

## **SADA Minutes Meeting #8 April 20, 2016**

Attendance: Colleen, Bill, Mike, Sandra, Jen, Eileen, Cindy, Jill

**Minutes approved**

**Agenda approved**

### **Dual Majors:**

The Committee reviewed the PAIR data on UAF Baccalaureate Students: Trends in Multidisciplinary Studies document and, after discussion, didn't find a significant issue/trend. Advising is potentially an issue if they are doing two bachelor's programs. A double degree takes a little longer. A FAQ document addressing any issues will be put together in the fall and presented to this committee. This FAQ will assist advisors and students.

### **UPDATES:**

#### **Grade appeal revisions:**

- a checklist for students appealing a grade was created by advisors to assist students as they go through the process
- revisions have been made to the policy on grade changes
- there has been a suggestion for a new Faculty Senate committee that will deal with grade appeals. Grade appeals have been increasing and it can be difficult to form grade appeal committees early in the semester. A Fac Senate committee could be trained in the process and would expedite grade appeals. A pool of people to work on grade appeals would make the process smoother.
- In the UA regulations, students are allowed an open meeting and can bring a representative with them. The UAF regs are directly in conflict with this – meetings are closed. We need to abide by UA policy. Changing UAF's regs would allow the student to have a representative. Amber Cagwin will examine the issue of open/closed meetings – who is present? (it is not open to the public).

#### **Appeal for Academic Decisions**

- graduate school and undergraduates – not as many people go through this process, but the policy is out of date.
- The informal process for this document starts and ends with the provost
- The formal process says that the first step is to go to the provost office to get the official form. It turns out that there is no form.
- This process is all within UAF – not much resides with the BOR.
- Suggestion is to meet with deans, etc first before contacting the provost
- A committee has been formed to deal with this and will meet next week.

#### **Alignment Update:**

English: more or less finished, just need to agree a couple smaller items.

Math: UAA, UAF, AND UAS all meet on Friday to talk about Math placement. The trial for Aleks (inappropriate use of outside resources) is set for the fall to address concerns about Aleks. UAF is generally quite pleased with Aleks; there is some interest in setting up a proctored placement exam but still allow students to practice without a proctor prior to the actual placement exam. Suggestion to have a non-credit course to assist students with Aleks, especially the technology involved. There is a DEVM 051 non credit class, Math Skills, that might be appropriate.

### **2016-2017 Dev Ed Program Review**

- the committee reviewed the preliminary draft. Deve is pleased with the 70% success rate
- Math would like to see data on the distribution of students (the placement range changed as a result of Aleks).
- This report is a draft; the program review is due next year, so there is time to address questions/request additional data.