

**UAF Faculty Senate Unit Criteria Committee  
Report for Academic Year 2014-2015  
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Submitted by Chris Coffman, Committee Chair**

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The Unit Criteria Committee met on 9/23/14, 10/28/14, 11/25/14, 1/20/15, 2/24/15, 3/10/15, 3/31/15, and 4/14/15; we are also scheduled to meet on 4/28/15.

- Since submitting the 13-14 report, the Unit Criteria Committee received notice that the following criteria that were submitted during 13-14 were approved by the Faculty Senate and UAF Chancellor Rogers:
  - Computer Science (CEM)
- The Unit Criteria Committee reviewed and approved the following criteria during 14-15; these have since been approved by the UAF Faculty Senate and UAF Chancellor Brian Rogers as well:
  - Marine Advisory Program (SFOS); carry-over from 13-14
  - Mathematics and Statistics (CNSM); carry-over from 13-14
  - IARC; carry-over from 13-14
  - Journalism (CLA); new for 14-15
- The Unit Criteria Committee is currently reviewing proposed criteria from the following unit and is scheduled to consider their document again on 4/28/15:
  - Justice (CLA); earlier drafts reviewed on 3/10/15, 3/31/15, and 4/14/15.
- The Unit Criteria Committee drafted and submitted changes to its Bylaws for inclusion in the Faculty Senate's ongoing project of revising its bylaws documents; these changes clarify voting procedures for the committee.
- The Unit Criteria Committee developed, approved, and posted to our part of the Faculty Senate webpage a document offering guidance for units submitting criteria. This document clarifies the committee's schedule, communication procedures, and the respective roles of committee members and peer units in the process of developing and seeking approval for unit criteria. The final document may be found at <http://www.uaf.edu/files/uafgov/Advice-for-Units-from-Unit-Criteria-Committee.pdf>
- Faculty Senate President-Elect Cecile Lardon is now heading up the Blue Book project, and no business related to that project arrived at the Unit Criteria Committee in 14-15.

- There is pending business for 15-16 related to the 13-14 merger of the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences (SNRAS ) with Cooperative Extension to form a new entity, the School of Natural Resources and Extension (SNRE). These two units will eventually need to resolve how they will handle their unit criteria within the new unit, but did not submit any proposals in 14-15.
- The Unit Criteria Committee received two items from administrators too late in the academic year to discuss during 14-15 given our calendar in late spring 2015; these issues should be taken up during 15-15:
  - CNSM: CNSM Dean Paul Layer and UAF Provost Susan Henrichs would like, as Senate President Cecile Lardon put it, for the Unit Criteria Committee to “establish some rules for the primacy of unit criteria for faculty who have joint appointments, especially those with joint appointments in a college/school and a research institute.” The recent work of the Joint Appointments Committee should be considered along with existing Blue Book language to resolve this matter;
  - CEM: The Institute of Northern Engineering (INE) plans to propose special unit criteria for review and may need some guidance on existing policy and precedent for unit criteria that apply to faculty housed in research institutes.