

**Academic Council Meeting Summary**  
February 16, 2018; 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Paul Layer (Chair), Duane Hrncir, Susan Henrichs, Karen Carey, Priscilla Schulte, Larry Hinzman, Fred Villa, Lisa Hoferkamp, Chris Fallen, Maria Williams, Saichi Oba, Colby Freel (Scribe)

Guests: Tara Ferguson, Susan Kalina,

1. Safety Minute – Paul

Because of the recent weather around the state, Paul Layer encouraged the members to be prepared for emergencies with food, water and other appropriate preparedness equipment and materials.

2. Approve 1/12/18 meeting summary – All, 2 min. (*attachment*)

The January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting summary approved without objection.

3. January 12, 2018 Action Item Update – Paul, 5 min.

ACTION ITEM: Council members will review and provide feedback on the AC charter in advance of the next meeting. DONE.

ACTION ITEM: Paul will bring up the appropriate level of detail in BOR policy 10.02.040 as a possible BOR discussion topic to the President. DONE.

ACTION ITEM: Paul and Saichi will collaborate on a response to the Faculty Alliance memo regarding student tuition and fees across campuses. In progress.

4. Proposed Student Salary Minimum Wage Increase – Tara Ferguson, 10 min.

Tara Ferguson, UA Statewide Director of Classification and Compensation, updated the council on recent activities surrounding student worker wages. Student wages currently under State of Alaska minimum wage will be increased to \$9.84. This change will take effect at the start of the next fiscal year. Student wages already over the minimum wage will be evaluated when a more comprehensive review of student wages can be conducted in FY19. Approximately 20% of student workers are below the Alaska minimum wage. A presentation is scheduled both for the Board of Regents (BOR) Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASA) as well as the executive council.

5. SP: Engineering Report/Update – Paul, 5 min. (*attachment*)

Paul reported that some of the Engineering Strategic Pathways items on the AC scorecard can be marked as complete. A Joint Advisory Council between UAA and UAF Engineering has been formed. Progress has been made with course alignment and sharing. The programing mapping model might be an example of a solution for transfer of credits.

Lisa Hoferkamp stated that faculty are aware that aligning course blocks will be problematic for faculty and that these issues are academic and are therefore faculty issues. She suggested that any progress in this area needs to be faculty informed.

6. AC Scorecard updates – Paul, 10 min. (*attachment*)

Paul reported that the UAA MPP/MPA program is nearing completion. A proposal is being prepared for UAA faculty review. UAA is currently searching for a director for the program. The eLearning subgroup has not met recently so Paul will be contacting group members to coordinate a meeting schedule. Lastly, Paul mentioned that he and Saichi are still working on a response to the faculty memo regarding student tuition and fees. Paul

continued in his report stating that program suspensions and discontinuations are ongoing. Lisa added that synchronous class delivery is being discussed by FA and faculty senates across the system. Paul asked Lisa to provide regular updates on progress in this area.

7. Academic Council Charter – Paul, 15 min. (*attachment*)

Paul updated the council on the AC charter status. The membership list on the charter was changed to include FA representation. There was a change in the decision making portion of the charter. The word “Majority”, which in this case implies voting, has been removed. Paul also stated that when difficult or contentious issues come before the AC, it is likely that multiple views will be expressed, and it’s the Vice President’s role to represent those views to the President and Board of Regents. Much more information needs to be communicated than simply a vote tally. For any contentious issues in the future it will be important to capture all viewpoints in an unbiased way.

8. Update on proposed implementation for 25% discount to OEC and 1-yr cert. courses – Paul & Saichi, 10 min.

Paul and Saichi reported that the President favored option B for implementation. This option would not apply to General Education Requirements (GERs) and would be on a per course, per program basis. There will be no requirement for a student to be enrolled in a particular program to take advantage of the 25% discount. The goal is to have all of the discounted courses identified before fall registration. Campuses can submit a list of courses they would like to be included in or excluded from the discount.

9. New program addition and discontinuations – Provost, 5 min. (*attachment*)

a. UAA – Duane H.

- i. GC Advanced Human Service Systems
- ii. GC Career and Technical Education
- iii. MS Career and Technical Education

Duane informed the council that all three of the programs up for discontinuation from UAA had completed their teach-out period and were now ready to be discontinued. There were no objections from AC members to the program discontinuations. Paul will sign each of the three Program Action Request forms, indicating consensus of AC.

ACTION ITEM: Paul will sign and transmit the GC Advanced Human Service Systems PAR form.

ACTION ITEM: Paul will sign and transmit the GC Career and Technical Education PAR form.

ACTION ITEM: Paul will sign and transmit the MS Career and Technical Education PAR form.

10. New proposals for program suspension of admissions – Provosts, 5 min.

No new proposals for program suspensions.

11. Proposed changes to BOR Policy and Regulation 10.02.040. Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination – Paul, 10 min. (*attachment*)

The first item addressed by Paul was a request by UAF to change university policy to reflect the UAF Community and Technical College’s (CTC) structural change, now its own college under UAF. The policy also establishes structural changes relative to the Alaska College of Education. Two schools of education, one at UAF and one at UAA, will be incorporated into already existing colleges at their respective universities. This

structure is very similar to the UAA Nursing model. The President is comfortable with this and is ready to move forward.

12. Alaska College of Education (AKCOE): Organization at campus updates and timelines – Paul & Provosts, 5 min.

Paul clarified that the policy change addressed in the prior agenda item spoke to questions of structure and timeline. Duane reported that two options for colleges to house the UAA School of Education will be considered by UAA Faculty Senate.

13. AKCOE Teacher Education Council – Paul, 5 min. (*attachment*)

Paul reported that a charter for the council has been drafted and asked members for their feedback. Fred Villa asked a question of whether this council is serving the function of a “council” as is currently understood. Chris asked who the deans of the Schools of Education will report to. Paul answered, saying that the deans would report to their local college, but take direction from the AKCOE Executive Dean in Juneau.

14. CCDC: University specific residence requirements for degrees and certificates – Priscilla, 10 min.

Priscilla reported that the president has encouraged more course sharing among community campuses. She was seeking clarification as to how a campus would add a course that was currently being taught at another community campus. Paul answered by saying that the campus would need to go through their university’s normal course approval process.

15. UNAC Faculty Initiative Fund – Paul & Lisa, 10 min. (*attachment*)

Paul presented the request for proposals (RFP) to AC for review. He reported that the requests will be capped at a certain dollar amount to promote a more equitable distribution of the funds. The goal is to distribute half of the funds this year, and half next year, although it may not be possible to award half of the funds this year, in which case the remaining funds would be awarded in the last year of the contract. The RFP should be out by March.

16. Faculty Alliance Update – Lisa, 5 min.

In January faculty held their winter retreat where they worked on the Faculty Initiative Fund RFP and GER alignment issues. FA established a timeline for the completion of the GER alignment project (May 2019). Lisa also reported that the FA is looking into university regulation R10.04.040 which addresses double counting of credits within degree programs.

17. Upcoming topics – All, time remaining

Susan reported that UAF plans to bring a program forward for suspension at the next meeting. Paul brought up the issue of transfer credit. He would like to hear stories of students who have experienced challenges transferring credit from one university to another.

18. Roundtable – All, time remaining

Paul informed AC of a scholarship created by Governor Walker for twenty Alaskan students to study in China.

#### 2/16/2018 ACTION ITEMS

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