

**Ad hoc Faculty Senate “Research Culture” Committee
Reports on December 2, 2005; January 27, 2006; and February 17, 2006, Meetings**

December 2, 2005, Meeting

- # Discussion of the survey centered on appropriately assessing faculty attitudes and support needs across disciplines.
- # Judith Moore and Alpana Desai provided guidelines for creative, scholarly, and professional activities for the English Department and the College of Business and Public Policy, respectively.
- # Kat Tomka provided a list of obstacles to creative activity particular to the arts.
- # Lauren Bruce, Director of CAFÉ, and Doug Causey, Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies have been requested to critique the completed survey in advance of distribution. Lauren has assented to provide her assistance.
- # Chris Sturm of eMedia was contacted for information on online tools available at UAA to create a web-based survey and has provided the committee with information and an offer of assistance.
- # Tim Hinterberger agreed to request the participation of UAF faculty in this survey once a finalized survey is available.
- # An article provided by Patrick Gilham was distributed to committee members: “Colleges Focused on Teaching Too Often Neglect Research” by Paula M. Krebs.

January 27, 2006, Meeting

- # A report was made on the Chancellor’s Research Grant award process. All applicants were provided with ratings of the individual sections of their proposals as well as the overall consensus of the rating body. This feedback was helpful and very much appreciated.
- # Discussion of the survey contents and organization continued..
- # The committee agreed to a three-part survey to assess:
 1. Attitudes regarding the importance of research activity by faculty.
 2. Helpfulness of available services in support of faculty research productivity.
 3. Perceived obstacles to faculty research productivity. (The Council in Sponsored Research has collected a list of “Barriers to Research at UAA” which will be utilized for this purpose.)
- # Faculty sponsors for Psi Chi and AKD, the psychology and sociology national honor societies for psychology and sociology, respectively, were contacted in an effort to secure student assistance in creating a draft of the proposed web-based survey.

February 17, 2006, Meeting

- # Discussion of the survey contents and organization continued..
- # A web-based version of the survey was made available to the committee members by Robert Boeckmann.
- # Suggested revisions to the survey structure were also distributed..
- # A revised hard copy of the survey will be distributed to committee members in advance of the next meeting as well as information as to how to access the web-based survey draft..
- # It was agreed that the survey will also be made available to all other University of Alaska campuses.
- # The committee proposes to distribute this survey to faculty in the fall of 2006.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2006, from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

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