

Below is a list that were invited to the initial meeting

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Emailed agenda

We'll address the following:

Introduction of new and continuing committee members (and a review of our committee mission)  
Election of co-chairs  
Review of known 2015-16 agenda items  
Possible meeting times for Doodle poll

In attendance

Cynthia Hardy-convener-Dev Ed English,  
Eileen Harney-English,  
Jennifer Tilbury-Dev Ed English,  
William Howard-Chemistry,  
Sandra Wildfeuer-CRCD Math,  
Ben Kuntz- Dev Ed English distance,  
Joe Mason-distance,  
Alex Fitts-Vice Provost, underprepared students,  
Stacey Howdeshell-advising, developmental,  
Colleen Angiak –rural student services,  
Jill Faudree- Math

Background on SADA

SADA is a permanent committee of faculty senate. Not everyone is a faculty senator on the committee, as people are drawn from different categories. We have the highest representation of rural faculty. Many years ago, this was Developmental Studies committee, and their last project was to advocate forming the department of Dev Ed. Up until that point it was a random association of adjuncts. We think this has been a benefit to the university and toward a coherent curriculum.

This committee retains oversight of developmental courses, and looks at students as they join the university. We look at what we can do to make intersection more fluid.

Historically, we pressed for and put into policy mandatory placement in math and English. We advocate for prerequisites, and we have promoted finding a space for a Learning Commons where students can receive support in math and English.

This committee usually operates by consensus, since we are a mix of faculty and non-faculty. Each committee gets ex officio person from the provost office also, in this case

Vice Provost Alex Fitts.

Known 2015-2016 agenda items

- We typically start with a straight forward agenda, then we have issues that come up that we have to deal with. This committee typically meets once a month, but more often when there are pressing concerns.
- One of our current projects is a student resiliency project – we have discussed it and want to gather data to better understand what helps students succeed. Sine Anahita is a sociology professor, addressed the committee last year with ideas about how to measure student resiliency. That work will continue this year. There is a subcommittee of SADA.
- We work closely with Curricular Affairs, as there are three SADA members that also serve on Curricular Affairs.(Cindy, Eileen, Alex is ex officio on Curricular Affairs)
  - They are discussing the proposed changes to the General Education Requirements from the Board of Regents and the work from the GERC committee over the past several years.
- New course approvals
  - WRTG classes at developmental level DEVE and ENGL are now WRTG designators- everything up to WRTG 110
  - DEVM 068 Mathematical Literacy
- Committee Definition is still being reviewed by the Administrative Committee
  - One change is from Interior-Aleutians Campus to Interior Alaska Campus.

Election of Chair and Co-Chair

Cindy Hardy and Sandra Wildfeuer were nominated for Chair. The committee voted by paper ballot, and distance faculty emailed their vote to Alex Fitts, a non voting member of the committee.

Result: Sandra Wildfeuer, Chair

Jennifer Tilbury and Cindy Hardy were nominated for Co Chair. The committee voted by paper ballot, and distance faculty emailed their vote to Alex Fitts, a non voting member of the committee.

Result: Jennifer Tilbury, Co-Chair

### **Current Business**

- A Doodle poll will be sent out to establish regular meeting times.

- The committee discussed the proposed common calendar and agreed to email comments. The chair will collect the comments and report back to the Common Calendar Committee.