Proposal for Faculty Learning Community AY 2013-2014
Communicating across the Curriculum

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Description
This cohort based Faculty Learning Community (FLC) will focus on communicating across the curriculum.
The specific topics will be driven by the members of the FLC, so specific confirmed topics cannot be provided
at this time. Possible topics of inquiry would include the following questions:

• How should we assess student projects that are multimodal and draw on a range of technologies?
• What does revision look like with 21st century technologies?
• What are some best practices to supporting information literacy in a 300-level class?
• How do we get our students to take positions in their communication?
• As a communicator of your discipline, what about your own disciplinary conventions do you find
  problematic?
• How do we assign reflective assignments on experiential learning so that they lead to genuine learning?
• Should we encourage students to take risks in their communication? If so, how do we assess these risks?

Justification
This is a proactive measure for changes being considered at UAF concerning the “w” and “o” upper-level
requirements for graduation. This FLC will be a genuine inquiry with an aim to lead efforts to update UAF’s
approach to active, lifelong learning.

Goals
- Bring together a group of faculty who have experience teaching writing and/or communication.
- Exchange ideas about what works for student learning and how we can build on these discoveries;
- Support and highlight excellence in teaching and learning at UAF;
- Introduce a group of faculty to shared terms for communication such as audience, purpose, and context.

Outcomes
- Report to Office of Faculty Development on activities and findings;
- Publication of local curricula on Writealaska.org;
- Expand outreach for UAF’s Celebration of Writing (October 2013).

Gatherings
Over the course of the academic year this FLC will gather together approximately 10 times on dates, times, and
at locations agreed upon by the group.