University of Alaska
Academic Council Charter
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I. Membership and Chair
- Vice President for Academic, Students & Research (VPASR), University of Alaska (UA) (Chair)
- Provost, University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)
- Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)
- Provost and Accreditation Liaison Officer, University of Alaska Southeast (UAS)
- Vice Provost and Accreditation Liaison Officer, UAA
- Vice Provost and Accreditation Liaison Officer, UAF
- Chair, Community Campus Directors Council or designee
- Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community and Native Education, UAF
- Associate Vice President, Workforce Development, UA
- Current Chair, Faculty Alliance (FA)
- Chair-Elect, FA
- Upcoming Chair-Elect, FA

II. Charter
- Mission – To foster University of Alaska's delivery of high-quality, cost-effective academic programs that are readily accessible to students in Alaska and beyond, through appropriate policies and academic administrative procedures, collaboration, and review of academic program actions including new program approval, program reduction, and program discontinuation.
- Scope – Degree, undergraduate certificate programs requiring 30 or more credits, and graduate and post-baccalaureate certificate programs that are delivered by UAA, UAF, and UAS, either singly or in collaboration.
- According to University Regulation R10.02.020 Scope and Responsibility of the Academic Administration, the Academic Council serves to assist the VPASR in performing responsibilities listed in UA Board of Regents Policy P02.02.017 and P10.02.02.
- Goals
  - Work with Statewide and university governance, along with the Provosts, to implement new Board of Regents' policies and University regulations in addition to proposing changes to existing policies and regulations, as appropriate.
  - Through the president, advise the Board of Regents on policy changes and other actions to improve academic program quality, increase student success and equity in student success, increase university revenue, address workforce gaps, or reduce costs.
  - Respond to assignments of the UA Board of Regents and the UA President.
  - Encourage and support inter-university collaboration and innovation.
- Authority and decision process
  - The AC makes recommendations via:
    - Unanimous agreement of the VPASR and AC.

- Lack of agreement of the AC and/or the VPASR. In this case, the source(s) and nature of the dissenting views are discussed by the AC and provided with the recommendation.
- Non-support of the action item. In this case, the source(s) and nature of the dissenting views are discussed by the AC and provided with the recommendation.
  - o Implementation
    - For decisions that do not require Board or president approval, implementation requires agreement of all AC members. Decisions that do not have agreement of all members will be elevated to the VPASR for resolution.
    - If the action involves only academic affairs, the provosts will work with the Faculty Governance and community campus administration, as required, to implement the decision.
    - If the action involves other functional areas, VPASR communicates the actions to the Chancellors and functional area leads at the three universities and the system office for implementation.
    - Per regulation R10.02.030 Systemwide Instructional Technology, changes to systemwide instructional technology must be approved by the AC. The AC will work with IT leadership on reevaluating existing technology, exploring other options, and making recommendations about changes.
    - For all other actions, the AC makes their recommendation to the president or Board of Regents, depending on the level of decision, through the VPASR.
- Reporting – The VPASR reports to the UA President as the AC chair.
- Sub-Council(s) – with the approval of the president, the AC may create sub-councils for specific systemwide coordination and policy/regulation development.
- Communication plan – Report to the President and President's Executive Council via the VPASR. Report to the Board of Regents at the Academic and Student Affairs committee on actions requiring Board attention.
- Meeting schedule – Monthly