

Accreditation Steering Committee Report

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The Institutional Accreditation Self-Study 2011 Steering Committee has been meeting every other week (at least) since the beginning of Fall semester. For complete information on the time line, the committee's charge, and documents and updates on our work, see the Accreditation website at <http://www.uaf.edu/accreditation>

Our most recent work includes the following:

- 1) Writing a short version of themes, objectives and indicators based on eliminations and combination recommendations
- 2) Addressing the questions related to the indicator tallies and revisions
- 3) Further discussion of mission fulfillment - the subcommittee proposes to use the list below of strong indicators to assess mission fulfillment (there are some disagreements that all of these are strong). Other alternatives are possible (use all indicators - and say that at least a super majority in each theme are meeting our expectations - need to set a threshold for each; some indicators are clearly not as strong as others, this is why we propose to use a subset to define mission fulfillment)

Educate

1. Program Review including outcomes assessment (PBB) - in program review ask the review committee to indicate if there is clear evidence that students are meeting the program's intended learning outcomes or not? We report the proportion answered yes.
2. Student outcomes on programmatic state or national exams – comparison of score distributions or passing rates to state or national rates - we report pass rates and, where available, percentile results for our students
3. FTFT Undergraduate Retention (PBB) – compare to 2001 or 2006?
4. ETS proficiency profile compare first-year and senior scores adjusted for ACT/SAT - is learning gained, yes or no?

Discover

5. Peer reviewed publications/FTE research – ratio at least one
6. Creative exhibitions, performances, publications/FTE research in fine and performing arts – ratio at least one
7. Papers with at least 12 citations – not clear what to compare to here; proportion of faculty in units reporting with at least one paper with 12 or more citations?

Prepare

8. Number of high demand job area program graduates (proportion of UAF grads?) (PBB) – compare to state demand in these areas?

Connect

9. Partnership summary – not clear what to compare to here? Geographic distribution? Number of partners? Amount of contributions compared to 2006?
10. Distribution of graduates by degree type by ethnicity, gender, and high school district – representative of Alaska and includes out of state and international students – compare to state population

Engage

11. List of non-credit & non-CEU workshops and number of participants by location (impact?)
12. Number of publications intended for the general public accessed online, sold or distributed – compare to 2006?
13. Number of in-person, phone and email inquiries/consultations provided by CES & Sea Grant – relative to service FTE for CES/Sea Grant faculty

**UAF Master Plan Committee
Report to UAF Staff Council
October 19, 2010
by Gary Newman, UAF Staff Council Representative**

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The UAF Master Plan Committee met October 7.

Chancellor Rogers joined us and discussed the following:

1. General charge to the committee.
2. The Board of Regents were pleased with UAF's revised master plan and use it as a model for the other campuses to follow in creation of their master plans.
3. The revision to architectural standards that will reflect more of a common theme with building exteriors. See <http://www.uaf.edu/fs/resource-information/design-standards/>
4. UA President Gamble's budget for FY'12 has no new buildings, just funds for retrofit/deferred maintenance and repair. Always a challenge when major repair would exceed the cost of a new building
5. Engineering and Energy buildings are being looked at for 2012 (FY'13)
6. Sustainability issues with challenges of aging coal plant and hope for natural gas option, a matter of timing and also coal and biomass require more permitting. He looks at transportation/parking issues as a matter of access and interested in improvement.
7. He will ask the FMATS (Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transit System) policy committee to look at adding higher priorities for funding of redesign of Dysfunction Jct and the North Tanana Loop completion at least to Sheenjok Drive.
8. Looking for private funding for Troth Yeddha Plan implementation
9. Lease for UAF offices off campus are \$2 mm, always looking for ways to reduce these costs as their costs per sq. ft. are roughly double of what on campus space is.
10. MBS complex (Moore-Bartlett-Skarland) infrastructure dying, will try to phase repairs several floors at a time.

Martin Klein, Director of Parking Services reported on:

1. The need to formalize an advisory board (Scott McCrea now chairing an ad hoc advisory board) and input from MPC on broader issues as they come up.
2. Bike lockers not being used much on West Ridge and Gruening, better options for daily bike storage
3. UPass (free FNSB bus use by UAF affiliated staff, faculty, students) show rising use.
4. Van pool, VPSI federal grant to FNSB, now used by federal employees, perhaps some opportunities with federal location on Geist to tie in UAF and FNSB. VPSI program in Anchorage is very successful.

Troth Yeddha park between Reichardt and Museum - MPC discussed the Troth Yeddha plan, Annette Freiburger was present to answer questions. MPC approved it, reiterating it is anticipated that private funding will be needed to accomplish.

http://www.uaf.edu/fs/resource-information/publications-plans/Troth-Yeddha-Pk-Pln-May13_2010.pdf

Facilities report by Jonathan Shabare

1. Site work continues on USDA lab modular buildings to Geist Road, as they are currently located where Life Sciences is to go. Greenhouse plants to be dispersed to other West Ridge greenhouse and Facilities Svs greenhouse. We requested him to hold off on any cutting of trees until we find out whether the Bond issue passes Nov. 2
2. 95% of storm/sewer pipe replacement done
3. Discussion about DOT project for bike path along Yankovich Rd.
4. Electrical upgrade across from Malfunction Jct.(aka "Flower Jct." includes a switchgear building and site work for the Energy Building test modules.

5. NIH in-fill building in AHRC atrium expected design completion Feb. 2011.
6. Question asked about better stairs/ramp at McIntosh, on ADA list

Landscaping/North Campus Subcommittees – working on invasive plant plan/recommendations.

More info on the UAF Master Plan and the presentations can be found at the following links. The newly updated and approved 201 Master Plan is now available. Interested folks are welcome as well to contact me at gary@alaska.edu or 907-474-1991.

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This concludes this report.