

Statewide Academic Council Summary

October 15, 2015

Attending: Dan White, Karen Schmitt, Cecile Lardon, Priscella Schulte, Susan Henrichs, Saichi Oba, Sam Gingerich, Jill Riddle (note taking)

1. Safety- Dan White
Campuses need to be aware of export control and complying with the International Trade and Arms Act. Faculty and students often transport data and instruments to other countries for research but some of those items can be problematic because of their other uses. Ignorance of the laws is not an excuse or option.
2. Review of summary of the 09.16.15 meeting-Dan White
 - a. September 16 Action Item Update
Item 13, Non-credit record keeping: UAA and Karl Kowalski have been in email contact with each other to discuss their concerns. Accounts receivable is concerned about the handling of the money when it all goes into the same account. UAA Finance does not want to use Lumens.
3. Common Calendar Discussion
 - a. Saichi sent a common calendar AY2017 draft via email during the meeting with proposed dates. The fee payment date has been deferred to business officers for review. UAS typically runs on a 15 week schedule while UAF and UAA use a 16 week schedule. Fairbanks and Anchorage are unable to fit a 15 week schedule because of their breaks and holidays. The draft is a working model and yet to be reviewed by Chancellor Caulfield. The contract time for faculty will also have to be adjusted.
 - b. The common calendar course block alignment was discussed with the Summit team and they do not want 50% alignment but rather creating opportunities for some portion of alignment. SAC members support a test or pilot alignment. They would like students to be able to take advantage of courses without causing too much disruption or losing other class time. The BOR needs more information to support testing the alignment.

ACTION: SAC and the Faculty Alliance support a course alignment window or portion and want President Johnsen to present it to Chair Jo Heckman and the BOR.

4. UA Learning Management System
Which LMS the campuses are using is not an issue. They all seem to be okay with Blackboard. SAC continues to discuss if the faculty should be required to use it or not. Cecile Larden raised the issue that because there are so many changes happening with the faculty already, making Blackboard a requirement will hurt morale. The committee wonders whether or not it is a problem for students if the faculty uses it; and if usage is required, how much and who should enforce it. After much discussion, SAC concludes it is not a good idea to make it a requirement. There is support to keep the first four paragraphs of the LMS document draft. It may fit in with policy.

ACTION: Dan will check policy for the regulation which it would belong. The fourth paragraph will read:

As technologies and pedagogies change there will be a continuing need for the UA system to revisit which LMS optimally meets the needs of students and faculty at our three universities. Initial discussions about any changes to the LMS should originate with the Statewide Academic Council. The SAC is made up of both faculty and administrative leaders who- together with IT leadership- can develop a process for reevaluating the existing LMS, exploring other options, and making recommendations about changes.

5. Concurrent Enrollment Policy-Dan White

Steve Atwater has some additional recommendations based on feedback he received. They are not fully developed at this point but wants to discuss them at the November meeting.

6. Faculty Alliance Update

The Faculty Alliance is waiting for more information from the BOR as to which direction to focus upcoming projects. Summit Team is currently setting up four tiger teams in response to the Regents request for information. The teams will be GERS, Teacher Education, Developmental Education, and e-Learning. They will have one statewide leader chair and also include faculty representation. Areas to be addressed by these teams are cost, goals, recommendations and SACs role in each of these areas.

ACTION: Dan will email SAC who is on e-Learning DecBOR report team

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

Dan has received contributions from the campuses and is working on finalizing his presentation for review by President Johnsen.

8. INFO Item: December Board of Regents' meeting

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

9. Future Agenda Items-Next meeting- November 12, 9:30am-12:30pm, Audio

Meeting Adjourns at 10:26