

GAAC meeting 9/30/14

Attending: Donie Bret-Harte, Mike Daku, Laura Bender, Holly Sherouse, Amy Lovecraft, Lara Horstmann, Karen Jensen

I. Donie Bret-Harte was elected as Chair of GAAC for this academic year.

II. Because several people are on sabbatical, faculty membership on GAAC is down to five people. We discussed recruiting additional faculty members to join the committee. Since we are a permanent committee, members do not have to be Senators or Alternates. It was agreed that we would like to have broad representation across academic disciplines. However, willingness to serve and contribute is our primary requirement. Several possible committee members were suggested. Mike Daku, Amy Lovecraft, Lara Horstmann, and Donie Bret-Harte will contact potential members. After the meeting, Donie confirmed with Senate President Cecile Lardon that the committee can recruit additional members, who do not need to be Senators.

II. We reviewed assignments carried forward from last year. Amy has contacted the proposers of the RAP certificate ((2013-14) **25-GNP: New Program: [Graduate Certificate in Resilience and Adaptation](#)**;) with questions. Lara has contacted the proposers of (2012-13) **52-GNC: New Course (Stacked): [BIOL F435 / F635 - Introduction to Biology of Cancer](#)**.

III. GAAC passed **3-GPCh.: Program Change: [M.A. - Northern Studies](#)**.

IV. New review assignments were made, and old ones were updated.

V. Laura Bender informed us that Michael Castellini will be the new associate dean for the graduate school, to allow John Eichelberger to focus on UArctic and arctic policy issues connected with the US assuming the chairmanship of the Arctic Council. Laura will begin the process of recruiting graduate student members for GAAC.

VI. There was discussion of special topics courses. The intent is that the topics should be different each time that they are taught. There are some courses that repeat as special topics courses but have the same topics from year to year. GAAC will encourage proposers of those courses to seek approval instead as new courses.

VII. We will invite the proposers of the Vet Med curriculum to attend one of our meetings, give an update on their program, and answer several questions that were raised about their courses. We will also invite the Chair of the Biology Department to answer questions about how Biology's curriculum interacts with Vet Med and provide her perspective.

VIII. We will set our next meeting date by email, after recruiting some additional members, but plan to meet during the week of October 13.