

MINUTES (Revised 2/7/2011)
UAF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #171
Monday, December 6, 2010
1:00 p.m. – 3: 10 p.m.
Wood Center Ballroom

I Call to Order – Jonathan Dehn

Faculty Senate President Jonathan Dehn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call for 2010-11 Faculty Senate

Members Present

ALLEN, Jane
ARENDR, Anthony
BAEK, Jungho
BAKER, Carrie
BARBOZA, Perry
BARTLETT, Christa
BROCIOUS, Heidi
CAHILL, Cathy
DAVIS, Mike
DEHN, Jonathan
DEHN, Lara
GANGULI, Rajive - audio
HANSEN, Roger
HIMELBLOOM, Brian - audio
JENSEN, Karen
JOLIE, July
JONES, Debra (Leif Albertson)
KADEN, Ute
KERR, Marianne - audio
LARDON, M4 au

Members Present (cont'd)

ROBERTS, Larryaudio
VALENTINE, Dave
WEBER, Jane (Cindy Hardy)
WILSON, Timothy

Others Present:

Linda Hapsmith
Mike Castellini
Lillian Misel
Michelle Bartlett

Members Absent

ANGER, Andy
DONG, Lily
FOWELL, Sarah (Fall Leave)
HOCK, Regine
HUETTMANN, Falk (Sabbat.)
ZHANG, Xiong

Non-voting/Administrative

Members Present:

Brian Rogers
Susan Henrichs
Dana Thomas
Anita Hughes (Assoc. Registrar)

B. Approval of Minutes to Meeting #170

The minutes were approved as distributed.

C. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

II Status of Chancellor's Office Actions

A. Motions Approved: None

B. Motions Pending:

1. Motion to Approve the DANSRD Unit Criteria

2. Motion to Specify the Minimum Grade for Baccalaureate Core Courses

Chancellor Rogers commented that he agrees completely with the motion regarding the minimum core course grade, but must make sure it's not at odds with BOR policy on transfers. He has asked the provost at UAA and the chancellor at UAS to see if they would be interested to share the same quality standard as UAF in this matter, and they will discuss with their faculty senates. If they do not agree, then the matter would need to go before the BOR to allow for a different standard at UAF.

The Chancellor is going to meet with the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development on their peer criteria to discuss a couple of issues before he will sign that motion.

III Public Comments/Questions

No public comments were made.

IV A. President's Comments – Jonathan Dehn

The draft of the Academic Master Plan will be given to President Gamble on Wednesday. He'll update the Board with it, and then share it with the faculty senates. He wants to hear feedback from faculty when the draft is distributed.

With regard to the motion coming up this meeting about the grade of Incomplete, UAA and UAS do not currently change the Incompletes to an "F" after one year as UAF does. The subject is being discussed at Faculty Alliance with the goal of aligning the grading policy at the three MAUs.

Jon is serving on the accreditation steering committee and hopes to have some items to share with the senate in the spring.

B. President-Elect's Comments – Cathy Cahill

Cathy reported on the Tuition Taskforce, noting the announcement memo that recently went out to everyone regarding the 7% increase across the board for undergraduate tuition rates, and 3% for graduate tuition. President Gamble will take these numbers to the BOR this week.

The taskforce plans to continue meeting next semester, and your ideas are welcomed.

V A. Remarks by Chancellor Brian Rogers

The recent ice storm was of such a magnitude that the need for better communication procedures regarding classes became apparent. An improved plan is being developed, and faculty are invited to share their concerns and ideas about impacts of these types of events on classes and research activities and how to better handle them.

The BOR meets this week, and the Chancellor provided information about open comment time on their agenda. The tuition issue will be one of the primary items on the agenda. He thinks that the President's proposal for a 3% increase in graduate tuition will work better for graduate students than a 12% increase in non-resident tuition. It separates the non-resident surcharge between undergraduate and graduate tuition, where it had previously been the same amount charged per credit hour. The non-resident surcharge for undergraduate tuition will be higher than that for graduate tuition, recognizing our market competition on the graduate side.

The impacts on our students of three specific issues need to be considered. They are: 1.) Consolidated fees for tuition. By capping tuition at 15 credits, would students then take a sixth course (free) and thus graduate sooner? 2.) Differential tuition rates by program. Some new programs charge super-tuition to get the programs started, but it's not necessarily been tied to what the student will earn in that field. Should high-cost programs charge higher tuition? 3.) Should the tuition rates be decoupled between the three MAUs? Should students pay more for the quality they receive here, or will they go where it's cheapest? Should our peer institutions in the west states continue to be the market reference? Their undergraduate tuition rates are still rising.

Other items on the Board of Regents' meeting agenda were mentioned. Health care costs continue to dominate their discussions. Construction activity anticipated in the spring was noted.

Rajive G. asked the chancellor what impacts ~~sees~~ to UAF with the loss of funding to the supercomputing center. Chancellor Rogers noted the loss of the Department of Defense (DOD) contract has significant impacts on the university. ~~He~~ met with ARSC staff last Friday to get their feedback on how to move forward. An email that misrepresented parts of that discussion went around and resulted in the recent article in the local newspaper. They're still assessing the ramifications of the contract loss. A trail-off contract from DOD had ~~been~~ sought earlier this year in order to have time to make longer-term funding plans. A funding increment requested in the university budget process was not forwarded on by the BOR. PBB reallocations over the next several years will be insufficient to keep ARSC going with its current staffing level. The surviving entity will have to be smaller and they'll be working on the necessary changes in the upcoming months.

B. Remarks by Provost Susan Henrichs

The recent ice storm made the necessity of communicating efficiently with students (especially those who are off-campus) about class cancellations quite apparent. Faculty are encouraged to plan ahead in order to have a means of reaching their classes in situations where students or the instructor can not make it to campus. For example, Blackboard courses provide the means for emailing all students in a class; or, faculty might use course web sites or devise another means to communicate in situations where the instructor or students can not make it to campus.

Activity in academic affairs is quite extensive at the upcoming BOR meeting. Distance Education has been focused on for more than a year since the legislative audit. One of the audit's findings was that it's not easy for students to find information about distance courses and what they needed to take those courses (e.g., equipment, fees, type of electronic connectivity). A task group has been working on

better coding to more accurately characterize distance ed courses in the Banner system. It simplifies the way that Banner info is entered into the system and updates the course entry system.

A major Banner upgrade is coupled with this effort, and will create a better search function. The first step in the works is to update all course information currently in Banner, which involves about five or six thousand active courses. So, at the start of the semester, course updates will be requested from faculty. Please be alert for that request and respond in a timely manner.

VI Governance Reports

A. Staff Council – Maria Russell

Maria announced that the FY12 budget includes two salary increases for staff: 2% in July, and 1% the following January. Current discussion topics include more layoffs and layoff rumors; impacts of soft closure on staff; along with emergency closure concerning staff, and health care cost issues.

Staff Appreciation Day planning continues and they are looking forward to faculty assistance during the event.

Nichole Kloepper's departure from the Staff Council Office to take a job at IAB was mentioned, along with well wishes for her success at the new job.

Cecile L. asked if Maria had gotten a response regarding the concerns about staff being treated differently during the ice storm. Maria commented that she'd received a wide variety of concerns from both research and non-research staff that faculty and students were encouraged to stay home, yet offices were open and had to be staffed. Staff Council is working on recommendations to forward on to positively deal with any future situations in a clearer manner.

B. ASUAF – Nicole Carvajal

No one was available to report for ASUAF.

VII Guest Speaker

- A. Patrick Gamble, UA System President
Topic: Impressions thus far, and a look to the future.

President Gamble shared about the past six months since he came on the job. He's been on the road an average of about 15 days a month doing campus visits and a wide variety of university and community functions, in addition to the everyday university business (including the budget). He's visited about three-quarters of the campuses out in the field and is working his way back in to the interior.

The university budget has gone through the Board of Regents, and strategy is being considered for getting the budget through the legislature. Budget strategy for this year is markedly different from that used in the past decade. The system focus has been to increase enrollment and keep students, and those goals have been met. With those increases the budget must also grow, and there's been a decade of steady growth. This year, however, the governor said he wants a flat budget or a low- to no-maintenance budget. So, the president's effort was to come in with a flat budget in response to the governor – but come at it differently by declaring war on deferred maintenance. While he believes they can address reduction of deferred maintenance costs very effectively, the rising health care costs are

By working attrition issues, cash flow can be increased in the system while reducing student debts and other costs. The fall-out rate among even our scholars is unacceptable. Getting them out the door needs to be thought through and addressed, not just getting them in the door.

Cecile L. noted that students notice when technology in the classroom doesn't work and the faculty are struggling with getting equipment to work. An environment conducive to their learning is not being addressed. We need this investment to maintain our students.

The president responded he's made this similar argument to the legislature, that education is an investment, not an expense. The system funding process can become a bureaucracy over time, but one must continue to ask for exactly what is wanted. He also noted he looks at what is not funded as well as what is funded, and takes a broader approach rather than just funding what is at the top of the list.

Mike D. commented that the legislators he met with recently brought up the attrition topic. He is putting on a legislative workshop in Juneau in February and he'll copy the president on the info and agenda.

Cindy H. noted that 30% of incoming students are nontraditional students. Those students are working full-time jobs and raising children and are not stepping into the university from the high schools. Who the students are needs to be addressed as much as their learning environment. The president responded that they need good data on nontraditional students, as well as attrition. He wants a clearer problem statement to more effectively talk about and find solutions.

The president noted that professionally, we are obligated to do the best that we can to make sure the university gives all its students a fair shake. He noted that in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* there was a list of about 50-60 universities looking at attrition rates. Alaska was sixth from the bottom on the list, so not the worst, but very low. We have many incoming students with scholarships, not to mention the new program by the governor; but further down the road the outcome or graduation rates may not look good. Legislators are not going to question the program; rather, they are going to look at success rates, at the university and ask what was done for these students. He sees addressing these issues as a challenge and an opportunity.

Cecile L. asked what the president sees as the greatest opportunity and the greatest threat to the university system. He responded that the greatest opportunity is the faculty. Faculty figured out how to keep their institutions going in spite of large budget cuts. The faculty pull together and make it work. The biggest threat is the state's economy. The economy needs some predictability for the state to function. He sees different aspects of sophism in the media about the economic condition of the state, noting the recent article in the newspaper about the state being in the best economic condition it's ever been. He gave the example of how one might technically be able to say they're in the best financial condition they've ever been in, without taking into account the future conditions that are looming which they will have to face. It's like floating down the tranquil river with headphones on and music playing, not hearing the roar of the waterfall around the bend. Each year the state has to see higher oil prices in order to meet its budget. It's not sustainable.

The president mentioned the UAA chancellor search which is beginning. He then mentioned that the Fisher report is on his desk and will go to the BOR this week. He'll distribute the 116-page report online as soon as the BOR allows. He'll look at the commonalities and differences in both the MacTaggart and Fisher reports, which should prove useful for the strategic planning process. The Academic Master Plan, along with other plans like the teacher education plan, will be gathered and looked at to update the strategic plan. He noted that Governance groups will have numerous opportunities to be involved.

He also noted that the hard decisions will start to come out soon. But, he's committed to governance and group input is important to him. He wants ~~is~~ ^{collaboration} with the legislator and governor, and he wants to show output so they'll listen to him down the road. He doesn't want to face budget cuts because the university can't demonstrate its progress or how they're accomplishing their mission. We have lots of support in the state, but we have to show that we listen and get it, and are moving forward.

BREAK

- H Faculty Development, Assessment & Improvement – Josef Glowa, Chair
(Attachment 171/4)
- I. Graduate Academic & Advisory Committee –Ken Abramowicz, Chair
(Attachment 171/5)
- J. Student Academic Development & Achievement – Cindy Hardy, Chair
Minutes were included as a hand-out at the back table.
- K. Research Advisory Committee (ad hoc) – Orion Lawlor, Roger Hansen,
Co-Chairs (Attachment 171/6)

XI Members' Comments/Questions

Mike D. reported that he went to the AAUP shared governance conference in Washington, DC with 75-80 universities in attendance. He offered a detailed report in February.

Jon asked for a web link, and for information to share for the next face-to-face meeting. Mike will bring materials to handout.

XII Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 PM.

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to recommend the amendment of Regents' Regulation R10.04.090.C.11 as follows:

[[]] – Deletions
CAPS and Bold – Additions

Regents Regulation R10.04.090.C.11:

C. Grades Definitions

11. I, or Incomplete

A grade of "I" indicates that a student has not completed the coursework by the end of the course. A final grade and credit will be withheld without penalty until the course requirements are met within an approved time, not to exceed one year. After one year, ~~THE~~ ~~GRADE~~ becomes a permanent grade ~~OR~~ CHANGES TO "F" ACCORDING TO MAU FACULTY SENATE POLICY .

EFFECTIVE: Following the approval of the Motion to Specify the Minimum Grade for

ADMIN COMMITTEE NOTE: This will first have to be approved by the fac senates of the other MAUs...and requires Jon to take the lead in moving it to the other MAUs. Might tack on some proviso like 'will be awarded to no more than 1 student (small classes) or 5% of the students (large classes) for any given class.

Admin committee wants more data on the +/- system and more justification

They asked that CAC consider moving to a grading system that is A, AB, B, BC, etc.

Concern that this will lead to more grade inflation

Provost to ask for data from PAIR-how many A+ grades do we award?

B. MOTION

1. November 2 meeting minutes were revised and approved. References to the “core revitalization” committee in item #2, discussion of the committee charge, were changed to General Education Revitalization Committee.

2. Old Business:

Dave V. commented: the higher the group GPA, the higher the likely level of the class. More motivated students are likely to raise the overall class participation. Lillian mentioned that high school counselors would be guiding students into the courses, which would help ensure a good GPA. Libby noted that the courses can be specially coded, making evaluation of them easier later on. Rainer noted that we should bring this to Fac Senate...but not right away.

3. New Business:

The new A.A.S. in Paramedicine was explained by Bra and discussed. The program is being broken out from the Emergency Management concentrations, making it “new” though it’s actually been in existence. Minor corrections to the proposal have been requested by Curriculum Review. CAC members had no objections to it as long as those corrections are made.

Linda H. asked if corresponding changes to the B.E.M. have been considered. Jayne has seen some B.E.M. paperwork which does mention that the A.A.S. would fit with the bachelor’s. CAC meets again just after the Administrative Committee, so has one more opportunity to discuss the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2010

I. Josef Glowa called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

II. Roll call:

Present: Melanie Arthur, Diane Erickson, Josef Glowa, Kelly Houlton, Julie Lurman Joly, Joy Morrison, Channon Price, Larry Roberts

Excused: Alexandra Oliveira

Absent: Mike Castellini, Eric Madsen

III. Report from Joy

The 35th Annual POD Conference in St. Louis, "Gateway New Directions," consisted of four days of great sessions and panels. Next year Joy is willing to take one or two FDAI Committee members (those who plan on continuing on our committee) to the POD conference which may be held in Vancouver. This conference is typically held in late October or early November. Some information that Joy brought back from POD that she has in her office for faculty to access is as follows:

- Helping Students Develop Their Critical Thinking Skills
- Effective Lecturing
- Promoting Deep Learning
- Integrated Course Design
- Appraising Teaching Effectiveness Beyond Student Evaluations
- To Improve the Academy: Resources for Faculty, Instructional, and Organizational Development (book). 29 (vol. 28 is also available)
- 5" x 8" note cards with short classroom exercises on them from Central Michigan University

Next Joy was in Washington, DC for a National Science Foundation meeting where they are writing a final report on the status of STEM women faculty at UAF. This will be presented to the Provost and Deans as part of Academic Leadership on November 29, 2010. Joy will also be meeting with Dan Julius to recommend a retreat in Anchorage for 30 faculty members to discuss submitting another NSF ADVANCE grant request. The future of state sharing/collaborating looks promising.

Joy then attended a Fulbright Scholars meeting as a Fulbright Campus Representative. She will be actively working to bring Fulbright Scholars and Specialists to UAF as well as working to get sabbaticals for UAF faculty who apply and become Scholars and Specialists. Fulbright Specialists travel to present workshops and seminars in their area of expertise (e.g. Joy is a Fulbright Specialist for Faculty Development), and Joy wants to see more UAF faculty added to the roster.

Finally, Joy requested that while she is on sabbatical, the FDAI committee members should help promote upcoming Faculty Development opportunities and ask their colleagues what they would like to

1. Update on electronic student evaluations

Josef followed up on the documents forwarded on to Provost Henrichs and Jon Dehn and discovered that while both had received said documents, they have not yet had time to look into them. He asked the committee if we felt FDAI should formulate a ~~motion~~ regarding electronic student evaluations. After some discussion, we decided that the motion should be that no decision should be made to implement electronic student evaluations without input from Faculty Senate, and that research on this issue needs to be done at the administrative level. The FDAI committee recommendations should accompany this motion. Larry suggested that we should ask Provost Henrichs to come to our meeting so we can present our recommendations to her and to have her be cognizant to our findings. Josef will work on a draft of the motion and send it out to committee members for input.

2. Faculty Forum for spring 2011

Committee members will read chapter three (teaching) in Kennedy's book so that we can begin planning the discussion for next year's Faculty Forum.

V. New Business

1. Libby Roderick's talk on Friday, November 19 in the Wood Center

There was some confusion as to the time and place of Libby Roderick's talk this Friday. Joy said she would look into it and send out an email clarification.

2. Comment sheets and IAS scores

Josef shared an email from Katrin Iken (Marine Biology) regarding her concern for student anonymity in small classes. Faculty can either recognize ~~student~~ handwriting or sentence structure, or could even determine a student's identity from the nature of a particular complaint. Students do not feel they can be honest and frank. This adds another concern for the committee regarding student evaluations. While anonymity will always be an issue for small classes, the committee feels that it might be necessary for Faculty Senate to appoint an ad hoc committee to deal with these concerns regarding student evaluations (problems with electronic format/ student anonymity issues).

3. March 3-5, 2011 for the ⁶th Annual Lilly Arctic Institute on Innovations & Excellence in Teaching

Larry sent out a detailed invitation to FDAI committee members to read through. He asks that we let him know if we have any comments or questions.

4. Another template for improving teaching strategies?

After a very brief discussion to determine where we are on this issue, we decided we could drop it until any new requests come up.

VI. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2010, 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Bunnell 222.

VII. Adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Houlton.

ATTACHMENT 171/5
UAF Faculty Senate #171, December 6, 2010

Graduate Academic Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2010
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Voting members present: Ken Abramowicz, Donie Bret-Harte (audio), Lara Dehn, Regine Hock, Anita Hughes, Orion Lawlor, Sue Renes, Jen Schmidt, Amber Thomas (audio).

Ex-officio members present: Larry Duffy.

Guests: Jayne Harvie.

The meeting called to order at 9:33.

1. The proposed meeting agenda was approved without any modification.
2. Unfinished business from 9-27-10 meeting.

Trial MSL F694 and Trial BIOL F694 Update: BIOL F694 / MSL F694 - Communicating Science - Laura Conner has recombined the two courses into one course with the approval of SFOS and CNSM. The course is no longer repeatable for credit. GAAC approved this revised trial course without any further modification.

3. Discussion of new GAAC proposals.

#17-GNC: FISH F628 - Physiological Ecology of Fishes - Orion acknowledged the changes the Curriculum Review Committee made to the course prerequisites. Lara noted that Animal Physiology may be a more appropriate prerequisite for this particular course. Lara will ask that the syllabus be revised to change the pre-requisites to FISH 301 or BIOL 310 (Animal Physiology) and ask to add "graduate standing" as a pre-requisite for the 600-level part and GAAC will review this again next meeting.

#16-GCCh.: FISH F626 (stacked as F426) - Behavioral Ecology of Fishes – GAAC approved the course with minor modifications (changing the pre-requisite to FISH 301 or BIOL 271), and adding "graduate standing" as a pre-requisite for the 600-level part.

#19-GNC: ATM F666 - Atmospheric Remote Sensing – The syllabus was vague with respect to the policy related to plagiarism and the timing of the readings and dates. The syllabus was also missing information related to make-up exams, late homework assignments, and class attendance. The consensus was that the syllabus should be revised to include missing information. Concern was also expressed about the impacts on other programs. Donie will follow up on these concerns for the next meeting.

#22-GNC: MSL F612 - Early Life Histories of Marine Invertebrates – GAAC approved this course with minor modifications to be requested for its description. Jen eha

24-GNC: FISH F631 - Data Analysis in Community Ecology - Amber will follow up on adding some missing syllabus elements (specifically a statement about plagiarism). Lara noted a department concern with the prerequisite of STAT F401 for fisheries courses. She will follow up on this for the next committee meeting.

6. Discussion topics.

Graduate Grading Policy

The +/- issue with the "B" grade was discussed. The issue parallels the +/- issues with "C" at the undergraduate level. A "B" must be earned for courses in a student's graduate study plan.

Otherwise a course only counts toward number of credits and the GPA. There was consensus for the committee to address the +/- issue with a motion about grading policy in the near future.

Courses being Cross-listed

Larry commented on the common issues with cross-listing which include which department counts the enrollment and gets the tuition revenue. On Banner reports the enrollment may appear artificially low for a department because of cross-listing with another department; but in many cases, enrollment is actually increased for a course due to cross-listing.

New GAAC Proposals

It was noted that GAAC has as a set of degree revisions for the Special Education program coming up and a new Master's program in Political Science. Sue Renes and Amber Thomas volunteered to work on the Special Ed revisions, with Sue taking the lead. Ken agreed to take the lead on the new Master's program in Political Science.

The next meeting is November 15, 9:30-10:30 AM at the Joint Conference Room, 341 Rasmuson Library.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 10:30.

Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Graduate Academic Advisory Committee

November 15, 2010

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Discussion of the resolution on the +/- grading policy issues:

Orion introduced the resolution addressing the +/- grading policy and the "B" minimum grade guidelines (needed for graduate students to pass courses and for their Advancement to Candidacy). The resolution recommended that instructors not give grades (for undergraduate students) or B- (for graduate students).

Regine commented on the double standard of this current system. She gives +/- grades in her classes, while Lara noted she did not. A student passing Lara's course might not pass Regine's course with the same grade percentage because of the +/- effect.

Laura B. reiterated that it's the overall GPA of 3.0 which is needed to graduate and for advancement to candidacy. Amber commented on the need to clarify the language of the policy.

The committee supported the idea of a full senate discussion. Ken noted that the resolution contradicts current policy passed by the Faculty Senate. No action was taken on the resolution and further discussion was postponed for the next meeting.

Curriculum Process:

Ken proposed that the committee review the straightforward course proposals (such as #97) via email, using a negative confirmation process. The lead and readers will email among themselves to discuss concerns, and then email Ken if something should be held for further group discussion. If no comments are received, then these straightforward proposals will be automatically approved.

It was hoped that the following courses would be discussed via email if needed.

- x 1-GCCh. – BIOL F618/F418 (cross-listed with Geography): The course was OK with Jen, but Xiong hadn't reviewed it recently. With Donie absent, Ken asked for comments to be sent via email.
- x 3-GPCh. – Certificate of Completion for Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure Program. Regine OK'd it; Ken to review it further.
- x 4-GPCh. – Program Change to the Master's in Education. Regine OK'd it; Ken to review it further.

Proposals Approved:

The following courses/programs were approved by the committee:

- x 2-GCCh. – PHYS F645
- x 15-GPCh. – K-12 Art Licensure Program
- x 17-GNC – FISH F628 (with minor changes)
- x 20-GCDr. – MSL F611
- x 21-GCDr. – MSL F616
- x 23-GCDr. – MSL F617
- x 97-GPCh. – MS Statistics

Proposals Needing Further Review:

The following courses/programs were held for further follow-up and review:

- x 19-GNC - ATM F666 (Further committee review needed.)
- x 24-GNC – FISH F631 (Further committee review needed.)
- x 26-GCCh. – WLF F625 (Further committee review needed.)
- x 36-GNC – EE F614 (To be returned to the faculty for major revision.)
- x 37-GNC – EE F643 (Syllabus needs additional information.)

Assignments for Upcoming Proposals:

Committee members volunteered to take the lead or serve as readers on the course proposals through 43. Discussion of the 53 new course proposals in Construction Management will be delayed. Assignments for these 53 proposals will be determined later.

Lara D. volunteered as reader on 41, 42, and 43.

Orion volunteered as leader on 38, 39 and 40.

Regine volunteered as reader on 27, 28, 29, and 30; and as leader on 41, 42 and 43.

Jen volunteered as reader on 27, 28, 29 and 30 and as leader on 33 and 34.

Amber volunteered as leader on 31, 32 and 35.

Sue volunteered as reader on 31, 32 and 35.

Handout at Meeting #171:

Minutes of Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee
October 15, 2010
2:00- 3:30 pm

Attending: Cindy Hardy, Jane Allen, Lili Misel, Deseree Salvador, Joe Mason, Suzan Hahn, Dave Veazey, Rheba Dupras, Gabriel Russell, Kate Quick, John Creed, Amy Keith

General Comments: Jane Allen wants to raise awareness that deadlines for the CRCD calendar are different than the deadlines for general UAF calendar.

Developmental designators:

In response to a question raised at the previous meeting, Margaret Short reported back that the Math Department is strongly opposed to changing the DEVM designators to MATH. Further, those she polled questioned why DEVM classes were at the 100-level. We noted that some students perceive 0-level classes as punitive. This led to a general discussion of Developmental Education concerns.

We noted that 60% of students nationwide enter postsecondary education at the DEV level, thus making it “college-level.” We also noted that there are different course numbers used at UAF, UAA, and UAS. We agreed that it would be nice to have the same designators at the three MAUs. We suggested approaching Faculty Alliance to open dialogue on class comparisons, including numbering, designators, and content. Lili will also talk to Mike Ernest in the Registrar’s office about this.

Cindy noted that Curricular Affairs is forming a Core revitalization committee, which needs a member from SADA. Amy and Kate Quick volunteered. Cindy will talk to Jayne Harvey and get us more information.

Student Learning Commons:

Suzan Hahn and Rheba Dupras joined us for a discussion on the progress on the Student Learning Commons. A Faculty Senate motion on this was passed in May 2009. Suzan reports they are focusing on space in Level 3 for the Learning Commons. They are slowly moving periodicals out of that space as they switch to digital-only format. Although the library has had budget and leadership changes in the last year, Naomi Horne, Office of Development, has interest from donors in this project. However, there is no concrete timeline. Suzan also noted that the Library is updating its computers to include Open Office and might be able to install the online homework program (ALEKS) that DEVM uses.

Rheba reported that she is working on organizing focus groups and doing direct observations to determine how the library is currently being used. We know, for example, there is not enough small rns.
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Developmental math will be collecting placement data after 2010-2011 because there will then be three years worth of data.

Gabriel pointed out that WritePlacer favors longer writing samples. Deseree said she sees many students placed too low with WritePlacer. Cindy noted that we need to pass this information to Dana Thomas. Kate and Deseree said about 25% of students placed this way seem to place too low. Jane Allen says that, because WritePlacer is timed, the Bethel test administrator advises their students to choose a prompt and outline their response on paper before making the first keystroke. The rural campuses are also hand scoring, using the "ASSET" writing sample.

Kate noted that some students seem to be advised into reading classes who don't need them. This is all a work in progress, and we will continue to track these issues.

Next meeting November 12, 2-3:30pm.

ATTACHMENT 171/6
UAF Faculty Senate #171, December 6, 2010

University of Alaska Fairbanks ad hoc Research Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, 2010-11-04

In attendance: Orion Lawlor, Roger Hansma, Margaret Darrow, Sarah Hardy Peter Webley

- Intellectual property and outside employment / collaborations: CBA vs policy

(4) Brief update on the UAF PI FAQ. Peter has added some useful information on NSF and grants.gov. Orion will add some discussion of outside employment and the blue form.

The next RAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 2.

Meeting adjourned.