

**Curricular Affairs Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2016, 1-2:00 pm DRAFT**

Present: Ken Abramowicz, Casey Byrne, Jennie Carroll, Alex Fitts, Catherine Hanks, Cindy Hardy, Eileen Harney, Jayne Harvie, Joan Hornig, Ginny Kinne, Lisa Lunn, Rainer Newberry, Cathy Oehring, Patrick Plattet, Holly Sherouse,  
Absent: Mike Earnest, Doug Goering, Jenny Liu  
Visitor: Claire Gelvin-Smith, Student Support Services

1. Approval/Amendment of Agenda  
The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. Approval of minutes
  - a. Draft Minutes 2/17/16 – Approved with one correction to attendance.
3. Old Business
  - a. Grade Appeals Policy Subcommittee update

Joan reported on the second meeting of the committee, held last week. Alex F., Ginny K., Paul Layer and Amber Cagwin worked on making a concrete list for students that will help make them more aware of the appeals process and what types of things they need to have a decent, successful shot at it. The list will also include the timeline. Ginny noted that the list and timeline will probably be one side of a sheet that contains a grade appeals form. At their next meeting they will also tackle the misalignment of UAF policy with the UA regulations.

- b. GER classification implementation update
      - i. Draft Guide
      - ii. Motion to limit programs to some number of courses per bucket

Jennie noted that the draft course approval guide includes language from Alex that instructors must agree to participate in UAF GER assessment activities. The approval of Faculty Senate will be sought regarding capping the number of courses per subject code for each bucket. Administrative Committee was very supportive about capping the number. A motion has not yet been written, but the goal is to have one for the April Faculty Senate meeting. The goal for the March Faculty Senate meeting is to settle putting a cap on the number of courses per subject code for each bucket.

Jennie shared a document from Holly Sherouse that shows the GER classification language to be included in the catalog. A brochure will also be prepared. The committee's blessing is needed so OAR can get the information correctly into the catalog. There was a brief discussion on the communication plan component.

The categorization of History as a humanities at UAA, and as a social science at UAF, and its effect on transfer credit between the three universities was discussed at length. Depending upon how one reads the UA regulation, it can actually fit into either category. The History Department is opposed to their courses being classified as humanities courses.

Jennie will meet with the Core Review Committee tomorrow and discuss the draft course approval guide and their role in the process of implementation. After that, she'll be able to share the guide with the departments. Removing a course from the buckets will require the renumbering of that course. The effect on graduation requirements and DegreeWorks was discussed.

Rainer clarified that, while UAF does not teach history as a humanistic field, there is nothing in the regulations that prohibits it from being offered as a social science.

The need to retain the (s) and (h) designations with courses was brought up (as required by the BA degree).

- c. Alaska Native focused GER issue update
  - i. Draft options

Before CAC makes any further move about this topic and the draft options in the hand-out to the committee, Jennie would like to go back to the ANS Council and see where they wish to go with it. She doesn't want to get ahead of the Council and their ideas for the system-wide changes they would like to see. UAF could act on this issue by itself, as laid out in the three options shown in the handout.

The merits of having a GER based course on Alaska Native peoples vs. a more generic potential requirement on Alaska "per se" were discussed.

Using an attribute might simplify the designation of potential courses available to fulfill a potential new requirement.

Cindy noted that the initiatives so far have come from the student groups. Having it considered at the Faculty Alliance level is appropriate for consideration as a requirement system-wide. Rainer noted there is still value in having UAF Faculty Senate weigh in on the idea. Should this be brought up to the FS as a discussion? Jennie thought it would be more appropriate to go back to the ANS Council first.

- 4. New Business (from goals set at beginning of AY)
  - a. Attributes (Civic Engagement etc.) – should we begin moving this forward?

This topic could be discussed further in the GER subcommittee, and then bring ideas forward to the full committee in the future.

- b. Athletics – what do we need to address?

The committee recapped the concerns that had been mentioned last semester, particularly concerning the long absences of students due to traveling great distances to competitions. Dani Sheppard will be invited to a future meeting to answer questions. Charlie Hill was also mentioned as someone who knows the NCAA rules. After meeting with them, the committee can decide upon any potential actions for the Senate to consider.

The Library Sciences discussion is coming up. Representatives from the Library will attend the March 30 meeting.