

## UAB SECOND READING

### PRIORITY REGISTRATION PROPOSAL - DRAFT 3

Problem: Nearly 1000 course seats were taken by non-degree seeking students during the first three weeks of fall 2006 registration. Approximately 380 of these seats were in GER courses.

At the close of business on the first day of registration for the spring 2007 semester, **206** courses were closed and over **4,700** students (32% of our student population) had registered for at least one course (with 2,637 registering before 8:30 a.m.). **621** non-degree seeking students, including secondary school students, registered during the first day of spring 2007 registration. By staggering registration for certificate- and degree-seeking student populations, UAA has the opportunity to assist students to complete certificates and degrees in a timelier manner by providing additional registration access to GER seats. By delaying the registration of non-degree seeking for three weeks, UAA has the opportunity to provide registration access to over **500** GER seats to certificate- and degree-seeking students.

Solution: The following priority registration schedule is proposed, effective for fall 2007 registration, to advance university goals of increasing student persistence and improving student graduation rates.

1. All students who have applied for graduation from a UAA certificate or degree program, all admitted graduate students, and all designated learner populations approved by the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management - **Fall 2007 registration would begin for this group on April 9, 2007.**
2. All certificate- and degree-seeking students with a completed admissions file who are continuing from previous semester (summer excluded). **Fall 2007 registration would begin for this group on April 11, 2007.**
3. All newly admitted certificate- and degree-seeking students, new transfer students, and certificate- and degree-seeking students who have been admitted in the last 2 years who have stopped out and are now returning - **Fall 2007 registration would open for this group beginning April 16, 2007.**
4. Student classified as non-degree seeking students, including secondary school students - **Fall 2007 registration would begin for this group on April 18, 2007.**

According to UAA enrollment activity trends, students are registering earlier every year and more students are taking advantage of the 24/7 registration option that is available to them via UAOnline. UAOnline allows students to conduct business outside normal business hours. The goal of these new priority deadlines is to serve students and the university mission more effectively by:

- Providing certificate and degree-seeking students with additional opportunities to register early for required courses to complete their degree in a timely manner;
- Providing students with additional opportunities to register early for required courses to meet the newly implemented GER policy requiring degree-seeking student to complete all Tier 1 GER core courses prior to accumulating 60 credits.
- Encouraging certificate- and degree-seeking students to apply for admission to their desired program of study in a timely manner.
- Encouraging certificate- and degree-seeking students to apply for graduation in a timely manner.
- Continuing to service those students wishing to take courses for professional development or personal enrichment, while giving registration advantage to students pursuing certificates or degrees who may be under time constraints to meet the financial aid 150% time to degree requirement for funding.

For example, there were 27,643 individuals eligible to register for the spring 2007 semester. Anchorage spring semester opening headcounts are 12-13,000 students, with 3,500 to 3,800 non-degree students. What follows is a breakdown of eligibility for the spring 2007 semester using spring 2007 numbers in the cohorts proposed above:

- Cohort 1 - 1,232 would be eligible to register.
- Cohort 2 - Cohort 1 and an additional 12,305 in Cohort 2 would be eligible to register.
- Cohort 3 - Cohorts 1, 2 and an additional 4,649 in Cohort 3 would be eligible to register.
- Cohort 4 - Cohorts 1, 2, 3 and an additional 9,457 in Cohort 4 would be eligible to register.