Statewide Academic Council Meeting Summary
March 16, 2017; 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

Meeting participants: Sam Gingerich, Susan Henrichs, Chris Fallen, Karen Carey, Lara Volden (for Bruce Schultz), Tim
Edwards, Gary Gray, Tara Smith, Lisa Hoferkamp, Saichi Oba, Dan White, Nycolett Ripley (scribe)

1. Safety Minute - Dan White
Taking a break: OSHA recommends a 10-minute break for every hour you are on the computer. Important
to stand up and move around when working

ACTION ITEM: Dan will discuss

experience and outcomes. Sometimes students do not want to share the personal information that is
requested by these systems.
e. ACTION ITEM: SAC members will view the pre-recorded video for the EAB Student Success
Collaborative initiative (hyperlink sent with meeting announcement). The video will be discussed at
the April 21
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 meeting and an EAB representative will be invited to join the meeting to answer
questions (20 min.).
9. Discussion of the nursing model Sam
a. The model is not consistent across the system and none of the sites are standardized. Each site has an
individual focus based on when it was started and what the funding source was. Overall, UAA bears
the majority of the responsibility (e.g. faculty hires, space availability) and the costs.
b. Is there an opportunity to standardize the agreements across the system? This question is important
if it will be used as the model for the College of Education.
10. Discussion of Faculty Alliance common calendar committee proposal Tara
a. Faculty Alliance made two recommendations to the common calendar. One is to make the
Wednesday before the Thanksgiving Holiday to be a non-teaching day. The second is to allow the
campuses to designate non-teaching days due to campus traditions.
b. UAF did not receive any objections to the recommendations. UAA and UAS did not receive any
feedback on the recommendations.
c. The purpose of the common calendar was to have the same course teaching schedules, Spring Break
dates, and same fee payment schedules. If there are different dates at each campus will this affect
the students negatively? The committee will discuss the common fee payment schedule.
d. ACTION ITEM: Dan will send a letter to the Summit Team regarding the Faculty Alliance common
calendar recommendations.
11. ALEKS/ACCUPLACER update Fred & Tara
a. Contract for ALEKS and ACCUPLACER will be shared with SAC when available.
b. Website updates are in progress for those using ALEKS and ACCUPLACER.
c. There is a question about whether the student or university pays for the test, but this will not affect