MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 2017
TO: Summit Team
FROM: Jim Johnsen
SUBJECT: Follow-Up from October 11 Meeting

Title IX
UA will participate in the negotiated rule making, providing input on how language is manifested in federal regulation. Mike O’Brien emphasized that Item 12 of the new federal guidance provides that any voluntary resolution agreement (VRA) in place is still in place. UA will adhere to the VRA, and areas not addressed in the VRA or in the guidance are being addressed on a case-by-case basis. UA committed in the VRA to use a preponderance of evidence, and had been using that standard previous to entering into the VRA. Governance will be brought into the conversation relative to new or revised policy. Mary Gower and Michael O’Brien will meet with Faculty Alliance to receive its feedback.

Under development are consequences for an employee’s noncompliance with the training requirement; these will be communicated in the near future.

Council Reports and Scorecards
The chancellors and I are formulating written responses to each council’s proposed charter, progress reports on Strategic Pathways
(SP) initiatives, and proposed scorecards. As the budget framework and systemwide goals are refined with the Board of Regents (BOR), it becomes the agenda-setter for council goals. The scope of each council is at the system level, rather than the campus level. One standing requirement of councils is to review policies and regulations under their purview and remove unnecessary hurdles therein.

Academic Council (AC): The scorecard will be amended to conform to the scope and expectations of all systemwide councils discussed in this meeting, and assignment of responsibility and deadlines will be addressed. AC will review the perceived misalignment and disparity that creates roadblocks (described in the Engineering Status Report), as well as prioritize solutions to bring alignment and remove barriers. Relative to the SP Report – UAA Master in Public Policy (MPP) and Master in Public Administration – key faculty and leadership need to be involved. The MPP will be a new program and must go through the review channels of governance, AC, and the BOR; it will also require new resources included in UAA’s budget proposal.

Business Council (BC): Implementation of a booking tool is underway and will balance the user experience with good controls. Travel users, including faculty who field-travel, are focus group members. Ellucian will continue its support of TEM through December 31, 2018. The Facilities Council is a subcouncil of BC; goals will be established centering on deferred maintenance and space utilization. The process of how BC subcouncils report to BC is developing; there will be standing readouts at BC by its subcouncils. I am comfortable with the BC approach to its scorecard, describing objectives, rather than tasks; however, another level of detail does need to be recorded and available should it be requested.

Community Campus Directors Council (CCDC): The integrated tech prep issue will be separated from other concurrent enrollment
issues with resolution by early December for advancement to me. The next step is clear terminology and definitions related to tech prep and concurrent and dual enrollment, as well as a clear understanding of the variance of fees across campuses and who is responsible for payment. The AC and SSC, rather than CCDC, are responsible for developing systemwide guidance for managing the participation of minors on UA campuses [see CCDC SP update report 1(3)]. These councils will coordinate with UA Chief Risk Officer Tim Edwards to ensure such guidance and BOR policy and university regulation (Chapter 09.12 Protection of Minors) concur.

Development and Alumni Council (D&AC): The budget request and campaign processes are operating in tandem. Under evaluation are endowed scholarships to assess which may be modified or generalized to broaden student eligibility, and which donors are best engaged in a coordinated, system-level manner. Proposed scorecard Sub-action #2 will be revised to reflect "complement."

Human Resources Council (HRC): Strategic initiatives described on the scorecard will be prioritized at the next HRC. HRC will consider giving priority to process improvement, and factoring into the recruit and retain initiative UA-hire of our own graduates. Moving the annual leave roll date to June/July goes to the BOR in November.


Information Technology Council (ITC): As the draft scorecard developed by Chair Kowalski is vetted by the ITC, ITC will consider the addition of what is being measured and why, and restating the percent of savings data. An assessment of who needs to be notified in situations such as a data breach will be conducted by ITC to develop a process and checklist, taking into consideration that there are instances when federal programs require notification, so programmatic folks need to be notified.
Research Council (RC): Gwen Gruenig will reach out to Rosemary Madnick to discuss uniform metrics and their importance to the RC.

Student Services Council (SSC): Due dates will be added to the scorecard, as well as a section on SP. At the November 16 Summit Team (ST) meeting, leads of the EAB student success collaborative – Karen Carey, Alex Fitts, and Bruce Schultz – will report-out on progress and an implementation timeline. Faculty will be engaged in the EAB rollout.

University Relations Council (UR): Chanda File will reach out to each council chair to obtain links to systemwide council websites. UR is pausing to assess the best approach forward on the communications needs assessment. A high-level awareness campaign to heighten awareness of UA is getting underway; as you hear the ads, UR welcomes feedback. To support research, it was suggested federal and state agenda setting become more nimble.

Financial Framework and Enrollment
The draft Plan 2025 was discussed at the October 16 Executive Council to assess which items are appropriate to be funded through reallocation, through philanthropic support, or presented as a state budget request. The refined, draft framework was posted to BoardDocs yesterday (October 17) and will be discussed with the BOR October 24. I am willing to meet with governance bodies between now and the November BOR meeting and build governance feedback into the framework. It was suggested consideration be given to a common approach to testing in high school, and that we look introspectively to promote a culture of education within.

Enrollment Strategy Considerations
In response to Dan O’Connor’s June 7 formal proposal to ST, the following two reports were discussed.
1. The October 5 Assessment of Feasibility of Eliminating Non-Resident Surcharge (NRS) memo by Myron Dosch and the VCASs recommends against the elimination of the NRS. Several categories of students are already not assessed the NRS, including on-line students, veteran students, and Come Home to Alaska students. There are no trends or data to support recovery of the $11M loss of surcharge revenue that would result if the NRS were completely eliminated. The NRS revenue is a source of funding for waivers for students. In the future when peer tuition rates are benchmarked, NRS rates will also be benchmarked.

2. Saichi Oba’s October 5 memo recommends that the CCDC be allowed to further develop their efforts toward course sharing, in lieu of creating a new statewide course catalog, and to consider establishing an inventory of partnerships that could be leveraged to expand the availability and visibility in Alaska Native studies. Course sharing may include the sharing of faculty at a systemwide level, and the course-sharing concept could be considered for integration into the student access gateway.

I agree with the recommended approaches in both reports.

Next ST Meeting November 16
A draft agenda for ST’s next meeting is attached. Reference materials submitted for this and future meetings are best received in PDF format.
UA Summit Team

November 16, 2017; 1 – 4:30 p.m.¹

1. 1 p.m. Title IX Update: Mary Gower
   Reference: Nov. 2017 Highlights

2. 1:10 p.m. EAB Student Success Collaborative Progress Report
   • Overview: Saichi Oba
   • Progress and Timeline: Karen Carey, Alex Fitts, Bruce Schultz (project leads)

3. 1:30 p.m. Information Technology Review and Assessment: Michelle Rizk
   Reference: Assessment Report by James Szymak

4. 1:50 p.m. Legislative Update: Miles Baker

5. 2:10 p.m. Budget: Michelle Rizk

6. 2:30 p.m. Communications and Advocacy: Michelle Rizk

Break

7. 3 p.m. Council Scorecards and Strategic Pathways Reports: Council Chairs
   References: Scorecards and Strategic Pathways Reports
   • Academic: Saichi Oba (for VPASA)
   • Business: Myron Dosch
   • Community Campus Directors: Gary Turner
   • Development and Alumni: Susan Foley
   • Human Resources: Keli McGee
   • Institutional Research: Gwen Gruenig

¹ Video conference sites: Anchorage—UAA Admin Bldg 204 & Bragaw 205; Fairbanks—UA Butro 204 & UAF Signers' 330; Juneau—UAS Hendrickson 204; CCDC Chair via Pexip. (For technical problems, call or text Dianne Milke 907-388-8948 or VCS 800-478-8226.)
8. 4:25 p.m. Agenda Planning for 12/14/17 Summit Team Meeting: Michelle Rizk
   a. Title IX Update: Mary Gower
   b. Council Scorecards and Strategic Pathways Reports: Council Chairs
   c. Legislative Update: Miles Baker
   d. Budget: Michelle Rizk
   e. Other topics?