Faculty Alliance Resolution 2014-01
Concerning Alignment of Mathematics
General Education Requirements across the University of Alaska System

Whereas, on April 4, 2014, the UA Board of Regents passed a resolution concerning UA General Education Requirements: “the Board of Regents resolves to charge the faculty across the UA system to develop and adopt common general education and developmental/preparatory learning outcomes and requirements and, as a first step in this process to develop and implement common learning outcomes, course descriptions, numbers and titles, and common placement tools and scores for math and English and propose a plan of implementation for other areas of general education (humanities and fine arts, natural sciences, and social sciences) by fall 2016;” and

Whereas, the Faculty Alliance agrees with the Board of Regents that the curricular revisions intended in their Resolution regarding Revisions to Regent’s Policy 10.04.040 is the work of the faculty; and

Whereas, the Faculty Alliance supports the work of existing statewide and local faculty groups in reviewing and revising General Education Requirements and developmental education courses; and

Therefore, the Faculty Alliance asks the UAS Department of Mathematics, UAA Department of Mathematics and Statistics, UAA College Preparatory and Developmental Studies department, UAF Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and the UAF Department of Developmental Studies to form a working group who will work with the UA Registrars to:

1. Address the unifying of shared 200 and below course prefix, names, and numbers
2. Address the unifying of shared 200 and below course outcomes and descriptions
3. Determine how to proceed with the discussion on unifying placement tests, cut scores, and the length of time placement tests and prerequisite courses are valid
4. Determine what changes in current UA systems are necessary to implement these actions.

Passed unanimously at the September 12, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Alliance

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