

SAC Summary June 5, 2012, Anchorage, 9:00am to 12pm, Bragaw 205, UAA

Present: Rick Caulfield, Helena Wisniewski, Susan Henrichs, Elisha (Bear) Baker, Cathy Cahill, Mark Myers, Dana Thomas

I. Review of May 17 SAC summary

One correction – in the list of those present at the top of page one, change Cathy Cahill to C. Cahill to be consistent with other names.

II. New Programs – Elisha “Bear” Baker

Provost Baker indicated that the new programs listed on the agenda were not ready for consideration yet but likely will be for the next meeting.

Provost Caulfield noted that UAS is working on an AAS in Law Enforcement and that program will be coming to SAC soon.

There was agreement that the program information should be sent out to SAC members two weeks in advance of the meeting (and posted to the web by the VPAA office) so the provosts could get feedback from their units before the meeting.

III. Report of Faculty Alliance

The last meeting dealt with Complete College America (CCA). The Faculty Alliance noted that the one size fits all approach does not work well for UA and the suggested metrics did not fit UA student demographics well. However, there were some positive elements that can and should be adopted to create a Complete College Alaska. The Alliance wants the MAU decisions to go to the president. David Valentine and Ian Olson from UAF, Carol Hedlin (UAS), Susan Kalina (UAA) and Dana Thomas (UA) will attend the fly-in event in Baltimore. After this group returns SAC would like to hear from them prior to the July 19 meeting while the impact of the meeting is still fresh. Cathy Cahill offered the Alliance’s help in drafting a

response to the president about CCA. It was suggested that the Education Commissioner be contacted about DEED's perspective on CCA, especially whe

VI. Report Updates

1. E-Learning legislative audit – Karl Kowalski

Karl informed SAC that a committee is meeting weekly to assess whether UA has met the requirements of the legislative audit including a description of the process, intended outcomes and timeline. They are identifying documentation supporting responsiveness to the audit. They also looked at the audit for intent statements and concluded that UA has done a great deal to improve e-learning , identifying unintended consequences, such as the closing of the UA distance education gateway resulted in rural students selecting courses out of their regions. They also looked at the Pearson report one-learning national trends and will compare those trends to UA trends. They have examined e-learning maturity models to identify where UA is now and what needs to be done to mature further.

2. SW governance – clarification on “ More representation from staff, governance in Strategic Direction concern”

Cathy Cahill indicated this issue concerned staff governance representation at the July 23rd meeting about SDI.

3. SCoR meeting – next meeting scheduled on July 11, 2012

This was shared as an informational element. Mark Myers noted that this meeting will be held in the Sherman Carter Conference Room the Butrovich Building. A draft Alaska EPSCoR plan draft will be presented; the draft will be distributed in advance of the meeting and feedback from the MAUs is requested. The meeting will be available by video if requested.

4. SAC meeting schedule

It was agreed that an August SAC audio will be arranged to be better prepared for the September Board of Regents meeting. Several errors in the SAC schedule distributed with the agenda were noted. All the audio dates were for 2012 and were correct. However, the face to face meeting for September is on the 26th in Juneau (not the 25th) and the December meeting is on the 5th in Fairbanks (not the 11th). A new corrected schedule for 2012 will be distributed and a draft 2013 schedule will be distributed for discussion at the July meeting and posted on the web. It was requested that new program proposals be posted to the web as well to facilitate discussion by MAUs.

VII. Strategic Direction Initiative – Paula Donson

Hard copies of MAU regional comments made at the SDI listening sessions were distributed to SAC members; this is the material being used by Relevance Logic for their summary. In addition, a draft copy of SDI Talking Points was distributed. Relevance Logic will be creating about 200 tables relating comment frequency to strategic plans. The full analysis is due about the second week of June. This material will be the topic of the July 23rd meeting with Terry MacTaggart. Paula also spoke about work with a major Alaska publisher and the articles about President Gamble and SDI that will be coming out soon; the first in Alaska Magazine in September or October. Plans are being made to reach out to convocations this fall at all MAUs – if there are nuances to consider, these should be passed to the president or through the VPAA.

VIII. Lumina Foundation Information – Diane Kaplan

A meeting about preparation of the SB 241 report was briefly discussed. SAC members asked that a summary of this conversation be provided.

Attachments