

**Student Academic Success Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2005**

Persons in attendance:

Gail Johnston, Sarah Kirk, Debbie Narang, Connie Fuess, Joan O’Leary, Kathleen Voge, Alice Sears, Trish Jenkins, and Tom Skore

Scheduled Guest:

Dr. Kim Patterson, Director of Student Support Services

****A special thanks to Alice Sears for her years of service on this committee. She is retiring as of January 1, 2006.**

A. Discussion – What should Faculty Senate / UAB discussion points be from the November 18 minutes?

1. GER monitoring – 60 credit: Needs discussion as to problems with implementation.
2. Admission policies for baccalaureate degree programs. Several committee members voiced that this is worth investigating. Need to consider potential disadvantages.
3. No mandatory advising currently required unless a low GPA – but there are resources available. A gradual or phased approach to determining whether mandatory advising should be required needs to be pursued.
4. Priority dates for registration for those students who have already applied for graduation are needed.

B. D. Narang discusson with Barbara Tullis regarding summer advising idea (see handout)

Faculty must be compensated for work when the work occurs!

The idea: Include in CAFÉ programs for attaining “Advising Certificates.” There could be multiple levels of completion.

Recommendation that Lauren Bruce from Café be invited to a future meeting to discuss options.

C. Attrition Committee Recommendations

Recommendation that Lauren Bruce and Vera Allen-Jones be invited to January 27 meeting.

D. GUEST: Dr. Kim Patterson, Director of Student Support Services

- Vera Allen-Jones acquired grant for student support services. US Dept of Education program.
- This is a persistence program...focusing on keeping students enrolled in school. Students must be low income and first in family to pursue BB degree or students have some type of disability.
- Students are new on campus...new to UAA.
- Program administration is located in the Eugene Short Bldg. Currently in process of hiring staff and coordinator.
- Program is now taking applications from students seeking support. Student interviews underway. Looking for students who want a partnership...not just tutoring. This is a more holistic approach to support.
- Objective: To begin full programming in Spring 2006 semester—160 students targeted.
- This program should better acquaint UAA with these students and know their needs. That way, support can be tailored.
- Includes working with DSS, AHAINA, etc. Very comprehensive network approach.
- UAS also acquired this grant...they are a bit ahead of us.
- Six stated program outcomes...
 - Serve 160 students
 - 70% of students must be retained over two full semesters
 - Required to have advisory council to evaluate program at end of year
 - Students must feel welcome and are oriented and use the campus
 - Within 6 years...must have graduated from a baccalaureate degree program
 - ???
- SSS will need help in quantitative skills as well as English. Looking for tutor volunteers.
- Partnering with faculty to help students.
- Cohort groups are required by the grant.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, January 27 – Possible Guests – Lauren Bruce and Vera Allen-Jones

Friday, February 24

Friday, March 31

Friday, April 28