

## Statewide Academic Council Summary

September 16, 2015, 10am-12pm Glacier View Room

Attending: Dan White, Karen Schmitt, Cecile Lardon, Priscella Schulte, Karl Kowalski, Susan Henrichs, Helens Wisniewski, Saichi Oba, Paula Cullenberg, Tara Smith, Fred Villa, Sam Gingerich, Jill Riddle (note taking)

1. Safety-Dan White- Risk communication and transition
2. Review of summary of the 07.30.15 meeting-Dan White- Attachment
  - a. July 30 Action Item Update
3. Policy and regulation revision
  - a. P10.04.100-Academic Calendar-Proposed Regulation- Attachment- Saichi Oba  
The highlighted portion of the definition will be removed from the policy. Also, a change from “may” to “will” in the second sentence. There were concerns in part B. of the proposed regulation about specialized programs. It is suggested the second sentence should include “under the Chancellor’s implementation.”

ACTION: Dan and Sachi will work to address part B of the regulation

4. New Programs proposals and deletions
  - a. AAS in Marine Transportation at UAS will be forwarded for review by the Academic and Student Affairs committee at the September BOR meeting
5. Faculty Alliance Update- Cecile Lardon  
They are currently prioritizing their direction for this year. There are no specific projects at this time.
6. FSMI Update- Fred Villa and Paula Cullenberg  
FSMI is a collaborative of UA, the maritime industry, state agencies and legislators. They share information through the workforce development plan and responding to the needs of the industry and providing research. UA is improving and developing new programs to provide training and education to build a skilled workforce for Alaska’s maritime industry. UAS Ketchikan was awarded a \$6.6 million Title III grant last year for their technical center. 1/3 of the FSMI related programs have e-learning components. Almost 1200 degrees were awarded in the core program between 2010 and 2014.
7. Common Calendar Update- Saichi Oba and Susan Henrichs
  - a. Fee Payment-Michael Ciri is leading a committee on fee payment
  - b. Discussion of modified course block plan- Attachment-Susan Henrichs  
Provost Henrichs created a spreadsheet containing course block alignment examples. She states her faculty would like some alignment but it is impossible to

align all the course blocks. Dan White suggested fifty percent or at least some portion of alignment in the common calendar. UAA would like to see 7 am and 12pm starts. Most feel the real issue will be trying to sync without limiting options to students. There is also concern that upper level classes will be slammed together. The summer schedule will not have a common calendar at this time. The common calendar should be reassessed in a few to see if alignment is beneficial. The BOR does not vote on the course block arrangement only the policy.

ACTION: Susan Henrichs will send a version of course blocks to Saichi Oba to be reviewed by the Common Calendar Committee.

8. Concurrent Enrollment- Attachment- Dan White

General Counsel is concerned the reference to high school students could be considered discriminatory. The committee discussed their concerns for unqualified students or even elementary and middle school students registering for courses. Placement standards often take care of qualification during enrollment but there are a few vocational courses, such as welding and language courses that would be an issue. Students need to be placed in appropriate level classes. Tara Smith voiced some concerns. The suggestion was made to add the word “appropriate” to the second line of the policy. The sentence would then read: “The university encourages appropriate concurrent enrollment and will establish standards and expectations for the University System in University Regulation.”

ACTION: Dan will add the word “appropriate” to the proposed policy before the meeting.

9. College Readiness definition- Dan White

The State Board of Education needed this definition. At this time, the Board will not be voting on it.

10. Learning Management Systems

The learning management system provides support to classroom and online instruction. However, very few classes are using Blackboard. It was discussed how blackboard could/should be implemented across the system. A suggestion of having a minimal requirement for the faculty to list their syllabus and grades was made. Blackboard has been found to be most beneficial to freshman level courses. The Faculty Alliance will look into how and if the faculty are using this learning management system.

ACTION: Susan will clarify the verbiage on the role of the Faculty Alliance in this project. Dan will send the draft as modified by Provosts to Faculty Alliance for consideration.

11. Program presentation to BOR ASA Committee Program-Attachment-Dan White  
The Regents want to know the costs of delivering the programs.
12. Follow-up from Best and Associates, e-Learning-Dan White  
Best and Associates is an e-learning contractor. They believe they could generate more revenue than our current system because they serve a mass market. They would receive half the profit. This might not be a good fit for UA. There would have to be many changes made to the current system. There is concern that a change to serve a mass market could affect the quality of UA's mission to serve Alaska. Best and Associates did not follow-up with e-learning programs outside of UAF.
13. Non-credit course recordkeeping- Karl Kowalski  
Every campus is doing non-credit courses differently. There is a need to create a single, simpler solution. Karl's presentation demonstrates how students can register for courses in a way that is similar to shopping online at Amazon.com. The user creates an account and sign in and will have a shopping cart for their selections. This should be production ready by November and available for use by the spring semester. There is discussion about how students who do not have access to or knowledge of computer use will be able to register. There must be a person to help students register. Also, are non-credit course considered to be more of a service?
14. Review of guidelines for inter-institutional communication update- Saichi Oba  
Saichi spoke to each of the campuses and they are following the guidelines and principals as far as they are aware.
15. Providing Assistance to NWCCU to expedite review process-Attachment  
Dan suggested that this is a Provost issue and can be addressed outside of SAC.
16. Plus/ Minus Grading- Enright Inquiry Follow-up- Dan White  
It is found to be an advantage/disadvantage to a very small number of students. Any changes that could be made would also create equal disadvantages therefore it is a wash and removed from the agenda.
17. Discussion of Student Satisfaction Surveys- Dan White  
UAF and UAA currently use Nessie for their surveys. It must be decided by September 25 whether to continue with Nessie or not. UAF is open to continuing use of Nessie or use a new survey. The challenge is the surveys are only conducted every 3 years. There is discussion on whether to continue the surveys or stop to save money. It is pointed out that the surveys are part of a report the Vice President must present to the BOR.

ACTION: UAF and UAA need to determine what they will use as their student satisfaction surveys.

18. SAF Theme 5- Accountability to People of Alaska-report November BOR

19. INFO ITEM: December Board of Regents' meeting

- a. Policy Revisions
- b. New program proposals or deletions
- c. Affordability and tuition setting report
- d. E-Learning report
- e. Student surveys and satisfaction
- f. SAF Theme 2- Productive Partnerships with Alaska's Schools

20. Future Agenda Items-Next meeting- October 15; 9am-11am, Audio

Meeting Adjourns at 12:15pm