

Minutes SADA 9/8/2016

In attendance

Sine Anahita, Sociology, CLA (18)
Cindy Hardy, DEV English, CRCD - SADA Liaison to CAC
Ben Kuntz, DEV English, Kuskokwim (KUC) Campus
Jennifer Tilbury, DEV English, Community and Technical College (CTC) - Co-chair
Sandra Wildfeuer, DEV Math, CRCD - Chair
Jill Faudree, Math, CNSM (17)
Jennifer Schell, English, CLA (18)
Bill Howard, Science, CNSM (17)
Stacey Howdeshell, Academic Advising Center
Colleen Angaiak, Rural Student Services (RSS)
Dean's Council Rep: Alex Fitts
OAR: Mike Earnest

Agenda

Minutes from April meeting approved

New Business:

Correction needed: Definition of committee wording needs to be changed to Development (not Developmental)

Working on more representation

Election of chair and co-chair -- Sandra W. and Jennifer T.

Meeting time: Once monthly; M, T, F mornings work. Fall semester.

Set: Thursdays 9-10:30am for Fall semester.

Placement Updates:

Math update: the three universities have been talking about Math and DEVM placement. UAA and UAS are expecting to switch to Aleks. Issue is proctoring. Are placement scores inflated b/c Aleks is not proctored? There has been some data gathered. In general, students performed better when the test was proctored. A report will be prepared and distributed. The results of this could affect what area Math/DEVM puts resources in – do we want to put resources into proctoring or into another aspect affecting student success? (more support during class, etc). Aleks is not cheap to proctor due to multiple attempts, retest window, etc. There is a proctor/advising interface feature to Aleks. Will there be common MAU placement cut scores in the near future? For fall of 2017, Banner would need to know by mid-March. Jill would be happy to attend a DEVM meeting when they discuss “writing math” issue (related to concerns about math cubed).

FCC: Jen will scan form to Sandra and Jill.

English Update: Deve courses have been aligned for a year. New course changes with aligned courses will be in the fall catalog. Accuplacer contract expires; discussion about whether or not to retain it. Decision will be made around December.

GER change to bucket list:

Most classes do not have prerequisite, except English 111x/111x placement, but some do.

Old Business:

Update

Grade Appeal Policy:

Last year these were revised and passed through Faculty Senate. The grade appeal policy was changed and a grade appeal committee was formed – a pool of people with some training.

Procedural change: through the provost and no longer through the dean of students office.

UAF Academic Appeal policy was also reviewed. Sandra met over the summer with Jen H. and identified issues -- what the appeal says is not what happens in practice.

Academic Early Progress Reports: no longer called “freshman” progress reports. Ideally are for all students. Also concern about follow-up procedures. Guidelines and timelines are administered out of Faculty Senate. We need to look for the original document. List goes to the academic advisor and it is on them to contact the students. Where does eLearning fit into this? How do other depts feel about the timing of these reports – too early or too late? We don’t want the solution to be a drop, we want them to get into something suitable (drop and swap, maybe) – a solution. Re-visit?

New Business:

UAF Pre-major Policy:

We have been asked to explore this policy. Affects departmental numbers. They count as majors and count in department numbers in reports. Some students might stay in pre-major status for years and don’t receive a great deal of support. If they have a pre-major, they are coded to that program’s advisor. They should be going to the advisor in their attended major.