

SADA Meeting Notes 11/3/17

Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee

- ✓ Sandra Wildfeuer (CRCD Math)
- × Cindy Hardy (Writing)
- ✓ Jennifer Tilbury (Writing, English, Community and Technical College)
- ✓ Sarah Andrew (Adult Education Program Director, Bristol Bay Campus)
- ✓ Kelechukwu I. Alu (CRCD Math, Chukchi Campus)
- × Robin Brooks (Student Success Coordinator, Interior Alaska Campus)
- ✓ Ben Kuntz (Writing, English, Kuskokwim Campus)
- ✓ Kacey Miller (Student Services Manager, Northwest Campus)
- ✓ William Howard (Chemistry)
- ✓ Leah Berman (Mathematics)
- ✓ Peter A. DeCaro (Communication & Journalism)
- ✓ Jennifer Schell (English)
- ✓ Gabrielle Russell (Rural Student Services Advisor)
- ✓ Lena Krutikov (Academic Advisor)
- ✓ ASUAF representative, Sam Mitchell
- ✓ Alex Fitts (Vice Provost & Accreditation Liaison Officer)
- × Mike Earnest (Registrar & Director of Enrollment Services)
- ✓ Holly McDonald (Associate Registrar)

Motion to approve notes from Meeting One: Approved

Motion to approve notes from Meeting Two: Approved

Resolution for Student Bereavement Leave - Discussion: Sam Mitchell introduced a resolution to the Bereavement Policy for Student Bereavement Leave. Currently there is no policy. Part of this policy would set up a 2-week grace period from missed class days, assignments, etc. The committee asked about verification of death procedures – in the past seeking verification has been complicated. This committee could draft a resolution in support of ASUAF’s Bereavement Resolution. Current practice is that the Dean of Students assists with any extenuating circumstance and asks faculty members to accommodate the student. The committee discussed that two weeks seems like a long time ASUAF has just hired a student advocacy director to assist students with appeals, etc, but the Dean of Students has great influence in these situations. We suggested broadening the policy, like an Extended Absence Policy, to include other situations wherein a student might miss a lot of class. It seems that, rather than introducing a new policy, more information needs to be accessible to students about their options as well as clarity on the procedure.

During the discussion, the committee also became aware of another resource on campus: **Behavioral Intervention Team:** Works with students, faculty or staff who are referred due to a concern about their behavior (threatening, disruptive, etc). This is not a conduct/consequences team, but rather a team to help them find resources.

Veteran's Resource Center move from campus: Students who worked there were work-study students and there was one UAF paid employee, funded by the Vietnam Veterans office. The office has moved to another off-campus location. Concern arose about the loss of this resource for students.

First Year Experience Update: Alex Fitts reports that there is more interested in the FYE and there is a motion moving to Faculty Senate to require it for Pre Majors.

Adjourned at 2:30

Next meeting is Tues Nov 28th 3:45-5pm.