



October Update

The Faculty Senate exists in order to provide a forum for and create a voice to address university-life issues including curriculum, student success, institutional development, and professional development. Below are the major items addressed in the September and October meetings.

IDEA Student Feedback: Starting this fall 2013 semester UAA is using the short form of IDEA as a result of a motion from last year. Also for courses with ten (10) or fewer students after drop/add finishes no IDEA surveys will be used. Faculty may choose to use the long form and may choose to use IDEA for classes with 10 or fewer students. To do so contact Academic Affairs using ayidea@uaa.alaska.edu.

Assessment: Based on a request from Academic Affairs and the recommendation of the Academic Assessment Committee UAA will discontinue the use of and reference to Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs), in favor of continued focus on the General Education Requirement Student Learning Outcomes (GER SLOs). ILO's had been created for accreditation but had not yet been used. This cleans up the catalog.

Program Prioritization: The program prioritization process started at the request of Provost Baker and Vice Chancellor Spindle was discussed at the October senate meeting. The motions below were passed after extensive discussion.

- The Faculty Senate recommends that the quintile system be reconsidered.
- The Faculty Senate recommends to the Academic Task Force and administration that the program prioritization meetings be open to members of the university.
- The Faculty Senate recommends that the timeline be extended to December 2014 to complete academic templates.

The status of all motions can be found at

<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/facultysenate/faculty-senate-motions.cfm>.

Please remember that Faculty Senate exists to address items of concern to all faculty. If you have a question or concern that you think is appropriate for senate to address, please contact the senate executive board, a senator, or one of the senate committees or boards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Fitch".

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