

**Student Academic Success Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2006**

Members Present: Sarah Kirk (FS), Kamal Narang, Kathleen Voge, Trish Grega, Tom Skore, Trish Jenkins (FS)

Members Absent: Connie Fuess, Joan O'Leary, Dan Kline (FS)

Item 1 – Minutes from September 22

Item 2 – Determine SAS members, chair, and minutes-taker / set meeting dates

- Sarah will (reluctantly) co-chair until another member steps forward and/or is identified
- Barb Brown from Kodiak would like to join SAS (audio-conference or Elluminate Live)

Item 3 – Old Business – STARS Report and Statewide Directive

- Statewide Goal of Student Success
- President held retreat last week, Craig Dorman present
- Why aren't more students going to college?
- Why aren't students being retained and graduating?
- What is our Achilles' heel?
- Math may be a problem...too hard or too high of requirements? 4-by-4 plan...4 years each of English and Math = money to the UA Scholars. Discussed Math skills and experiences. Is Math 107 relevant for everyone? Should there be another – Finite Math – equivalent course for those students who do not need to move beyond Math 107? Is there...or should there be...a statewide Math consortium to discuss this issue? There is a course offered at UAF – Math 13? – that might be worth looking at.
- Enhanced advising is needed.
- Funding is available for developmental programs...each MAU must put forth a request by February 2007.
 - Mandatory placement and advising
 - Enhanced advising for under-prepared students
 - Student Support Services for facilities and equipment
 - Innovative Mastery-based learning – short-term learning?
 - College readiness – inform schools what that is
- Focus is shifting...STARS report may have been placed on back burner.

Item 4 – Old Business – Faculty Series on Faculty Advising - draft

- ...not discussed...

Item 5 – Old Business – Review Goals for AY 06-07

- Review STARS report – formulate opinions / thoughts
- Faculty advising
- Look at Math?? From President's Retreat on Student Success
- Accountability?

