

Agenda  
**Board of Regents**  
**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
Thursday, November 6, 2014, \*3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Butrovich Building, Room 109  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Fairbanks, Alaska

*\*Times for meetings are subject to modifications within the November 5-6, 2014 time frame.*

**Committee Members:**

Michael Powers, Committee Chair  
Gloria O'Neill, Committee Vice Chair  
Courtney Enright

Kenneth J. Fisher  
Kirk Wickersham  
Patricia Jacobson, Board Chair  
David Valentine, Faculty Alliance Chair, ex officio

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee adopts the agenda as presented.**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

**III. Full Board Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 05.10.080 – Tuition and Fee Waivers**
- B. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.01.014 – Expectations: Curriculum**
- C. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.01.020 – Student Defined**
- D. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.01.030 – Responsibility and Scope of Student Services**
- E. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.02.030 – Scope of University Authority for Violations of the Student Code of Conduct**
- F. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.04.030 – Composition of Education Records**
- G. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.09.040 – Nondiscrimination and Gender Equity**
- H. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.11.020 – Health and Counseling Services and Fees; Health Insurance**
- I. Approval of a Doctorate of Nursing Practice at the University of Alaska Anchorage**

- IV. Executive Session
- V. New Business
- VI. Future Agenda Items
- VII. Adjourn

**This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

**III. Full Board Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 05.10.080 – Tuition and Fee Waivers Reference 3

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve revisions to Regents’ Policy 05.10.080 – Tuition and Fee Waivers as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

**RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed revisions are required to bring policy into compliance with Alaska Statutes. Vice President Thomas will answer questions regarding the policy revisions presented in Reference 3.

- B. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.01.014 – Expectations: Curriculum Reference 4

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.01.014 – Expectations: Curriculum as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

**RATIONAL/RECOMMENDATION**

Many students enroll at the university with the assumption that full-time attendance (by definition 12 credits per semester) will allow them to complete a bachelor’s degree in four years and/or an associate degree in two years. This is mathematically impracticable. To better inform students of what it takes to graduate on time with either a bachelor’s or an associate degree in four or two years (respectively), the Student Services Council recommends the additional language found in Section B, item 4. Vice President Thomas will answer questions regarding the policy revisions presented in Reference 4.

- C. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 09.01.020 – Student Defined  
Reference 5

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve revisions to Regents' Policy 09.01.020 – Student Defined as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

**RATIONAL/RECOMMENDATION**

Section A.1. is modified to include students who participate in a national or international student exchange program.

Revisions to section B and C are necessary because many students enroll at the university with the assumption that full-time attendance (by definition 12 credits per semester) will allow them to complete a bachelor's degree in four years and/or an associate degree in two years. This is mathematically impracticable. To better inform students of what it takes to graduate on time with either a bachelor's or an associate degree in four or two years (respectively), the Student Services Council recommends the additional language found in Section B & C.

This is consistent with revisions to P09.01.014 – Expectations: Curriculum. Vice President Thomas will answer questions regarding the policy revisions presented in Reference 5.

- D. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 09.01.030 – Responsibility and Scope of Student Services  
Reference 6

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve revisions to Regents' Policy 09.01.030 – Responsibility and Scope of Student Services as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

**RATIONAL/RECOMMENDATION**

Section A. is modified to include students who participate in a national or international student exchange program. This is consistent with revisions to P09.01.020 – Student Defined. Vice President Thomas will answer questions regarding the policy revisions presented in Reference 6.

- E. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 09.02.030 – Scope of University Authority for Violations of the Student Code of Conduct Reference 7

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.02.030 – Scope of University Authority for Violations of the Student Code of Conduct as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

**RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION**

Because of eLearning, the online world and student off-campus activities, the university authority for violations of the student code of conduct is being modernized and clarified. General Counsel has cited three situations when off-campus, non-criminal conduct not involving the university community might impact health or safety on campus (e.g., Title IX-type issues, civil stalking, violation of medical quarantines). Vice President Thomas will answer questions regarding the policy revisions presented in Reference 7.

- F. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 09.04.030 – Composition of Education Records Reference 8

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve revisions to Regents’ Policy 09.04.030 – Composition of Education Records as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

**RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION**

Adding graduate advisory committee reports to section A.1. will provide protection from disclosure unless expressly authorized by the student or through applicable law. Vice President Thomas will answer questions regarding the policy revisions presented in Reference 8.

- G. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 09.09.040 – Nondiscrimination and Gender Equity Reference 9

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve revisions to Regents' Policy 09.09.040 – Nondiscrimination and Gender Equity as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

**RATIONAL/RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed revision brings the policy into alignment with federal law. Vice President Thomas will answer questions regarding the policy revisions presented in Reference 9.

- H. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 09.11.020 – Health and Counseling Services and Fees; Health Insurance Reference 10

The president recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve revisions to Regents' Policy 09.11.020 – Health and Counseling Services and Fees; Health Insurance as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

**RATIONAL/RECOMMENDATION**

Students & Affordable Care Act Issues:

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) does not require UA to provide student health insurance plans. However, it is general counsel's understanding that such plans must meet ACA requirements.

The ACA does not require individuals to have health insurance coverage. If an individual fails to obtain qualifying insurance, a tax penalty is imposed. For 2014 the tax is the greater of a) 1.0 percent of income (net of specified deductions) or b) \$95 per adult plus \$47.50 per child, up to a maximum of \$285 per family. The tax is scheduled to increase in subsequent years. An example can be viewed at the following link: <http://taxpolicycenter.org/taxfacts/acacalculator.cfm>.

Because the cost of coverage is significantly greater than the tax penalty, many students may choose to forgo coverage and pay the tax instead. However, undergraduates under age 26 may now remain on parent employer plans where those plans cover dependents. A related issue is that the absence of health insurance coverage may have impacts on costs incurred at those campuses maintaining student health centers.

#### Foreign Students attending UA

The State Department requires that foreign students attending US universities maintain health insurance as a condition of maintaining their student visas. Campuses with foreign students are required to play a role in verifying or mandating compliance.

#### UA Students Traveling Abroad

UA students may travel abroad under a variety of circumstances, some of which involve heightened risk to the student and potential liability for UA. Students may individually decide to study abroad with minimal UA involvement and little or no risk to UA. However, UA students also may travel abroad with their professors for faculty-led short courses, with athletic or debate teams, to present at conferences, and in a variety of other circumstances. Domestic health policies may not provide coverage for relatively simple issues abroad, much less issues like students who decompensate under stress, or international turmoil resulting in trip cancellation, evacuation or repatriation of remains. Absent coverage, UA may have a moral or legal obligation to cover such expenses.

General Counsel Hostina and Vice President Thomas will answer questions regarding the policy revisions presented in Reference 10.

- I. Approval of a Doctorate of Nursing Practice at the University of Alaska Anchorage Reference 11

The president recommends that:

#### **MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve a Doctorate of Nursing Practice at the University of Alaska Anchorage as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

#### POLICY CITATION

In accordance with Regents’ Policy 10.04.020 – Degree and Certificate Program Approval, all program additions, deletions, major revisions, or the offering of existing programs outside the State of Alaska, requires approval by the board.

**RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION**

Reference 11 contains the rationale and program request for the approval of a doctorate of nursing practice. Provost Baker will provide background information to members of the committee.

**IV. Executive Session**

**MOTION**

**“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to the review of academic programs. This motion is effective November 6, 2014.”**

*(To be announced prior to commencing executive session:)*

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents goes into executive session at \_\_\_\_ p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310. The session will include members of the Board of Regents, President Gamble, General Counsel Hostina, and such other university staff members as the president may designate and will last approximately \_\_\_\_\_.

*(To be announced at the conclusion of executive session:)*

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents concluded an executive session at \_\_\_\_ p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to the review of academic programs. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Gamble, General Counsel Hostina, and such other university staff members as the president may designate and lasted approximately \_\_\_\_\_.

**V. New Business**

**VI. Future Agenda Items**

**VII. Adjourn**