



UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST
Strategic Planning & Budget Committee
(SPBAC)

Meeting Notes/Summary of Discussion – September 16, 2019

Attendees: Michael Ciri, Eric Scott, Jon Lasinski, Heather Batchelder, Sarah Belmont, Mae Delcastillo, Trisha Lee, Maren Haavig, Karen Cary, Kristen Handley, Nathan Leigh, Lori Klein, Ronalda Cadiente Brown, Rick Caulfield, Jonas Lamb, Tom Thornton

VIA Teleconference: Leslie Gordon, Jill Hansen, David Felts, Pete Traxler, Steve Atwater, Priscilla Schulte

Meeting started at 3:04pm

Meeting consisted of an update on the September 12-13, 2019 full Board of Regents meeting in Anchorage.

BOR Meeting Update Presentation by Rick with input from Karen:

FY20 budget was approved. BOR got a heads up on FY21 budget. Lots of public testimony. Modified language and directed President and university to explore both single and multiple accreditation models. Voted to broaden options. This was done in light of significant public testimony.

Board still wants to move ahead with expedited program reviews system wide. 13 different areas. See slide 22 of President's slide show entitled "A Strategic Approach to University Integration" to see list of current areas for review.

[https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/alaska/Board.nsf/files/BFQUW57DF9E5/\\$file/UA%20Structure%2012%20Sept%202019.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/alaska/Board.nsf/files/BFQUW57DF9E5/$file/UA%20Structure%2012%20Sept%202019.pdf)

Plan to have groups meet and submit report to the president no later than the 10th of October. Will have them address both single and multiple accreditation models as relates to their area. Extremely tight turn around. Meetings will include face to face and Zoom meetings. Intent is to post those so they are available for review.

See Regents policy 10.06.010.C regarding exceptional reviews.

<https://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy/10-06.pdf>

Will not be a typical expedited program review. Will answer the 5 questions shown in president's slide show. See slide 25, entitled "Academic Review Process".

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Can draw from some past data for these reviews.



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IR Directors will meet Wednesday to discuss the data and what can be provided.

November 7 & 8 will be next BOR meeting in Fairbanks. There will be additional opportunity for public comment. Questions remain about whether they will be able to make a decision about the structure of the university.

As of today HR redesign is fully implemented. Procurement restructure has been completed. <https://alaska.edu/newua/administrative/Communication%20Regarding%20Procurement%20Integration.pdf>

Conversations regarding IT, Student Services, Development and University Relations are all happening in the effort to reduce Administrative Services back office duties.

Karen asks about procurement.

Michael: UAS procurement staff consists of Richard in Juneau and staff in Ketchikan and Sitka. Reporting structure remains the same at UAS. Anchorage and Fairbanks did change reporting structure to report to SW Chief Procurement Officer John Hebard. UAS procurement has essentially operated as a branch office of Fairbanks anyway. All of this can change going forward.

Rick: For the first time BOR has now been recorded and will be posted on the website for public.

Committees are being put together as we speak. Check your email to see if you are included.

Some potential flexibility in hard October 10 due date for reports, depending on group/program. Possibility of postponement to November BOR meeting. Still extremely short timeline.

Provost notes that UAS is so interdisciplinary in comparison to UAA and UAF. Make sure that people on these teams understand that. Observed and encouraged teams to relay that what UAS has is different and may be attractive to students across the state.

Heather: UAS is well represented with faculty.

Kristen: Interdisciplinary programs make collecting data very complex.

Rick: Speak up about the many things UAS does that are exceptional opportunities for students. Make sure to educate our friends and colleagues across the state.

Relationship between our three campuses is exemplary.

Priscilla: We have so many processes that work well across the campuses.



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Student government is definitely being invited to participate in these committees to represent students.

Tom: Are there any opportunities for strategic hiring across campuses yet?

Rick/Karen: We are still waiting on that until we know more. Expect that those kinds of opportunities will be more and more available as we move forward.

Overall direction is greater integration, whether it is formal, informal or semiformal.

Lori: Tremendous amount of collaboration in student services already. Will continue to address those by demonstrating what we already are doing collaboratively.

Karen: Be sure to take this information (SPBAC meeting discussions) back to the people you work with. If they do have questions they can contact her, Michael or Rick.

Rick: The plan is to use the outcome of these program review reports as the foundation to look at the various options for the University structure. Expects that there will be some pretty robust discussions coming from this process.

Any transition has to be hand in hand with accreditation commission. Nothing has been decided yet.

Meeting ended at 3:45 pm.