



## **UAA Faculty Senate Academic Assessment Committee**

Minutes: April 17, 2015

11:00a – 12:30p, ADM 204

Lync (Audio/Video) Conferencing Information: Provided in Email

### **General Business**

- Approval of agenda
  - Approved
- Approval of minutes from 3/6/2015
  - Approved
- Vice Provost report
  - A small group from UAA attended the MatSu College Assessment Summit which was a very successful event.

### **New Business**

- Assessment Plan Reviews
  - 11:00 am – Master of Arts in Teaching
    - Program Representatives: Dr. Michael Mueller & Dr. Jonathan Bartels
    - The MAT program was recently updated to align with the Revitalizing Teacher Education in Alaska (RTEA) plan set by the Board of Regents. The assessment plan has been updated to reflect that change.
    - In the State of Alaska, the Alaska Native Cultural Standards are highly valued, and changes were made to the curriculum to integrate place-based learning and highlight the enhanced attention to multicultural awareness. These changes have also been integrated into the assessment plan.
    - The accrediting body for the College of Education, CAEP, has a new set of standards for program evaluation which have also been incorporated into this plan.
    - A lot has been done to increase the level of hands-on teaching experiences in the program, especially through taking students out into rural villages.
    - How is the exit survey used as an assessment tool?
      - The exit survey is used as a feedback mechanism. Faculty review the responses and use them in considerations for program improvements.
    - How can Praxis II be considered a measure of program outcomes if the exam administered is before students enter the program, and there is nothing in the program that develops content mastery?
      - It relates to pedagogy, there is a great deal of content involved in the methods classes and mastery of subject area content is required. Praxis II assesses content knowledge, but not their pedagogical content knowledge.
- ePortfolios and Assessment (Guest—Heather Caldwell, ePortfolio Strategist)
  - The discussion about ePortfolios has been happening for a long time on campus, it has been integrated into some programs but there has not been an institution-wide implementation.



- Paul Wasko was hired to be the initiative coordinator a year and a half ago.
- Digication has been selected to be the tool UAA will use. It is very intuitive and user-friendly.
- Digication is in a pilot stage currently. Full roll-out will be in Fall 2015, and everyone will have an account.
- Digication is student driven. It is not top-down assessment based, and will likely be program-based at this point. We are currently trying to bring a folio culture to campus through programmatic outreach. Demonstrations are available to show departments how they can best use Digication for their specific purposes.
- There will be a two-day intensive May 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> to facilitate a campus-wide conversation about how the tool should be used, including how it could be used to assess program outcomes.
  - The AAC is welcome to speak to assessment at this workshop.
- Speaker for 2015 Academic Assessment Seminar
  - Theme/Topic: Curriculum mapping
  - Please suggest anyone you feel may be a good keynote speaker.
- Accreditation: Core Theme 1 Indicator Rationale
  - The comprehensive accreditation report and site visit is in Fall 2017.
  - Our indicators for mission fulfillment have been refined.
    - Core Theme Objective 1 Indicator: Student achievement of course and program student learning outcomes:
      - How is this indicator useful, what will it tell us? What does it not tell us, do we need to think about another indicator for the next cycle?
      - Please think about the rationale for the indicator for the next meeting.

### **Continuing Business**

- 2015 Academic Assessment Seminar theme/topic and speaker
  - Friday, September 11, 2015 in LIB 307
- Assessment tracking and archives of artifacts, data, and reports
- Update and adopt Committee bylaws

### **Future Business**

- Erin Holmes, Director of Institutional Research, to talk about possible collaborations with IR.

### **Informational**

- Minor Updates to Academic Assessment Plans
  - Associate of Applied Science in Accounting at Matanuska-Susitna College



*Attendees*

N	Alan Peabody, CTC
P	Scott Downing, KPC
P	Cindy Trussell, KOD
C	Holly Bell, MSC
C	Rebecca Moorman, LIB
C	Bill Myers, CAS
P	Kathleen Voge, CBPP

-	Vacant, COE
C	Jennifer McFerran Brock, CoEng
C	Kathi Trawver, COH
P	Tim Benningfield, Faculty Senate
C	Rachel Graham, Faculty Senate
C	Deborah Mole, Faculty Senate
C	Brian Bennett, Faculty Senate

C	Kaytlyn Church for Maria Stroth, OUAA
C	Susan Kalina – Ex-officio, Vice Provost
	David Yesner – Ex-officio, Associate Dean

*Note: Confirmed meeting attendees are marked with “C.” Those unable to attend are marked “N.” Those calling in are marked “P.”*

<b>Scheduled Meeting Dates Academic Year 2015</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
8/29	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
9/5	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
9/19	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
10/3	Canceled	ADM 204
10/17	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
11/7	Canceled	ADM 204
11/21	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
12/5	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
12/19	Canceled	ADM 204
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3/6	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
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4/3	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
4/17	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
5/1	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
Academic Year 2015 schedule: 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays unless otherwise noted		