

UAF Fac Senate Curricular Affairs Committee minutes of meeting 28 April, 2017

Present: Eileen Harney (chair), Alex Fitts, Rainer Newberry, Cindy Hardy, Mike Earnest, Casey Byrne, Holly McDonald, Ken Abramowicz, Ginny Kinne, Jayne Harvey, guests: Joe Little and Chris Wright

Meeting called to order at 10:32. Newberry agreed to take minutes. Due to lack of quorum, it was agreed that no official business would take place.

The agenda was approved as amended, with Joe Little (economics) speaking first.

Joe Little spoke concerning the imminent demise of UAF's Economics program. The program is the most expensive in SOM in terms of \$/degrees awarded. Making Econ 100X optional also decreased student credit hours. Most likely the future lies in somehow combining with UAA's econ program rather than an intra-UAF combination. We discussed impediments to joint UAF-UAA degrees, especially the 24 credits upper division UAF credit requirement. No easy solution was suggested.

Holly presented modified catalog language for the baccalaureate and AA requirements. We thanked her for the courtesy of showing it to us. We unofficially agreed that it said what we wished it would.

Eileen reported that the ANS group which promised a report to us RE practicability of the proposed AKNS requirement had punted. However, no one objected to our provisional list of courses, nor did they suggest any new ones. We agreed that rather than simply dropping the issue until late August and then trying to bring everyone on board, we'd have an additional (post-Fac Senate) meeting to discuss alternatives. Eileen agreed to present possible plans [rainer volunteered to help] at the next CAC meeting for discussion. Eileen agreed to find a best possible day, time, and place. [Note: Meeting in the pub apparently wasn't sufficiently practicable.] She agreed to invite both current CAC members who weren't continuing and new members as of May Fac Senate meeting.

Mike Earnest commented on the proposed changes in graduation with Honors rules. He pointed out that the proposed rules would cause A&R folks to spend considerable time going through transcripts and he was consequently NOT in favor of them. We discussed the problem that any set of rules had some inherent 'unfairness', and that changing the rules simply changed the type of unfairness. Jayne mentioned she thought the requested change came from one particular senator's concerns. We discussed getting that faculty member (no name was supplied) together with Mike and Holly to discuss practicable changes.