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**AGENDA**  
**UAF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #209**  
Monday, October 12, 2015 – 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom

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| 1:00 | I.    | Call to Order – Debu Misra<br>A. Roll Call<br>B. Approval of Minutes to Meetings #208<br>C. Adoption of Agenda  | 4 Min.  |
| 1:04 | II    | Status of Chancellor's Office Actions<br>A. Motions Approved:<br>1. Motion to approve Unit Criteria for the Justice Department<br>B. Motions Pending: <i>None</i>                         | 1 Min.  |
| 1:05 | III   | A. President's Remarks – Debu Misra<br>B. President-Elect's Remarks – Orion Lawlor  | 15 Min. |
| 1:20 | IV    | A. Interim Chancellor's Remarks – Mike Powers<br>B. Provost's Remarks – Susan Henrichs<br>C. Interim VC for Research – Larry Hinzman<br>D. Members' Questions/Comments                    | 20 Min. |
| 1:40 | V     | Public Comment  | 5 Min.  |
| 1:45 | VI    | Governance Reports<br>A. Staff Council – Faye Gallant<br>B. ASUAF – Mathew Carrick<br>C. UNAC – Chris Coffman<br>UAFT – Jane Weber<br>UNAD – Katie Boyl n<br>D. Athletics – Dani Sheppard | 10 Min. |
| 1:55 | VII   | New Business<br>A. Proposed Resolution Supporting the Statewide Transformation Plan,<br>submitted by the Administrative Committee (Attachment 209/1)                                      | 5 Min.  |
| 2:00 | BREAK |   |         |

2:35	IX	Public Comment	5 Min.
2:40	X	Guest Speakers: Michele Mouton, Director	

ATTACHMENT 209/1  
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ATTACHMENT 209/2  
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Submitted by the Faculty Affairs Committee

\*\*\*FIRST READING\*\*\*

**MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the University of Alaska Fairbanks Faculty Senate Constitution, Article IV: Officers, Section 2, as shown below.

**EFFECTIVE:** AY 2015-2016

**RATIONALE:** Allowing a broad set of nominees improves the senate's chances of finding effective, willing leaders. The current narrower pool does not allow alternates to be nominated. Any member who has recently won their school or college election, or chaired a committee, has demonstrated leadership potential and should be eligible for nomination here.

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**BOLD CAPS** = Addition  
[[ ]] = Deletion

ARTICLE IV – Officers, *changes to Sect. 2*

*Sect. 1* The two officers of the Senate shall be the President and the President-Elect.

*Sect. 2* The [[President and]] President-Elect shall be elected by the [[elected representatives]] **FACULTY SENATORS** of the Senate for **A** one-year term[[s]]. Eligible nominees for the office[[s]] of [[President and]] President-Elect shall **INCLUDE ANY CURRENTLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF**



ATTACHMENT 209/4

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Submitted by the Curricular Affairs Committee

**B.[A./S.] in [Program]: Upper Division Communication  
Implementation Plan**

Each baccalaureate degree program must include, as part of its degree plan, integration of communication at the upper-division level, as evidenced by baccalaureate graduates' abilities to address the following four

related to written communication?

- b. How/where will your students learn the disciplinary conventions related to oral communication? (e.g., is the convention will





ATTACHMENT 209/6  
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Submitted by the Curricular Affairs Committee

**Curricular Affairs Committee**

**Meeting Minutes of 21 August 2015 – Kayak Room (408 Rasmuson)**

Present: Ken Abramowicz, Casey Byrne, Jennie Carroll, Mike Earnest, Alex Fitts, Catherine Hanks, Cindy Hardy, Eileen Harney, Jayne Harvie, Ginny Kinne, Jenny Liu, Lisa Lunn, Rainer Newberry, Caty Oehring, Patrick Plattet, Holly Sherouse

I. 2015-16 Chair

Since former chair (Fidlo) has a No-0(T.6239189.3.48)TjT0.920jTjEM(C)-23(a)k-AMC(D).6.F)2(i)(d)(6)(c)15d(0



One of the current sticking points is that the current GERs define History as *humanities*, while the UAF History Department sees it as *social science*. This has implications on transfer policy. Another sticking point is that UAF supports using Art courses which include skills acquisition, believing that that the majority of these cover art theory as well. UAA disagrees and only supports using Art theory courses to fulfill the GERs.

The consensus in the committee was to move forward with the intent stated in the resolution.

The committee discussed the proposed discussion item (copied below) and agreed to bring it forward to the September Faculty Senate meeting.

**PROPOSED DISCUSSION ITEM FOR FAC SENATE SEPT 2015 MEETING**

The Faculty Senate moves to replace the upper division Oral (O) and Written (W) requirement with the

in that degree will achieve the Communications Learning Outcomes by virtue of satisfying the degree requirements of that program.

4. Committees will be formed within each school or college (and made up of at least 1 member) to regularly review communications plans submitted by programs.
5. An additional checkbox will be added to Major/Minor course change forms asking “Does this change affect Communications Outcomes Plans?”, so that departments are aware of the impact of potential changes.
6. Existing O and W designators will remain in place (if appropriate) for a period of 2 years from Fall 2016 to facilitate students under catalogs with O/W requirements.
7. Departments should submit as part of their Communications Plans a clarification for how they will handle the transition away from O/W designators for students who fall under a catalog prior to Fall 2016.
8. A web page (similar to the SLOA) will be established where communications plans are collected and disseminated across the university.

The sticky points of the proposal above have included (in past discussions):

- It nowhere states that students will be able to write or speak as an outcome.
- Translating disciplinary content to audiences outside the discipline was another point of contention (3rd bullet point).
- Integrate feedback from others (2nd bullet point).

Whether or not the O and W designators should or will disappear (eventually) with this proposal was discussed at great length. There would be implications on departments that rely upon courses from other departments to fulfill the oral and written requirements. Vice Provost Fitts described the assessment team proposal she is bringing forward and the possibility of that group looking at Communication plans from the units.

The timeline and process for making changes at the department / school and college level was discussed.

The committee agreed to move the proposal forward to Faculty Senate as a discussion item only.

5. Update on UA academic calendar changes.

Mike Earnest provided a summary about the work of the common system calendar committee. He talked about the draft straw-man common calendar for AY17 (a handout at the meeting). The spring semester will start much earlier than it has in the past, but that won't happen every calendar year. Length of the semester and the credit hour was discussed. The calendar committee still needs to discuss commencement. Timing of spring break was discussed, and Mike noted that Saichi Oba has reached out to the school districts.

Mike will take feedback from CAC back to the calendar committee, and he mentioned Saichi will take emails and is willing to talk to the committee.

The role of Faculty Senate policy in the calendar was briefly talked about.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2: 15 PM.

ATTACHMENT 209/7  
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Submitted by the Faculty Affairs Committee

**Faculty Affairs Committee**

**Minutes: Wednesday, August 26, 2015**

1:00 PM, Conference Room (130), Murie Building, UAF

**Present:** Elizabeth Allman, Andreas Anger, Nicole Cundiff, John Eichelberger (Ex-Officio), Chris Fallen, Valerie Gifford, John Heaton (called in), Julie Maier, Leslie McCartney, Walter Skya

**Absent:** None

Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM by Walter Skya.

***Old Business:***

Joint appointments policy needs to be reviewed this year and recommendations, if accepted, added to the Blue Book which is also being updated.

***Appointments:***

Leslie McCartney, Secretary

Chris Fallen, Chair (Walter nominated Chris as Chair, 2nd by Julie, carried).

***Future Meetings:***

The Faculty Affairs Committee meets monthly, usually 2 weeks prior to Faculty Senate. Chris will have Jayne set up a Doodle Poll for meeting dates/times.

***Possible Future Business:***

Look at other institutions to see if there are guidelines for fairer mentorship for graduate students. John will bring more about this to the committee in future.

Look at the actual costs of faculty/adjuncts when assigned overloads. Andy is happy to collect information on this.

Adjourned 1:37 PM



ATTACHMENT 209/9

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Submitted by the Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee

**Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee  
Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2015**

Below is a list that were invited to the initial meeting:

Alex Fitts <affitts@alaska.edu>, Ben Kuntz <bckuntz@alaska.edu>,

Colleen Angaiak <cbangaiak@alaska.edu>, Eileen Harney <eharney@alaska.edu>, Gabrielle Russell

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This committee usually operates by consensus, since we are a mix of faculty and non--faculty. Each committee gets ex officio person from the provost office also, in this case Vice Provost Alex Fitts.

#### Known 2015--2016 agenda items

We typically start with a straight forward agenda, then we have issues that come up that we have to deal with. This committee typically meets once a month, but more often when there are pressing concerns. One of our current projects is a student resiliency project – we have discussed it and want to gather data to better understand what helps students succeed. Sine Anahita is a sociology professor, addressed the committee last year with ideas about how to measure student resiliency. That work will continue this year. There is a





made to align with Anchorage and Fairbanks public school Spring Break. Issues might arise with a start date on Monday and dorms traditionally open on Sundays— student services options will have to adjust to the changes.

Faculty and staff community will need to adjust.

#### **Item 4: Subcommittee Report for the Student Resiliency Project**

Met once and decided to set another meeting. A committee member has been ill. Dana Kinzy from Student support services would like to join us. Interested in soliciting a student member to work on this via ASUAF. Alex Fitts: rather than reiterating what is known, examine what is particular about UAF culture, policies or traditions that either helps or doesn't help UAF students. We want to examine the mechanisms already in place to assist students that maybe could benefit other students if we had a broader approach. Access. One issue the committee should examine is cost of these resources. Committee to look at data but also programs already in place.

Life Coach at IAC – could possibly attend one of our meetings to talk about her techniques. Distinct from advising. She works on a grant funded position.

#### **Other Items:**

Meeting Times: Advising changed their meetings to Thursdays at RSS so that advisors can attend SADA meetings.

MATH : Jill brought up a concern about ALEKS math placement testing. She is concerned that, with the coming alignment, Fairbanks will move back to Accuplacer, She expressed that the Math Dept. has not had enough time to collect information on how ALEKS is working.

Placement. Mandatory placement using ALEKS implemented last year. Is this placement effective? Consequence: it changed enrollment in Developmental Math. It shifted everyone's math placement level up. The pipeline in Mathematics has gotten shorter. Students have had better outcomes because of ALEKS. HOWEVER it is not what UAS and UAA do. We don't want to charge people the way Accuplacer does. ALEKS allows students to retake the test using tutorials via ALEKS. Students are using these tutorials to place higher. Calculus has not been so successful. Calculus pass rates have not gone up;; they have gone down. They have gone down for everyone – people who have gotten in via test scores and coursework. 2.45 0 Td ( )Tj -0.011 Tinx(s)]eai38n

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Submitted by the Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee

Power Point presentation that could be utilized as well. We discussed the desirability of creating a one-page informational handout to give to as many faculty members as possible. Joy stated that we need to do a presentation for the Faculty Senate as well and suggested that we contact each Dean's office in order to get the information out most efficiently.

#### VI. Upcoming activities of the UAF Office for Faculty Development (report from Joy)

Joy reported that quite a few faculty development activities have already taken place. On Tuesday she will host an informal lunch meeting with new faculty at Bunnell 222. The first Tuesday of October will see a Mentoring Luncheon for mentors and their mentees in the Wood Center. Mike Castellini will be working with Joy on the mentoring process this year. An upcoming webinar on using group activities in the classroom is scheduled for 10:00 am on October 13. The OFD will be focusing particularly on research this semester and will again have Rich Boone talk about his four years at NSF on October 8<sup>th</sup>. His earlier presentation this semester was largely attended and very popular. The Office of Sponsored Programs will also talk at this presentation along with Rosemary Madnick from the Office of Grants and Contracts. Joy is working with Alex Fitts and Michelle Strickland on providing training to faculty for the Annual Activities Reporting tool Faculty 180. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 pm Joy and Sally Skrip will present a walkthrough of the eXplorance Blue electronic course evaluation process for faculty.

Joy explained to our new members that she wants to know what the developmental needs are of our faculty. Brian commented that the webinars have been very effective for rural faculty and wondered if presentations can be recorded for later viewing. Joy said she can usually provide an audio recording of most presentations.

Joy is planning a special library presentation for spring semester that will include Steve Hunt from the Bio-Science Library, Flora Grabowska D D 6 50 -10(ru4( D)4( 6 )e)4( )JTJ 4( w4 Tc 0.004 Tw [(B)-7(r)-1)n( )-100





- INDS is actively recruiting students from around the world. GAAC may see more course proposals for the INDS program in the next year.
- IV. New Assignments for course review were made.
  - V. Holly Sherouse provided an update from the Registrar's office. They have purchased CourseLeaf, which is a new course/catalog management system that will streamline production of catalog and degreeworks, and provide better alignment with banner. This will require new attention to deadlines. They will provide a further update later. All paperwork for course changes will be submitted through CourseLeaf by fall of 2016. The catalog will be available online, but you can pay for a paper catalog. Karen Jensen indicated that the library will archive all the catalogs.
  - VI. GAAC's next meeting will occur September 9, at 3:00 pm

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**Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2015**

Attending: Sean McGee, Daryl Farmer, Mitch Reed, John Yarie, Mike Daku, Jayne Harvie, Holly Sherouse, Laura Bender, Don Hampton, Mike Castellini, Anne Beaudreau (by phone), Franz Mueter (by phone), Donie Bret-Harte

- I. Minutes** from our meeting of 8/26/15 were approved.
- II. Changes to membership.** Anne Beaudreau will be joining us in place of Franz Mueter, who has increased responsibilities. Welcome, Anne!
- III. Discussion of deferred grades.** The Faculty Senate Administrative Committee has charged GAAC to develop a policy to deal with past deferred grades in graduate courses, analogous to the policy



**V. Assessment Team.** The Faculty Senate Administrative Committee has requested that one representative from each of GAAC and CAC serve as liaisons for the Senate on the Provost's Assessment Team. Sean McGee agreed to serve as the representative for GAAC. Donie will pass this information on

ATTACHMENT 209/12  
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Submitted by the Information Technology Committee

**Information Technology Committee**  
**August 21, 2015, 10-11 a.m. via Zoom**

Attending: Bill Barnes, Julie Cascio, Rorik Peterson, Siri Tuttle, Chris Lott  
Absent: Falk Huettmann, Debra Kouda, Martha Mason

- The committee elected Julie Cascio as chairperson.
- Discussion of the IT Committee Bylaw

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*Members shall be appointed by the Faculty Senate President. To help ensure that perspectives from across UAF are represented, membership will consist of at least five representatives, with not more than one from each of the schools, colleges, institutes or libraries. Representatives from OIT and E-Learning shall b6( F)2.46nztat- Eogy --*

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- Ensure a faculty voice in the proposed transition to electronic course evaluations

Chris is on that committee. He reported that a large subcommittee is already working with this. Return rates on the first pilot were what was expected. Second pilot was relatively successful. It is designed to be rolled out this fall. It was presented to Administrative Committee last week.

The committee felt the process seems far enough along that the IT committee does not need to work on this at this point, unless something changes. Chris will keep us informed.

- Advise OIT on the rollout and maintenance of smart classrooms in budget-constrained times

OIT representatives were not at this meeting. OIT reps will be asked to give the status on this, how it is currently done, and inform us about how we can help.

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New committee members are Joanne Healy, School of Education, Alba Prato, School of Management, and Eric Collins, School of Fisheries and Ocean Science. No faculty has been proposed yet from the Library.

Bylaw proposal. The Committee reviewed the proposed Bylaw Section 3, Article V: Committees, E. Permanent, 9. Information Technology Committee:

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*Appointments for Faculty Senate members are for 2 years (same as Faculty Senate tenure). Members who are not Faculty Senators may be appointed to one-year terms.*

*To help ensure that perspectives from across UAF are represented, membership will consist of at least five representatives, with not more than one from each of the schools, colleges, institutes or libraries.*

*Representatives from OIT and E-Learning shall be ex officio members of the committee.*

*The committee chair must be an elected representative from Faculty Senate.*

*The Information Technology Committee will decide all matters by a majority vote (>50% carries a motion) of all committee members, including the chair. Committee members need to be present at the meeting in order to vote, and a simple majority of the full committee membership needs to be upheld for a vote to carry. An electronic vote by members in attendance may be held at a meeting. Ex officio members will be available to provide information but will not vote.*

*Between meetings, votes may be taken via email for time-sensitive issues if relevant materials are made available in time for members to make the decision. Three days will be allowed for the vote.*

Maintaining Smart Classrooms is a challenge and the rooms with the most recent upgrades are in high demand. There is no dedicated Smart Classroom fund for refresh. In 2011 Chancellor Rogers initiated a \$1 Million instructional technology investment. These funds were disbursed over a three-year period to upgrade 36