

# Academic Council Meeting Notes

October 8, 2020, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/9074508042>

Audio: 1-253-215-8782

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- a. [NOI to add GC on Business Analytics - no objections received from ASA](#)

## Updates/Discussion:

### 4. AlaskaX Presentation - Owen Guthrie

Owen gave a presentation on edX, a MOOC (massive open online course) platform for non-credit courses, which has over 3000 courses and 40 million global partners. Twenty percent of its learners come from the US however. Owen confirmed they received one-time funds to investigate the platform further. He noted that although UAF already had a robust online curriculum development and instructional design team, this program really benefits their design team and allows them to engage with a dynamic community of professionals. The first MOOC developed through this platform was by Franz Meyer called Synthetic Aperture Radar: Hazard e; and

Fundamentals; and Salmon, P



- b. Differentiated Tuition - Chancellors will discuss separating tuition at each university. Paul noted Chancellor White at UAF is soliciting feedback on differential tuition models; UAA engaged a consultant to review its tuition models as well.
- c. SB241 and AKCOE Update - Steve and Paul will update the planning process for education programs discussed earlier as well as provide the state mandated report on education and teacher preparation.
- d. UAF Accreditation Update - Anupma reported there was tremendous engagement across the UAF community for the recent accreditation visit. The staff, student and faculty forums were well attended. Site visitors noted they were impressed with a number of areas, including ability to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic and the role of the e-campus, as well as the high level of research activity and the commitment to outreach to Alaska's communities. Recommendation areas included looking at program assessment plans, resource allocations and evaluating those goals, disaggregating data to align with new standards, and finally to look at a sense of belonging. Overall, Anupman noted she was pleased with the outcome and that in normal times they would be celebrating a successful visit.
- e. UAA & UAS Mission Statement/Strategic Plans Update - Karen and Denise noted they were still working on the presentation for this item. Paul reminded members that changes to mission statements require approval from the Board membership.

Karen noted she appreciated these meetings and the discussion and collaboration the comes out of them.

Priscilla noted her thanks to the president for meeting with the community campus directors. She noted at UAS, the community campuses are more closely connected than at UAA or UAF. She noted Gary Turner will be retiring and so they will need to identify a new chair.

Teri reported the fisheries, seafood and maritime initiative has been working on several projects

at the University of Alaska Institute. They are also continuing the maritime workforce development

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Anupma noted Sandra Wildfeuer will serve as president-elect this year for the UAF Faculty Senate.