

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following motion at Meeting #188 on February 4, 2013:

## **MOTION**:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the academic policy regarding transfer of credits.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2013

RATIONALE: The following reasons are submitted as the basis for amending the 2+2 portion of the AA / AS waiver policy:

- 1. General education requirements are substantially the same among the 6 regional accreditation bodies.
- 2. As the policy currently stands it is frequently difficult for others (advisors, recruiters, etc.), without consulting the Office of Admissions and the Registrar (OAR), to assure students with these degrees that they will receive waivers.
- 3. It is difficult to advertise because of the caveats (not everyone understands what NWCCU is and not everyone knows which states have been approved as having a 2+2 agreement.
- 4. If there is an easily understood policy in place, with a minimum of restrictions, it will make it easier for UAF's schools and colleges to develop MOUs with other institutions.
- 5. The Registrar's Office wants to produce transfer credit evaluations as quickly as possible so students can decide if they want to come to UAF or go elsewhere, or so they can work with their advisors to get registered. Given the 2+2 limitation it is difficult to complete the AA/AS core waiver portion of the evaluation in a timely fashion.

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**CAPS** = Addition
[ ] ] = Deletion

Transferring Credits [as currently in the *UAF Catalog*, pages 36-38]

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The following regulations apply to transfer of credit:

- 1. Students are eligible for transfer of credit if they have been admitted to an undergraduate degree or certificate program.
- 2. The applicability of transfer credit to a student's major and/or minor requirements is subject to approval by the major and/or minor department. Transfer students must fulfill the UAF graduation and residency requirements, including those specific to their programs.
- 3. Undergraduate credits earned at the 100-level or above with a C- grade or higher at institutions accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies will be considered for transfer.

  Transfer credit is not granted for courses with doctrinal religious content or for graduate courses (for undergraduate programs).
- 4. Transfer credit is awarded for courses in which the student received grades of C- or better. Instructor permission may be required for purposes of registration if the transfer credit courses

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have not satisfied the prerequisite requirements, or if the transferable grade is not equal to a C (2.0) or better (the minimum grade required for prerequisite courses).

- 5. Any student who has completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution will be considered to have completed the equivalent of the baccalaureate core and the associate of arts core when officially accepted to a baccalaureate degree program or associate of arts program at UAF. These students will also be considered to have completed the equivalent of the communication, computation and human relations requirements for the associate of applied science and the certificate.
- 6. Any student who has completed an associate of arts or an associate of science degree from a regionally accredited school [[satisfying one of the criteria below]] will be considered as having satisfied the 100- and 200-level UAF general education (core) requirements[[:]].

[[a. The AA or AS degree is from the University of Alaska, or

- b. The public universities in the state in which the community college is located also waive their core requirements in recognition of completing an AA or AS degree, that is, have established a 2+2 program, or
- c. The community college and/or community college district is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (the agency that accredits UAF), or
- d. The associate program has been approved by the UAF Core Review Committee as satisfying the 100- and 200-level general education (core) requirements.]]

Note: Faculty Senate approved additional changes at its earlier Meeting #187 (Dec. 3, 2012) which modify the subsequent numbered portions of this policy.