

September 16, 2015, 10am-12pm Glacier View Room

Attending: Dan White, Karen Schmitt, Cecile Lardon, Priscella Schulte, Karl Kowalski, Susan Henrichs, Helens Wisniewski, Saichi Oba, Paula Cullenberg, Tara Smith, Fred Villa, Sam Gingerich, Jill Riddle (note taking)

1. Safety-Dan White- Risk communication and transition
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align all the course blocks. Dan White suggested fifty percent or at least some portion of alignment in the common calendar. UAA would like to see 7 am and 12pm starts. Most feel the real issue will be trying to sync without limiting options to students. There is also concern that upper level classes will be slammed together. The summer schedule will not have a common calendar at this time. The common calendar should be reassessed in a few to see if alignment is beneficial. The BOR does not vote on the course block arrangement only the policy.

ACTION: Susan Henrichs will send a version of course blocks to Saichi Oba to be reviewed by the Common Calendar Committee.

8. Concurrent Enrollment- Attachment- Dan White

General Counsel is concerned the reference to high school students could be considered discriminatory. The committee discussed their concerns for unqualified students or even elementary and middle school students registering for courses. Placement standards often take care of qualification during enrollment but there are a few vocational courses, such as welding and language courses that would be an issue. Students need to be placed in appropriate level classes. Tara Smith voiced some concerns. The suggestion was made to add the word "appropriate" to the second line of the policy. The sentence would then read: "The university encourages appropriate concurrent enrollment and will establish standards and expectations for the University System in University Regulation."

ACTION: Dan will add the word "appropriate" to the proposed policy before the meeting.

9. College Readiness definition- Dan White

The State Board of Education needed this definition. At this time, the Board will not be voting on it.

10. Learning Management Systems

The learning management system provides support to classroom and online instruction. However, very few classes are using Blackboard. It was discussed how blackboard could/should be implemented across the system. A suggestion of having a minimal requirement for the faculty to list their syllabus and grades was made. Blackboard has been found to be most beneficial to freshman level courses. The Faculty Alliance will look into how and if the faculty are using this learning management system.

ACTION: Susan will clarify the verbiage on the role of the Faculty Alliance in this project. Dan will send the draft as modified by Provosts to Faculty Alliance for consideration.

11. Program presentation to BOR ASA Committee Program-Attachment-Dan White  
The Regents want to know the costs of delivering the programs.
  
12. Follow-up from Best and Associates, e-Learning-Dan White  
Best and Associates is an e-learning contractor. They believe they could generate more revenue than our current system because they serve a mass market. They would receive half the profit. This might not be a good fit for UA. There would have to be many changes made to the current system. There is concern that a change to serve a mass market could affect the quality of UA's mission to serve Alaska. Best and Associates did not follow-up with e-learning programs outside of UAF.
  
13. Non-credit course recordkeeping- Karl Kowalski  
Every campus is doing non-credit courses differently. There is a need to create a single, simpler solution. Karl's presentation demonstrates how students can register for courses in a way that is similar to shopping online at Amazon.com. The user creates an account and sign in and will have a shopping cart for their selections. This should be production ready by November and available for use by the spring semester. There is discussion about how students who do not have access to or knowledge of computer use will be able to register. There must be a person to help students register. Also, are non-credit course considered to be more of a service?

18. SAF Theme 5- Accountability to People of Alaska-report November BOR

19. INFO ITEM: December Board of Regents' meeting

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