

University of Alaska Southeast
Executive Provost Council
November and December 2004 Report to Faculty Senate

This is a report to the Faculty Senate on the policy decisions and other important information emanating from the Executive Provost Council during the months of November and December, 2004. This summary is being provided to keep faculty informed of UAS administrative initiatives.

For additional information on any of these topics, faculty members should contact their Dean or Campus Director.

1. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Accreditation Visit Follow-up Actions

The Provost reported that she has initiated actions to follow-up on the recommendations made by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities' (NWCCU) evaluators. In particular, she reported that the requirement under recommendation 3 (to submit a list of substantive changes to academic programs) has been completed and that she has met with the Scholarship of Teaching committee to clarify the language in the teaching, service, and research section of the Faculty Handbook which will satisfy the requirements of recommendation 2.

Additionally, the Provost announced a university-wide initiative to accomplish recommendation 1 (to fully and thoroughly implement assessment across all certificates and degrees). The Provost stressed that creating assessment tools must be a priority for both faculty and deans during the Spring 2005 semester in order to ensure that sufficient evidence is gathered by 2008 to demonstrate to NWCCU that UAS has substantively met the requirements of this recommendation. She announced that in order to kick off this important project, the mid-year convocation will be devoted entirely to the subject of assessment.

2. Institutional Research Director Line of Authority

The Provost announced that she has set the line of authority for use of the Institutional Research Director's time. She explained that the director (Patrick Moore) can respond directly to any requests regarding Trendbook items, but that any requests for institutional research data beyond the Trendbook must be made through the deans who will route these requests through the Executive Provost Council.

3. Academic Calendars for Academic Years 2005-06 through 2009-10

The Council approved five academic calendars for years 2005-06 through 2009-10 and forwarded them on to the Faculty Senate as an information item. The calendars can be found on the Provost's website at <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/>.

4. Web Grading

The Council received a report from the Registrar announcing that web grading is now available to faculty. She explained that this feature is available online and is very easy to use. She encouraged its use and explained that it will help save both faculty and Records & Registration staff time.

5. President's Special Projects Fund UAS Allocations

The Provost announced that President Hamilton approved President's Special Projects Fund proposals submitted by Dr. Jeff Lofthus and Dr. Cathy Connors.