

**Curricular Affairs Committee** 28 January 2013 **MINUTES** 9-10 am Reichardt 301

PRESENT: Rainer Newberry (Chair); David Henry; Carol Gering; Ken Abramowicz; Todd Radenbaugh (phone); Sarah Hardy (phone); Cindy Hardy (phone); Retchenda George-Bettisworth (phone); Karen Gustafson (phone).

Ex officio members present: Alex Fitts (phone); Libby Eddy (phone); Lillian Misel (phone).

Jayne Harvie also present (taking notes).

Absent: Diane McEachern; Doug Goering.

### **1. minutes of 14 Jan approved as amended**

### **2. Report from J Rosenberg (GERC):**

“GERC will not meet as a committee for the next two weeks. Instead the working groups will meet with the goal of having sets of recommendations for how to satisfy and assess the new learning outcomes. The working groups are:  
Civic Engagement Alaska/Arctic Intercultural/Diversity Writing/Oral Communication Quantitative skills

It was also determined at the last GERC meeting that course designators for each of these areas, while not impossible, are probably unnecessary. The goal of the working groups is define what characteristics/content courses should have to meet the objectives in each area and discuss how that could be assessed. The next step will be to get it all written up and take it to the faculty for feedback, firebombs and suggestions on specific courses.”

### **3. Cindy Hardy agreed to serve as the CAC representative to GERC**

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Grades & how they're described in the catalog**

**After long and heated arguing.....**

**We agreed (a) to not mess with +/- grades at this time**

**(b) to try an informal poll of faculty, dept heads & deans about making C- acceptable**

#### **B. Core class transferability issues --came up at inter-MAU meeting in Anch Jan 2013**

**Do we simply bite the bullet??? And accept that UAF doesn't REALLY have a core curriculum???**

**However, a version of this motion will come before the Fac Senate in a week:**

“This senate supports the formation of a Faculty Alliance GE Learning Outcomes UA Coordination Subcommittee, to include equal representation from each MAU and to work on the general charge of identifying a common set of General Education learning outcomes to recommend to the faculty senates at each MAU in late 2013. “

**We agreed to NOT OPPOSE this**

**Everyone ran off screaming..**