The following motion was passed at Faculty Senate meeting #228 on December 4, 2017

## **MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the policy on transfer of credits as follows:

Effective: Fall 2018

Rationale: The following reasons are submitted as the basis for amending the AA/AS waiver policy:

- 1. We currently accept a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited school as fulfilling our core/GER.
- 2. We accept an AA/AS from a regionally accredited school as fulfilling the lower division parts of the core/GER.
- 3. General education requirements are substantially the same across all the regional accrediting bodies.
- 4. Transfer programs are specifically designed by the granting institutions to allow students to be directly placed into 4-year institutions with an understanding that the core/GERs would transfer, such programs are not necessarily identified as 'AA' or 'AS' and thus do not fall under existing regulations.
- 5. As the policy currently stands it is frequently difficult for others (advisors, recruiters, etc.), without consulting the Office of the Registrar, to assure transfer students with these degrees that they will receive general education waivers.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Some of the waivers currently being requested can be very labor intensive for the Registrar's office to facilitate.
- 8. 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 current limitations it is difficult to complete the transfer core/GER waiver portion of the evaluation in a timely fashion.

Chris Fallen, UAF Faculty Senate President

**Approves** The Chancellor: Disapproves

12/11/17 Date:

Daniel M. White, UAF Chancellor

See the attached policy changes:

## **BOLD CAPS** = Addition

[[]] = Deletion

The following regulations apply to transfer of credit:

- 1. Students are eligible for transfer of credit when 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.
- 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 have not satisfied the prerequisite requirements.
- 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 general education requirements, the Associate of Arts general education requirements and the Associate of Science general education requirements when officially accepted to a bachelor's, Associate of Arts or Associate of Science program at UAF. These students will also be considered to have completed 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 institution will be considered to have satisfied the UAF general education requirements.
- 7. ANY TRANSFER STUDENT WHO HAS COMPLETED AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE AT A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION, WHICH WAS SPECIFICALLY DEVELOPED FOR TRANSFER TO A 4-YEAR INSTITUTION, WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SATISFIED THE UAF GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.
- 8. Any transfer student who has completed the baccalaureate general education requirements at any regionally accredited four-year institution will be considered to have completed the baccalaureate general education requirements at UAF. The student is responsible for providing an official statement and documentation certifying general education requirements completion at the previous institution

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