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**A G E N D A**

UAF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #169

Monday, October 11, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom

1:00	I	Call to Order – Jonathan Dehn	4 Min.
		A. Roll Call	
		B. Approval of Minutes to Meeting #168	
		C. Adoption of Agenda	
1:04	II	Status of Chancellor's Office Actions	1 Min.
		A. Motions Approved:	
		1. Motion to Eliminate the B.S. in Statistics	
		B. Motions Pending: None	
1:05	III	Public Comments/Questions	5 Min.
1:10	IV	A. President's Comments – Jonathan Dehn	10 Min.
		B. President-Elect's Report – Cathy Cahill	5 Min.
1:25	V	A. Remarks by Chancellor Brian Rogers	10 Min.
		B. Provost Susan Henrichs	5 Min.
1:40	VI	Governance Reports	5 Min.
		A. Staff Council – Maria Russell	
		B. ASUAF – Nicole Carvajal	
		C. UNAC – Jordan Titus	
		UAFT – Jane Weber	
1:45	VII	Guest Speaker	15 Min.
		A. Pat Pitney, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services	
		Topic: Tuition Waivers / Awards	
2:00		PHOTO SHOOT at Multi-level Lounge of Wood Center	
		Please assemble at lounge so Todd Paris can take the yearly picture of Faculty Senate.	
		(Short break follows photo shoot.)	
2:10	VIII	Announcements	10 Min.
		A. Triennial Campus-wide Surveys by the Rasmuson Library – Karen Jensen	
		B. Eric Mazur Presentations on Peer Instruction – Josef Glowa	
		C. Accreditation Steering Committee Vacant Seats – Jon Dehn	

2:20	IX	New Business	10 Min.
		A. Motion to Approve an Updated Procedure for the Program Review Process, submitted by the Administrative Committee (Attachment 169/1)	
2:30	X	Discussion Items	15 Min.
		A. Status of the Academic Master Plan – Susan Henrichs	
		B. Draft Motion to Amend the Faculty Senate Constitution – Jon Dehn (Attachment 169/2)	
2:45	XI	Committee Reports	10 Min.
		A. Curricular Affairs – Rainer Newberry, Chair (Attachment 169/3)	
		B. Faculty Affairs – Jennifer Reynolds, Chair (Attachment 169/4)	
		C. Unit Criteria – Perry Barboza, Ute Kaden (Attachment 169/5)	
		D. Committee on the Status of Women – Jane Weber, Chair (Attachment 169/6)	
		E. Core Review – Latrice Laughlin, Chair (Attachment 169/7)	
		F. Curriculum Review Committee – Rainer Newberry, Chair	
		G. Faculty Appeals & Oversight – Charlie Sparks, Convener	
		H. Faculty Development, Assessment & Improvement – Josef Glowa, Chair (Attachment 169/8)	
		I. Graduate Academic & Advisory Committee –Ken Abramowicz, Chair (Attachment 169/9)	
		J. Student Academic Development & Achievement – Cindy Hardy, Chair (Attachment 169/10)	
		K. Research Advisory Committee (ad hoc) – Orion Lawlor, Roger Hansen, Co-Chairs	
2:55	XII	Members' Comments/Questions	5 Min.
3:00	XIII	Adjournment	

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to approve an updated procedure to accomplish the program review process as required by Board of Regent policy and regulations (10.06).

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: The existing program review process (Meeting #102, May 2001) does not fully meet Board of Regents policy and regulations on program review (10.06). The proposed process aligns with the new accreditation cycle, is a more efficient process, i.e., it is less burdensome on programs, and is intended to yield more consistent quality of review.

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The new program review process will be completed as follows:

1. An initial brief review based on centrally generated productivity and efficiency summary and a unit supplied two-page narrative describing mission centrality, the prospective market for graduates, the existence of similar programs elsewhere in UA, and any special circumstances that explain features of the centrally generated productivity and efficiency summary (see attached program review template for more details). The information reviewed meets the requirements set by Board of Regents Policy and Regulation (10.06; attached). A single Faculty Program Review Committee comprised of one tenured-faculty member from each college and school (not including CRCD) plus five CRCD representatives will review the materials and make one of the following recommendations:
  - Continue program
  - Continue program but improve outcomes assessment process and reporting
  - Continue program but improve other specific areas or
  - Discontinue program.The committee will provide a brief narrative justifying their recommendation and describe any areas needing improvement prior to the next review.
2. An Administrative Program Review Committee comprised of the Deans of Colleges and Schools and 4 administrative representatives from CRCD will review the recommendations of the Program Review Committee, may request additional information from about the program, and will state their collective agreement or disagreement with the Committee's recommendation.
3. The Provost will review the recommendations of the Faculty Program Review Committee and the Administrative Program Review Committee and take one of the following actions:
  - a. Program continuation is confirmed until next review cycle

- b. Program continuation with an action plan prepared by the program and Dean to meet improvements needed by next review cycle. Annual progress reports will be required in some cases. Actions may also include further review by an ad hoc committee.
- c. Recommend to discontinue program. Program deletion will require Faculty Senate action. However, when appropriate admissions may be suspended pending action.

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### **Program Review Template**

The program will provide the following information (submit electronically to LaNora Tolman <latolman@alaska.edu> by December 1 – your Dean may ask for this information earlier to review it):

1. A current outcomes assessment plan and summary for each academic program (see attached appendix for more detail)
2. Concise narratives responding to the following (no more than 2 pages):
  - a. The prospective market for program graduates expressed need by clientele in the service area and documented needs of the state (note if program is included in state high demand job area list) and/or nation. The following sites provide state and national employment related information:
    - i. UA System list of high demand job programs  
<http://www.alaska.edu/swbir/performance/metrics/MetricDetail/HDJTable1.pdf>
    - ii. State of Alaska Department of Labor  
<http://www.labor.state.ak.us/research/iodata/occproj.htm>
    - iii. U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics  
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Programs may use other appropriate data, e.g., placement information they collect or information from professional societies but should avoid anecdotal information. Continuing education such as baccalaureate enrollment for AA or AAS programs or graduate or professional school placement for baccalaureate programs can be included if appropriate. It is recognized that market data may not be available or appropriate for all programs.

- b. A description of unique and significant service achievements by unit faculty during the past three academic years. These service achievements should be ones where local or regional expertise was needed or were exceptional because of the achievement made. Please do not include common service functions such as refereeing journals, service on UAF committees or science fair judging. The following examples illustrate what is wanted:
  - i. Civil Engineering faculty worked with the local school district to implement a pre-engineering curriculum track.
  - ii. A Fisheries faculty member served on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
  - iii. An Anthropology faculty member serves as editor of a major journal in the field
  - iv. Music faculty participate in the Fairbanks Symphony, a collaboration between UAF and the local community
- c. A narrative addressing whether similar programs exist elsewhere in the UA system and briefly describe differences and/or justify program duplication. If the

- program is special or unique in the national context, the program should describe why.
- d. A narrative explaining any unusual features observed in the demand and productivity summaries listed below.
  - e. Programs with faculty in the fine and performing arts units should supply a list of performances and exhibits by faculty from annual activities reports for 3 years. The Provost's Office will provide a list of publications by unit faculty in the previous three calendar years compiled from annual unit plans.
  - f. A brief narrative describing successful partnerships resulting in scholarships, equipment or in-kind services during the past three years.
  - g. Indicate whether the program has specialized accreditation (identify the professional association or accrediting body) or not.

The Provost's Office will provide the following by November 1:

- A list of publications by unit faculty in the previous three calendar years compiled from annual unit plans. Fine and performing arts units should supply a list of performances and exhibits by faculty from annual activities reports for 3 years.
- The UA Statewide annual list of unit principal investigators supported on external funding and the amount of funding over the past three years

PAIR and/or Financial Services will provide the following demand and productivity summaries by November 1:

- A graph illustrating 5- year trends in the following:
  - SCH lower division (developmental coursework listed as well for select units)
  - SCH upper division (500 level SCH not included unless specifically requested)
  - SCH graduate
- A graph illustrating 5-year trends in the following:
  - SCH by students outside the major
  - SCH by students outside the college/school
- A graph or table illustrating 5-year trends in distance SCH partitioned by those offered through the Center for Distance Education (CDE) and those not offered through CDE.
- A graph illustrating 5-year trends in the number of majors by degree/certificate type
- A table or graph illustrating the gender and ethnicity distribution of majors over 5 years
- A graph illustrating 5-year trends in the number of degrees/certificates awarded by type
- Average number of declared majors in program over 4 years /average number of degrees (certificates) over 4 years (no intention to compare across different degrees)
- A numerical summary of the following information for the previous fiscal year:
  - \*Total department annual budget
  - \*\*Tuition revenue generated by all designators associated with department
  - FTE faculty positions and a list of faculty funded by the program with an indicator as to whether the faculty member was an active PI
  - FTE staff positions

\*= Where department budgets are problematic to obtain, measures of the cost of the program will be developed by the college or school, described and used or college/school budget used.

\*\*= approximate tuition revenue will be determined by ignoring in-state/out-of-state and whether tuition waivers were applied or not.

## **Appendix A. Evaluating a Programmatic Outcomes Assessment Report**

Program will submit the following outcomes assessment information:

- An assessment plan for each program; programs are encouraged, but not required, to include employment placement and/or graduate school enrollment information as part of their assessment process.
- Assessment information collected and summarized during the previous three years
- A summary of programmatic revisions (improvements) resulting from the assessment information

The Program Review Committee will assess the quality of the programmatic assessment process. Quality shall be assessed based on at least the following characteristics:

- 1) Assessment Plan
  - a. Each program has its own outcomes assessment appropriate to the certificate or degree (the same plan for cannot be used programs of different levels, e.g., associate and baccalaureate because the outcomes should differ)
  - b. Multiple measures of student outcomes are utilized
  - c. Assessment includes direct evidence of student learning (student survey results are considered indirect evidence)
- 2) Assessment information is collected and summarized on a regular basis.
- 3) The assessment summary is based on aggregate student information not a statement about individual student outcomes. The intent of the process is to assess the effectiveness of the curriculum not individual performance. In addition, it is important to be able to share assessment information with external evaluators without violating FERPA.
- 4) Where the assessment process results in the identification of weaknesses in student outcomes, documented curricular changes have occurred intended to improve student outcomes.

**DRAFT MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the Constitution of the Faculty Senate, Article IX, section 1, to state that the most current version of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary "guidelines" for the Faculty Senate rather than the "authority".

Effective: Immediately

Rationale: Robert's Rules of Order in regard to a governing body serve the function to facilitate the mission of that body such that they:

- Are subordinate to the Constitution and Bylaws of a governing body
- Support majority rule while preserving the rights of the minority
- Are to facilitate collegial debate regarding matters of policy

In fact, past practice of the UAF Faculty Senate has demonstrated the use of Robert's Rules of Order in this manner. The "authority" of the UAF Faculty Senate is derived from its voting majority and its mandate in the University of Alaska Board of Regents and UAF Policy.

**CAPS** = Addition

**[[ ]]** = Deletion

ARTICLE IX - Parliamentary Authority

Sect. 1      The parliamentary **[[authority]]** **GUIDELINES** shall be the most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order.

**Curricular Affairs Committee  
9-7-2010 Approved Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mike Earnest, Anita Hughes, Ginny Kinne, Christa Bartlett, Dave Valentine, Rainer Newberry, Carrie Baker, Jungho Baek, Linda Hapsmith, Libby, Carol Lewis

**Motion to eliminate the BS Statistics:**

Rainer introduced the motion to the group. The minor program would still exist. Students can still major in Math with an emphasis in statistics. It's an option in the Math degrees.

Dave V. asked the question about whether there were any major arguments against it? Rainer noted there were no substantive objections.

Rainer would like CAC members to be able to speak in favor of the motion at a senate meeting. The question was asked if any students are enrolled in the program right now. Libby checked and found 1 student enrolled this Fall. Students would be accepted still, under the current Catalog.

Rainer asked if there any objections to the motion. Dave V. asked about transfer students – they would be subject to the current catalog, so would be accepted this year.

It was agreed this motion could go forward to the Senate.

**Motion re  $\pm$  grading clarification:**

Rainer summarized the attached letter and draft motion.

John Fox's letter addresses the catalog and how it should be interpreted. Dave is comfortable with a C and understands that it's different than a C-. Usage of  $\pm$  is optional for faculty in their courses. Question raised about courses taught in sections – one is taught with and the other without  $\pm$ . Rainer acknowledged the continual risk of that and other uncontrolled ambiguities – different instructors, etc. The  $\pm$  policy really impacts students who habitually keep a “life on the edge” approach to classes, because their low C's may turn into C- grades. ‘Typical’ students are as likely to receive a B+ in one class as an A- in another, and the differences basically even out..

We should be very explicit, esp. in the Catalog – use numbers. Reaffirm the 2.0 requirement for good standing. One place on page 43 of the Catalog needs clarification (Faculty-initiated drop or withdrawal section).

Dave V. asked if this really needs to be a motion. Rainer pointed out this makes faculty more aware of the issues by bringing it to the Senate. Motion language: senate affirms that a C means 2.0. The motion wouldn't read each page of the Catalog – but the committee should look at that detail and review it. Ideally, the committee should be able to say they looked at every catalog entry. Be picky here and now at the committee level, and then educate the faculty through the Senate.



Question asked if standards are being raised by this. John Fox feels it's unfair to some students who now get a GPA less than 2.0. But, the majority support setting C=2.0. They are raising the standard only in the sense of raising standards for those on the edge.

All faculty know a C grade counts for a major course, and can grade accordingly.

Page 35 of Catalog – transfer students can bring in a C-, and it's counting as a C in Banner (a 2.0). Traditionally has been done this way (before Banner). Issue of practice brought into question – Mike E. said this can be addressed now in Banner and brought more in line with the widely stated policy so that two standards aren't continued any longer.

Linda H. noted the issue of a passing grade = D-, but a "D" is not specified in numbers. Internal transfer issues. The table on page 47 needs to be clarified – about D- (vs. D) being a passing grade.

Dave proposed a blanket motion to clarify policy. Keep the language simple. Have an addendum with current examples. Don't vote on each one of those. Mike E., LJ Evans, and Linda H. will look at the catalog and send out e-copies at least three days before next meeting for discussion

#### **Future meetings:**

Every other Tuesday is good and the next meeting will be Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM. All members were OK with online voting and voting early if they couldn't make a meeting.

Carrie raised the topic of the ad hoc committee for the Baccalaureate Core. Rainer will include this in the next meeting and we will definitely discuss those issues.

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### **Curricular Affairs Committee**

#### **9-21-2010 Approved Meeting Minutes**

Present: Anita Hughes, Ginny Kinne, Christa Bartlett, Dave Valentine, Rainer Newberry, Carrie Baker, Jungho Baek, Linda Hapsmith, Libby, Carol Lewis, Dana Thomas, Donald Crocker, Rajive Ganguli, Alex Oliveira

- Minutes from 9/7 meeting were approved as amended.

#### - Continuation of the + grading policy discussion

Anita Hughes provided the list below of places where C and (or) 2.0 are in the catalog. We agreed in principal to the notion of ***re-affirming that C = 2.0 = minimum grade and (or) GPA required in most cases for adequate academic progress*** and then we got stuck on the transfer issue. On one hand it's inconsistent to allow a C- to transfer in as a C (and thus be used for a major class); on the other hand, we accept transfer of courses with grades as low as D- for students from UAA and UAS. This follows from the 'transparency between MAUs' dictate of the Board of Regents. (All Hail!! The BOR has ruled!)

After about 10 minutes of discussion on this problem Dave V. pointed out that the meeting would last FOREVER unless we figured out a way to move quickly through the items. He proposed creating a subcommittee to make recommendations. EVERYONE agreed that this was

a fabulous idea....as long as someone else was on (or at least in charge). Rainer closed his eyes and asked for volunteers. He was told that no one raised their hands....This lead to

Dave V. AGREED to convene and chair the subcommittee. Rainer twisted several arms and also agreed to serve. Dave (?) noted the need for a student on the committee. Christa (?) agreed to solicit a student for it. Linda agreed to ask the Provost (?) concerning accreditation issues that might arise from accepting grades from outside UA with < C-. The subcommittee is: David Valentine (chair), Rainer Newberry, Donald Crocker, Anita Hughes, & undergraduate student to be appointed by ASUAF President

- Formation of the new subcommittee on the Baccalaureate Core

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We agreed to the following strategy:

A. One representative from each school/college + One student

B. AT LEAST two members from CAC (Carrie Baker and Dave Valentine) + 1 member from Core Review (to be determined) + one from SADA (tbd).

These 4 will represent 4 different schools/colleges (in particular, CLA and SLRM + 2 not yet determined.

C. The additional school/college representatives will be chosen by the appropriate school/colleges however they'd like. (Obvious choice: curricular review committee chair).

D. We agreed to ask Dana, Jon, Cathy (and ADCOM?) to review our proposed strategy

## **2010 catalog**

### **References to "grade of C or better" or "grade of C (2.0) or better"**

P 26 in the Pre-Major "C (2.0)", Transfer Students ("2.0 GPA" no mention of C) and the Probational Acceptance sections "C (2.0)",

P 27 in the Home-Schooled Students Section "C (2.0)"

P 30 in the Admission Requirements section 2 instances "B (3.0)"

P 31 in the English Proficiency Requirements section, one reference to "successful completion"(C or higher)

P 34 in the Course Prerequisites section "C" (2.0) or better...

P 35 in items #3 and 4, transfer policy referring to C- or higher and C (2.0)

P 39 in the English Adv. Placement section "C grade or better" & in Mathematics section "C grade or better"

P 41 in the Non-Degree Students section ref to a 2.0 GPA (no mention of a C)

P 43 in the Faculty-Initiated Drop section "grade of "C" or better in prerequisites..."

P 45 in the Credit/No Credit section "...performance is at the C grade or higher..."

P 46 in the Pass section, "Satisfactory performance is the equivalent of a C grade or better..."

In the Incomplete section, "Satisfactorily completed (C or better)..."

P 48 discussion of Good Standing, Probation, Academic Qualification, multiple references

P 77 in the Intercollegiate Athletics section several references to "2.0 GPA" no mention of "C".

P 79 in the Pre-Major section, "...C grade average (2.0) or better..."

P 86 General University Requirements, "minimum GPA of 2.0 is required..." also in Occupational Endorsement Requirements "...have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0..."

OE Program description pages 87-90: several footnotes that students must earn a C or better in each course some include (2.0) in the note, most do not

P 92 in the General University Requirements section, "minimum C (2.0) grade..." and Table 19

P 131 in the General University Requirements section, "minimum C (2.0) grade..." and Table 20

P 132 in the Minors section "cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 (C) in..."

Bachelors Program description pages 140-196: several footnotes that students must earn a C or better in each course some include (2.0) in the note, most do not

P 201 in the Grades and Grade Point...section "...a C (2.0) grade..."

P 203 in the Advancement to Candidacy section..."grades below C (2.0)..."

**Faculty Affairs Committee**  
**September 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Andy Anger, Mike Davis (by phone), Lily Dong, Cecile Lardon, Andrew Metzger, Jennifer Reynolds, Roger Smith (ex officio).

Administrative Committee actions on Aug 30 were summarized by Jennifer Reynolds.

The committee reviewed five topics forwarded by last year's committee for consideration this year:

Teaching by Non-Regular Faculty: Discussion of this topic was postponed until the next meeting.

Reapportionment of Faculty Senate representation: Reapportionment will be conducted by Faculty Affairs in the fall semester, following the new procedure approved by the Faculty Senate last spring. The results will be in place for Faculty Senate elections in spring, 2011.

4<sup>th</sup> year review by university-wide P&T committee: Background: The 2008-09 Faculty Affairs Committee was asked by the Provost to look at ways of decreasing the workload for the Promotion and Tenure Committees, especially the campus-wide committees. FAC recommended that applicants' files be made available to P&T committees electronically, with specific security measures to ensure confidentiality. (This recommendation was not controversial, and has been implemented.) FAC also suggested that 4<sup>th</sup> year review files not be forwarded to the campus-wide P&T committees unless the candidate asks for this review. However, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) required that 4<sup>th</sup> year review files go to the campus-wide committee and the Provost, so a change in the CBA would have been required. Because the CBA is being renegotiated this year, FAC will discuss whether to recommend this change to the full Faculty Senate.

FAC members agreed that this change would reduce the workload on campus-wide P&T committees, but several members were concerned that the change might not be in the best interest of the faculty going through 4<sup>th</sup> year review. Members wanted to know how often the outcome of review at the campus-wide level is different from the outcome at the unit peer committee and dean's levels. These data will be requested from the Provost's Office before the next FAC meeting.

Legislative affairs: Fostering communication and strengthening relationships between UAF faculty and state legislators would be a big job. The Faculty Senate might create a new ad hoc committee to handle this, so Faculty Affairs will hold off on any action for the time being.

UAF budget: Administrative decisions about the budget impact faculty and instruction in a variety of ways, some obvious and some not so obvious. FAC members expressed concern and interest in knowing more about the budget issues. Members discussed possible approaches to obtaining timely information, without overwhelming detail, and what role FAC might play. There will be a follow-up discussion at a future meeting.

The Faculty Affairs Committee selected Jennifer Reynolds as chair for 2010-2011.

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**Faculty Affairs Committee**  
**September 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Jane Allen (by phone), Mike Davis (by phone), Lily Dong, Cecile Lardon, Andrew Metzger, Morris Palter, Jennifer Reynolds.

United Academics: We now have a new line of communication to United Academics. Jordan Titus, Assoc Professor of Sociology, is UAF's Organizational Vice President for United Academics. She will regularly attend Faculty Senate meetings this year as UNAC's 'ex officio' member of the Faculty Senate (as per FS bylaws). She has also offered to meet with the Faculty Affairs Committee whenever we feel that would be useful.

Database on Teaching by Non-Regular Faculty: There has been substantial and encouraging progress on this project during the summer and early fall. Jennifer Reynolds has been working with Colleen Abrams (Registrar's Office) to extract as much of the needed data as possible from Banner, and at this point it looks as though much more can be provided from Banner than we originally thought. In addition, the Faculty Senate office has identified a staff person who can help work with the data. As a next step, FAC needs to identify contacts in the departments across UAF who know the circumstances behind teaching by non-regular faculty in AY 2007-08 and AY 2008-09. Faculty Affairs members and other members of the Faculty Senate will be asked to recommend contacts.

4<sup>th</sup> Year Review: This topic was continued from our meeting on September 10, when FAC discussed changing 4<sup>th</sup> year faculty reviews to make the campus-wide and Provost levels of review optional. The motivation would be to decrease the workload on the campus-wide committee. However, there was concern about whether 4<sup>th</sup> year faculty would receive adequate feedback on their progress toward promotion and tenure. FAC members decided we needed information on how often the outcomes of faculty 4<sup>th</sup> year review were different at the unit and dean levels versus the campus-wide and provost levels. This information was compiled for the past ten years, with assistance from Provost's Office, and distributed to committee members. Faculty Affairs members agreed that the data showed a need for 4<sup>th</sup> year review at the campus-wide and Provost levels, and did not recommend a change to the 4<sup>th</sup> year review procedure. This topic will not be discussed further.

Reapportionment for Faculty Senate representation: The Provost's Office will provide the numbers of qualifying faculty in UAF units as of October 15. FAC will receive this information in late October or November, and expects to send reapportionment results to the Faculty Senate in December, well in advance of spring elections.

Changing Faculty Senate representation: FAC also discussed how to handle continuing Faculty Senate terms when Senate representation for a unit is changed. There will be situations in which changes cannot be immediately accommodated by elections; an example is the current situation in which CNSM is represented by a faculty member whose department (Computer Sciences) has been transferred to CEM. Committee members favored the following concepts: When a unit's representation on the Faculty Senate changes, elected senators should serve out the terms to which they were elected. Any decreases or increases in a unit's number of Senate

representatives should be accommodated in the next election. However, if an increase can not be rapidly accommodated by election (for example, if the increase occurred in the fall and the next election was not until spring), then the unit should choose one of its alternates to fill the new seat(s). This would result in a one-year overlap between previous and new representation, and a temporary increase in the number of senators. The Faculty Senate bylaws do not restrict the Senate to a fixed number of elected senators, but instead specify rules for representation and allow small increases in the number of senators to comply with these rules. This topic needs further discussion.

**Report**

**Unit criteria meeting from 9/10/10, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at SOE meeting room**

**Present:** All members, + 3 guests from DANSRD

Perry Barboza, Heidi Brocious, Karen Jensen, Debra Jones, Ute Kaden, Julie McIntyre, Tim Wilson

Guests- DANSRD: Ralph Gabrielli, Jenny Bell –Jones, Mike Koskey

**Agenda:**

- 1.) Discuss and comment on DANSRD unit criteria
- 2.) Select a new Chair for Unit Criteria Committee

**Report**

**1.) Unit Criteria DANSRD**

**“Department of Alaska Native Studies And Rural Development (DANSRD)” unit criteria**

pp 1, 2 – good introduction

p 5 e eliminate the word audio conference

p5 c rewrite c

p 6 Eliminate C. first paragraph .... *Research is a relative new part* .....

p 6 shorten second paragraph, clarify the use of the word “appropriate” , compare to the overlap with content on p2

p 6 Eliminate the bold paragraph

p 7 top paragraph shorten it

p 7 Second paragraph “*Given...*” consider to delete

p 9 m. simply and clarify wording

p 10 Eliminate top paragraph “ *as noted...* ”

p 11 e replace *related* with *campus wide*

**Consider including specific for recommendations for promotion and tenure.**

**2.) Perry Barboza will be the unit criteria chair for the 2010-2011 academic year and Ute Kaden will be the convener for 2010-2011 academic year.**

**Committee on the Status of Women,  
Meeting Minutes Tues, Oct 05, 2010; 1-2 pm, Gruening 718**

Members Present: Kayt Sunwood, Jane Weber, Jenny Liu, Melanie Arthur, Derek Sikes, Nicole Cundiff & over phone - Shawn Russell  
Dan White - administrative advocate

Members absent: Janet McClellan, Stefanie Ickert-Bond, Jessica Larsen

1. Chairs. Jane agreed to continue as co-chair and Kayt agreed to also be co-chair.
2. Final details for luncheon. 6th Annual Faculty Women Luncheon: Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 12:30-2:30, Wood Center Ballroom; Audioconferenced and webstreamed. Webstreaming issues discussed, might not work. Setup by Jane, Derek, Melanie, Kayt- meet at 11AM. Steffi did invitations, food is ordered.
3. Lack of female full professors. No women promoted to full last year in UAF - apparently none applied. How many were eligible but didn't apply? 12 men applied and were promoted.
4. Examine P/T stats and nonretentions. Is there is a gender bias? Categorized by reason for leaving. Dan will get statistics from Provost's office & aim for 15 years worth of statistics.
5. Annual survey tied to annual activities report. Discussion resulted in decision to not tie a survey to the AAR but to run a separate survey of faculty on P/T, mentoring, etc issues.
6. Brown Bag lunch committee. Shawn emphasized it should not be difficult to run these as distance delivery and would be helpful to build community with rural campuses. Kayt explained illuminate-live is an easy solution to this. Kayt, Shawn, and Melanie will be on the BBL committee. Shawn will investigate Center for Distance Ed options. Frequency of offering discussed.

Next meetings: Thursday Nov. 4th, 1-2  
Tues, Dec 14th 1-2  
Meeting was adjourned at 2:00;  
Respectfully Submitted, Derek Sikes

**CORE REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes for the Meeting of Monday Sept. 20, 2010**

*Present:* Chanda Meek, David Henry, Diane Ruess, Rainer Newberry, Burns Cooper, Christine Coffman, Latrice Laughlin (members) Faith Fleagle, Linda Hapsmith, Anita Hughes, Donald Crocker, John Craven (guests)

- I. Old Business
  - A. **Core Revision.** A Core revision committee is being created to possibly adopt an entirely new Core manuscript. Rainer commented that committee members should be taken from the Core review committee and Curricular Affairs.
- II. Faculty Senate Results
  - A. **BS in Statistics.** A motion by the Curricular Affairs committee to discontinue the BS in Statistics was passed. No apparent impact on the Core Review Committee as a result of this.
  - B. **Core Review Members.** Motion by the Core Review committee to increase its voting membership was passed. Currently Latrice and Jayne are investigating how many new members to add.
- III. Assessment
  - A. **O/W Report.** Motion to remove the “O” capstone from Art 407 Advanced Printmaking for the spring and fall of 2011 or until the class can be assessed by committee members. Motion passed. Students currently enrolled in Art 407 will still receive an “O”. Art department chair and instructor will be notified of the impending assessment.
  - B. **Spring Assessment.** There are two assessment reports that have not been handed in from the spring assessment. Need to find out whether or not the last cycle was assessed from last chair.
  - C. **Core Reports.** Latrice is still compiling the list of courses that need to be assessed. There will be other Core courses besides those with an O/W designation. Latrice expects that Core Reports will have to be done over the summer time. Chris inquired if off contract pay will be provided because of the need to finish the Core Reports. Latrice will inquire about off contract pay.
- IV. Petitions
  - A. **No Petitions**
- V. Next Meeting 3:30-4:30. Monday October 4, location TBA

*Report for the Senate Minutes.* The committee met on September 20 with seven members present. The committee approved a motion to remove the “O” designation from ART 407 for the spring and fall of the 2011 school year or until the course can be assessed by the committee. The committee also discussed the timeline for the upcoming core reports. There were no petitions submitted. The next coming meeting will be on Monday October 4th



**UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee  
September 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

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

II. Roll call:

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

Excused: Eric Madsen

III. Report from Joy

Reporting from Juneau, Joy met with Statewide's Anne Sakumoto in Anchorage, along with two people from UAA's CAFE (Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence), and Kathy DiLorenzo from UAS to discuss ways to collaborate. She asks that our committee be proactive by checking out UAA's CAFE website ([www.uaa.alaska.edu/cafe/](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/cafe/)) to see what they have available, such as their list of workshops and their Faculty Technology Center. This center employs 2 staff persons to assist faculty to utilize technology in their teaching. CAFE has an introductory book group that is meeting to discuss "Making Inquiry into the College Classroom" and is open to at least 5 faculty members. She has also been meeting with UAF's School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences faculty while in Juneau at their new Lena Point facility

Joy also mentioned that new faculty are already signing up for the 2011 Lilly-West Teaching Conference in March.

IV. Old Business

1. Committee membership

As per Jayne Harvey's email, Diane McEachern may not have time to continue on the FDAI committee due to becoming a Faculty Senator and her other committee work. Jayne will let us know whom the Provost's Council confirms as its representative ASAP. Josef sent an email to Alex O. to encourage her to stay on the committee and got a positive response back, but as she did not call in to the meeting today, it is unknown if she plans to continue to be a member. Joy mentioned that Eric Madsen has volunteered to stay on our committee.

2. Report on Faculty Senate's discussion of online evaluations

Josef was able to get online evaluations put on the Faculty Senate agenda for their meeting yesterday. It bought up a lively discussion with many people interested in weighing in on the issue. Some general questions came up such as: 1) what is being done with the evaluations that are generated now; 2) what do those who evaluate faculty for tenure and promotion do with these evaluations; and 3) how much are these evaluations a part of the tenure and promotion process? When asked how she would use them, Provost Henrichs answered that she hoped there would be a consensus among everyone on how they would be utilized. One motivation for switching to electronic evaluations that the Provost twice alluded to was concern over confidentiality. It was

pointed out that students could tamper with evaluations while delivering them to Wood Center, or that the evaluations could get lost. Channon wondered if there was any documented evidence regarding student tampering. Melanie pointed out that while no solid evidence was given regarding student tampering, we do have research that undeniably states that electronic evaluations have a minimal response rate. Josef mentioned that some people at UAF have experimented with online evaluations and confirm what the research indicates: minimal response rate and so it is not a reliable evaluative measure.

Channon mused on why students would not want to do evaluations online when they are the online generation? Julie pointed out that there is a formality in a face-to-face setting – filling out the forms in person – versus an online option. Once again we discussed the option of withholding students' grades until they had participated in an online evaluation, but since the evaluation process is voluntary, there would still need to be a way out for those students choosing to abstain from evaluating faculty. Julie said that this is accomplished by having those students go online and opt out. Channon suggested that UAF make course/instructor online evaluations a formal requirement of students for every course by adding it to the list of syllabus requirements.

Josef will send the FDAI summary, articles, and our meeting notes from February to Provost Henrichs and also to Jon Dehn and Jayne Harvey in order to make it available again to the Faculty Senate.

## V. New Business

### 1. Eric Mazur's presentations and workshops on peer instruction, October 28 – 29

Eric Mazur will only be here for 2 days, so Joy is looking at how we can maximize his time. A presentation on peer instruction is planned for Thursday, October 28, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm that will be video conferenced around the state. Channon requested that he give 2 talks: one for the Physics Department Seminar and one for peer instruction specifically for physics classes. Joy suggested that we have him present his talk on making physics accessible to the general public on Thursday evening in Reichardt 201, or Friday evening at the Noel Wien Library. The Vera Alexander classroom on West Ridge was also suggested due to support for Mazur's visit from the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. It has a good tech set-up and may make the presentation more accessible. Joy will get the information on Eric Mazur's presentations out to K-12 teachers as well.

### 2. Sharing our guest speakers via video conferencing with UAA

Joy has been working on this and will video conference some of Eric Mazur's presentations. She has been discussing with UAA and UAS faculty who else we could share.

### 3. Forum for spring 2011

Using Kennedy's book, "Academic Duty" once again as a springboard, Josef suggested that we take a look at different chapters to get ideas on a theme for the next Faculty Forum. Academic duty and freedom were good topics last spring and generated much discussion – so much so that we did not get through much of the book. Kelly suggested we might take a look at chapter 9 "To Reach Beyond the Walls" and see if that refers to community outreach, which is part of UAF's

Academic Plan. Josef suggested balancing teaching and scholarship since it seems to be a gray area.

The Faculty Forum will be in February or March 2011. We need to think about whom we might invite as our guest speaker to join in/facilitate the discussion. We decided to take a look at Kennedy's book again and come up with some discussion ideas, which will then guide us towards choosing a guest speaker.

VI. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Bunnell 222.

VII. Adjourned at 3:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Houlton.

**Graduate Academic Advisory Committee  
September 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Voting Members Present: Ken Abramowicz (Chair), Donie Bret-Harte, Lara Dehn, Regine Hock, Orion Lawlor, Sue Renes, Xiong Zhang (phone), Jen Schmidt.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Larry Duffy, Laura Bender, Anita Hughes, Karen Jensen.

Meeting started at 10:00.

1. The proposed meeting agenda was approved without any modification.
2. Ken Abramowicz was elected to serve as chair during the 2010-2011 academic year.
3. After reviewing and discussing the results of a Doodle poll, the committee agreed that committee meetings during the current semester will be held on Mondays from 9:30-10:30 am. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 27. Other meeting dates for this semester will be discussed and approved at the next meeting (Ken will submit a list of proposed dates).
4. Unfinished business:
  - A. ME-F634 Format 2.  
GAAC had concerns related to the initial proposal. Since the department did not respond to GAAC requests related to these concerns, this proposal was not approved.
  - B. PhD in Clinical Community Psychology Program Change.  
During the summer Orion received email votes from a majority of the committee. As a result of email vote during the summer, the proposed changes were accepted.
  - C. CHEM F618 (new course proposal).  
The proposal has been revised. Xiong Zhang will forward the revised proposal to Ken and it will be put on GAAC's website. The new revisions will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - D. FISH F414/F614 (new course proposal).  
Most committee members did not think there is sufficient time during Maymester for the students to learn the material contained in the course. As a result of email vote during the summer, the proposal was not approved. GAAC recommends that the department collect assessment data for FISH 314 during the current academic year, ask for a one-time (trial course) approval for FISH 614, collect assessment data for the trial FISH 614 course, and compare the results to provide evidence related to the equivalency of the student learning in these two courses.
  - E. Policy change related to tuition awards for RA/TAs.  
Larry Duffy discussed potential changes in tuition awards for RA/TAs and the related consequences. He also suggested that Pat Pitney be invited to discuss this issue at either a

later GAAC meeting or a Faculty Senate meeting. It was agreed that all GAAC members would discuss this item with their faculty/fiscal officer/dean with the purpose of identifying issues and concerns related to implementation of this new policy.

5. New proposed courses:

- A. MSL – Chemical Coastal Processes (trial course). After brief discussion, the new trial course was unanimously approved.
- B. MSL F694 – Scientific Writing Techniques (trial course). It was noted that similar courses are offered by other departments and a discussion related to the need for this course followed. After discussion, the new trial course was unanimously approved.

6. New discussion topics:

- A. Larry Duffy discussed the advisory role of GAAC on policy/administrative matters related to graduate studies at UAF. He discussed various topics that may arise during the coming year and welcomed input from GAAC.
- B. Laura Bender presented the possibility of including GAAC on the itinerary for the finalists in the search process for Dean of the Graduate School. The committee felt this would be a good idea.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

**Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee (SADA)  
September 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Lily Misel, Sandra Wildfeuer, John Creed, Cindy Hardy (chair), Deseree Salvador, Margaret Short, Kate Quick, Jane Allen, Michelle Bartlett, Cindy Andrechek

The committee met and considered the following:

*Election of co-chairs:* Cindy Hardy was asked to continue as co-chair. She requested a rural faculty member to act as co-chair. Sandra Wildfeuer and Jane Allen are considering this position.

*Agenda items for 2010-11:* The committee discussed several agenda items for the year, some of which carried over from last year. SADA will continue to pursue the Student Learning Commons in conjunction with Rasmuson Library. Lily and Cindy agreed to form a small subcommittee to keep up with efforts to develop a Learning Commons.

We will also continue to track the effects of Mandatory Placement, including unintended consequences. In general, our impression is that this effort has been effective in placing students appropriately.

We will continue our discussion of ways to more effectively honor student achievement, especially at the developmental level. We discussed several possibilities for doing this.

The question of the DEV designator came up in discussion, once again. We discussed the possibility of cross-listing some DEV classes with the academic department where the subsequent class is offered. Margaret agreed to poll her colleagues about their thoughts on a DEVM/Math cross-listing and report back to the committee. In general, we are interested in coming up with a few ideas for making a “developmental semester” more acceptable to students who need to strengthen their academic skills.

*Meeting times:* We agreed that the Friday 2-3:30 times worked for all who were in attendance. Cindy will check with Jayne Harvie and set meetings that do not conflict with Bethel faculty meetings. Cindy or Jayne will e-mail this to the group.