demand for this program, particularly in the area of unmanned

aerial systems. This would be located in the College of Engineering and Mines and there is expected growth in this field with job growth for future graduates. There are 3 concentration tracks; Aeronautical Engineering, Space Systems, and Unmanned Aerial Systems. This program will need two new Faculty hires. We received \$200,000 from the Governor's Initiative to help fund this and in time, the projected revenue from the tuition will also offset program costs. Paul will bring this to the Board of Regents in May.

- h. [UAF - Climate and Environmental Change BS program addition](#) - Biological Sciences brought a proposal but has participation and input from a number of different departments and programs. There are 4 concentrations; Environmental Earth, Science, Physical Processes, and Sustainability. They would use existing faculty and coursework and combine them into a program that is attractive to students who are interested in climate change. The budget request includes a half time coordinator for the program. Climate Change is a strength for UAF and will connect our Climate Scholars Program which is very successful. There are 350 applications for students who said that they are interested in the Climate Scholars program. Discussions surrounding the process for creating and ending programs were discussed. This program went through an expedited review process and has been vetted by staff. It fits into UAF's focus on climate change.
 - i. There was some policy and regulation discussion surrounding program action requests and the need to keep everyone in the process adequately informed. This was tabled later in the meeting.
2. Approval of the Academic Council Charter:
- a. [AC Charter - DRAFT](#) -
 - b. [AC Charter - Clean copy](#) - Academic Council Charter membership and chairs announced. The scope of the Charter was discussed about delivery of high quality programs to review that require 30 or more credits; these need to go to the Board. The other programs are more informational and then assist Paul in reforming duties as outlined in the policy and regulation. There was support to move the Charter forward with no objections and this will be passed onto the President as the Academic Council Charter.

Agenda Items:

1. Faculty Governance Reports - Gokhan Karahan, Jennifer Ward, Jennifer Carroll - Gokhan reported that there was nothing to report from the UAA side but that the Faculty Alliance had a report from their retreat this March 7-8, 2023. They had national speakers on Academic Independence, Freedom, and Shared Governance, and had sessions with President Pitney. They discussed DEI and how to bring it into their PNT Processes. They had questions about who was being considered for the Executive position to replace Pearl Brower. They met with 11-12 different representatives and got to honor some Alaska Native Corporations for their investments in higher education. UAS Glenn Wright didn't have anything

from the Faculty and stated that they are happy with their new Chancellor and wanted to thank President Pitney.

2. R05.10 Tuition and Student Fee regulation revisions
 - a. [Copy with tracked changes](#)
 - b. [Clean copy](#) - proposed changes to University Regulation regarding tuition and fees. The Board approved the policy back in November and Paul has been working with a team to draft what needs to be in regulation and clarify the Residency requirements, regarding time of residency of 12 months, Residency requirements, and then exceptions and surcharges. The Residency requirements are based on the State of Alaska's PFD program. The exceptions were for active duty members and the children of personnel who died in service to our Country. That's something that is being addressed including the 529 plan loophole. The concept of a surcharge is being eliminated and tuition will be listed as Resident or Non Resident.
3. Discussion of Academic Program review process - Paul covered Academic Program Integration Policy that the Board wants to see. The timeline for integration or program deletion was discussed.
 - a. [Policy and Regulation 10.04.020](#) -
4. CCDC Spring meeting report - Paul Kraft - CCDC folks met on March 7-8, 2023 at UAA. They also had a TVEP planning session that 11 people attended. Four topics covered the following day with 15 in attendance: Teri, Gwen, and Andrew joined to lead conversation in creating a brochure . They wanted one story and voice for this. They talked about UA providing workforce development and the importance of that. General enrollment is up and progress has been made in digitizing programs. A barrier to serving their mission is space. The current economy was another topic because it's been hard to hire specialty program faculty and staff; we can't compete with what is being offered in the industry. We also lack uniformity in dual enrollment across the system. DEI is another subject that needs to be addressed. The next meeting will be sometime in October. Paul Kraft talked about improving the lines of communication and Gokhan suggested that they can improve with outreach from the Faculty Alliance to the Community Campuses. They want improved collaboration.
5. Roundtable and future agenda items - All - Did you Know for the Board of Regents; emphasize non degree certifications, OEC's workforce and certification level programs and courses. Emphasize what we've done and what we are doing now. The OEC's at UAA are timely and responsive to community needs. Things like apprenticeships and other licensure type programs that we are conducting and other information that the Board needs to hear about for the next Board meeting in June. Get the key points to share with the Board and the State. We want to consider picking a pair; employer and graduate to tell their stories to give it a personal touch.

Action items from previous meetings:

- Develop regulation associated with Policy [P10.02.070 Accreditation](#) - Working Draft Doc - [Regulation](#) -

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

Discussion of Academic Program review process

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13th, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm