UAB Agenda
October 23, 2026
2:00–5:00 p.m.
ADM 202 or Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 880 7847 3448

(E=Excused, A=Absent, X=Present, Q=7)

	Chase, Yvonne - Chair (COH) 25-27		Dutta, Utpal (CoEng) 26-28		Kanamori, Yoshito (CBPP) 26-28
	Bourne, Douglass (CTC) 26-28		Emmerichs, Sharon (CAS) 26-28		Provencher, Heide (COH) 25-27
	Brannon, Page (LIB) 25-27		Ernest, Lisa (At-Large)		Sohm, Chelsea (SoED) 25-27
	Burke, Tracey (COH) 26-28		Green, Amy (CTC) 26-27		Widdicombe, Toby (CAS) 25-27
	Campbell, Sam (PWSC) 25-27		Griffin, Jared (Kodiak) 25-27		
	Downing, Scott (KPC) 26-28		Mishaan, Michelle (Mat-Su) 26-28		
E	Susan Kalina (OAA, Ex-Officio)		Lindsey Chadwell (Registrar, Ex-Officio)		

1. Call to order
    a. Meeting called to order:
2. Consent agenda
    a. Agenda approval
    b. Summary approval for October 16, 2026 (p. 8)
    c. Curriculum items recommended for consent (p. 4)
        i. Motioned by:
        ii. Seconded by:
3. Reports
    a. Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & Institutional Effectiveness
        Susan Kalina – *On an NWCCU site visit*
        NWCCU 2027 Standards

        Standard 1.C.3 The institution awards credit, degrees, certificates, or credentials for programs that culminate in achievement of program learning outcomes that demonstrate an appropriate breadth, depth, sequencing, rigor, and synthesis of learning.

    b. UAB Chair's Report
        Yvonne

GEC Bylaws (Clean p. 5; Markup p. 6)

c. GEC Chairs' Report
Mark Fitch

4. Program/Course/Policy Action Request - **Second Readings**

Action*	Type	Courses/Programs/Policy	Initiator	Decision
Chg	Course	ATC A440: Facility Operation and Administration	Michael Moravec	
Chg	Course	HIST A290 (was HIST A244): Selected Topics in Film History	Bianca Trifoi	
Chg	Course	HIST A490: Selected Topics in History **Reference:** HIST A690: Selected Topics in History	Pierce Bateman	

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5. Program/Course/Policy Action Request - **First Readings**

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Chg	Prog	ACCT-OECERT: Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Accounting Fundamentals (name change from Bookkeeping)	Stasia Straley	In AAC workflow
Chg	Course	ART A100: Two-Dimensional Activities (Topics in Drawing, Design, or Painting)	Alanna Derocchi	
Chg	Course	BIOL A490: Selected Topics in Biology **Reference:** BIOL A690: Selected Topics in Biology	Khrys Duddleston	
Chg	Prog	CSCI-BA: Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science	Frank Witmer	In AAC workflow
Chg	Prog	CSCI-BS: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	Frank Witmer	In AAC workflow
Chg	Prog	CSER-BS: Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems Engineering	Frank Witmer	In AAC workflow
Add	Prog	-OECERT: Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence	Jeremy Marley	In AAC workflow

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Action*	Type	Courses/Programs/Policy	Initiator	Decision
Add	Prog	-OECERT: IT Operations and Cybersecurity	Christian Foster	In AAC workflow
Add	Course	CNT A166: Cybersecurity Fundamentals	Jeremy Marley	
Add	Course	CNT A167: AI Foundations for IT and Business	Jeremy Marley	
Add	Course	CNT A226: Social Engineering and Human-Centered Security	Jeremy Marley	
Add	Course	CNT A236: Cybersecurity Operations	Jeremy Marley	
Add	Course	CNT A227: AI Systems and Automation	Jeremy Marley	
Add	Course	CNT A237: AI Operations	Jeremy Marley	
Add	Course	ECON A490: Selected Topics in Economics	Kevin Berry	
Add	Course	EDEC A441: Child Life Specialist: Theory and Practice	Ginger Blackmon	
Add	Course	EDEC A492A: Teacher Apprentice Capstone Seminar	Ginger Blackmon	
Chg	Course	EDEC A107: Child Development and Learning	Chelsea Sohm	
Chg	Course	EDEC A106: Creativity and the Arts in Early Childhood	Jenna Baldiviez	
Add	Course	ME 446: Advanced Thermodynamics	Skyler Kern	
Chg	Program	PHIL-BA: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy	Stephanie Bauer	
Chg	Program	PSCI-BA: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science	Kristin Zuhone	
Chg	Program	PRWT-OECERT: Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Professional Writing	Emily Madsen	In AAC workflow

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6. New business
7. Standing informational items

a. UAA Academic Calendar and Other Academic Deadlines
b. BOR Chapter 10.04. Academic Programs
c. UAA Academic Catalog
d. Curriculum Handbook
e. UAA Curriculum Website
f. General Education Curriculum Review
g. General Education Five-Year Sections and Enrollments
h. Inactivation List
i. NWCCU Standards | NWCCU Approved 2027 Standards

8. Informational items
   a. Trial Course: MUS A394: Rock and Pop Ensemble
   b. National Exam Approvals: The following national examinations have been reviewed by faculty for equivalency to UAA courses.

National Exam	Minimum Score Required	UAA Course Equivalent	Credits
IB Biology SL	4	BIOL A102	3
IB Visual Arts SL	4	ART A160	3
IB Environmental Systems and Society SL	4	ENVI A211	3
IB History SL	4	HIST A101	3
IB Psychology SL	4	PSY A111	3
IB Theory of Knowledge SL	4	ENGL A120	3
IB Literature English SL	4	ENGL A200	3

Abbreviations: *IB= International Baccalaureate; AP= Advanced Placement; SL = Standard Level*

9. Consent Agenda

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Chg	Course	BADA A470: Business Analytics, Data Science, and Machine Learning *(unstacking)*	Alpana Desai	

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Motion to adjourn:
Adjourned at

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        2. Two faculty members from disciplines not included in the GER categories.
        3. Consortium Library
        4. Community Campuses
        5. At least one Community Campus must be represented.
    2. The students of the University of Alaska Anchorage may appoint one undergraduate or certificate-seeking student to voting membership on the GEC. The method of selection of the student representative shall be the responsibility of the student government.
    3. Members representing Tier I or II Categories may also represent their respective community campuses.
    4. All faculty membership terms are for two academic years. During the Spring semester, UAB will select three of its members to serve on the GEC. The remaining seats, not filled by UAB, will be included in an election. Any vacant seats after the election may be appointed by the UAB.
    5. All regulations of UAB apply to the GEC.

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~~iii)~~(3) Consortium Library

~~iv)~~(4) Community Campuses

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~~j)~~b) The assessment coordinator for the Associate of Arts and/or Associate of Science shall serve in an ex officio position.

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d) GEC has three main concentrations: curriculum, assessment, and vision and outreach. Each concentration has a tri-chair, and tri-chairs can only hold office for two years. This is a term limit; no tri-chair should hold consecutive terms in the same concentration area of GEC.

~~m)~~e) All regulations of UAB apply to the GEC.

~~n)~~f) The Council shall:

i) facilitate and review all requests to add to, delete from, or substantively modify the courses in the General Education curriculum per General Education policy;
ii) review all requests to modify General Education Requirements or policies;
iii) initiate, maintain, and review General Education policy.
iv) recommend actions to the Board based on the review;
v) coordinate with accreditation
vi) maintain and revise an assessment plan
vii) coordinate GER assessment each year
viii) communicate GER assessment results to faculty

APPENDIX: Actions from October 16, 2026 Meeting

- **Motion:** Recommend a proposed revision to General University Requirements for Associate degrees to "Complete at least 15 credits of residence, 9 of which must be in the major." Passed by unanimous consent (Motion: Doug; 2nd: Toby)

- **Curriculum Actions:**

Action*	Type	Courses/Programs/Policy	Initiator	Decision
Chg	Program	AKNS-AA: Associate of Arts in Alaska Native Studies	Zachary Milliman	In AAC workflow; hold for AKNS A292 for further discussion.
Add	Course	AKNS A292: Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders **Reference:** AKNS A492: Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders	Zachary Milliman	Holding for program discussion on level.
Chg	Program	GEIS-OECERT: Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Geographic Information Systems	Caixia Wang	In AAC workflow. Holding while hidden prerequisite options are explored.
Chg	Course	ART A100: Two-Dimensional Activities (Topics in Drawing, Design, or Painting)	Alanna Derocchi	Deferred to 10/23
Chg	Course	ATC A440: Facility Operation and Administration	Michael Moravec	Approved at 1st reading, move to 2nd. Toby/ Utpal
Chg	Course	BIOL A484: Experiential Learning: Exploration Ecology Field Study **Reference:** BIOL A684: Experiential Learning: Exploration Ecology Field Study	Doug Causey	Approved, move to FS. Heide, Utpal
Chg	Course	BIOL A486: Evolutionary Ecology	Doug Causey	Approved, move to FS. Heide, Utpal
Chg	Course	CSCE A115: Introduction to Data Science	Frank Witmer	Approved, move to FS. Doug/Utpal.
Add	Course	ECON A490: Selected Topics in Economics	Kevin Berry	Initiator did not attend, holding for next agenda.

Undergraduate Academic Board Appendix: Actions from October 16, 2026 Meeting

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Chg	Course	HIST A290 (was HIST A244): Selected Topics in Film History	Pierce Bateman	Approved at 1st reading, move to 2nd. Changed course number and title with program support. Toby/Utpal
Chg	Course	HIST A490: Selected Topics in History **Reference:** HIST A690: Selected Topics in History	Pierce Bateman	Approved at 1st reading, move to 2nd. Toby/Utpal
Chg	Program	ITLS-BA: Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies (was International Studies)	Kristen Ogilvie	Approved, move to FS. Heide/Sam
Add	Course	INDS A492: Dialogues Across Disciplines	Kristen Ogilvie	Approved, move to FS. Heide/Sam
Chg	Program	PHIL-BA: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy	Stephanie Bauer	In AAC workflow; deferred to 10/23
React	Course	PHYS A320: Computational Modeling in Science & Engineering	Katherine Rawlins	Reactivation approved, move to FS. Doug/ Tracey.
Chg	Program	PSCI-BA: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science	Kristin Zuhone	In AAC workflow. Deferred to 10/23.
Add	Course	STAT A200C: Elementary Statistics Support	Terri Manthey	Approved, move to FS. Scott/Yoshito.

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