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Re: Summary of Meeting held on October 23, 2007

CC: Monica Kane, Bogdan Hoanca, Tom Miller, Dave Veazey, Karen Perdue,
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I thought our meeting in Juneau went well. Thanks again to Robbie and her staff for the hospitality and arrangements. A quick summary follows:

1. Academic Proposals for B.P. ConocoPhillips Fund Distribution

We agreed upon proposal guidelines. Language for RFP's will be reviewed by legal counsel. This document has now been forwarded to the Provosts for distribution at respective MAUs.

2. Academic Affairs Web Page

We reengineered our web page. Statewide staff will follow through to ensure changes are incorporated.

3. Regulations/Procedures for SAC; operating procedures and program approvals

Current regulations will be redrafted and brought into compliance with policy (Dave and Tom will be lead individuals on this project). The SAC agreed to dispense with what was being referred to as the "SAC Agreement Manual". If SAC members determine that additional procedures (which are not otherwise included in standing regulations or policies) are desired, please bring this matter up at a future meeting.

4. New Program Approval

SAC agreed to bring forward several new programs which had been prepared and submitted pursuant to existing regulations. Dave Veazey will follow up with the requisite documentation in this regard.

5. Student Success

A steering committee was finalized. The process to prepare a "next phase" comprehensive systemwide plan to address student success (which will, we hope, accommodate distinctive environments at various MAUs, ongoing activities, as well as current budget considerations/requests) will be discussed by the steering committee. I will be arranging a meeting, which will take place initially in Fairbanks.

6. Information Items

Directors of Community and Branch campuses will be meeting with staff from academic affairs to discuss workforce development, student services policies, potential grant activities and related academic matters. Regular reports will be made to SAC on these discussions.

Center for Sustainability, Resilience and Adaptation (CSRA)

We discussed what is loosely being defined as a “center” with participation from various faculty/institutions/centers presently working in these areas (broadly defined). The idea of bringing all actively engaged participants/groups together for exploration of symmetries in grant, legislative, programmatic, and financial activities, has been discussed at numerous levels throughout the UA System. RAC and SAC are discussing possible steering committee members as well as refining the scope and purpose of a “CSRA”.

Preparations for next Regent meeting

Discussions concerning the budget were mentioned. Future BOR agenda items will be discussed at SAC.

The Next SAC Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 29th in Anchorage. Please bring your calendars for the purpose of scheduling meetings throughout the academic year. Future agenda items for SAC will include, distance education, a systemwide academic plan, academic and staff development, tuition, transfer and admission matters, the federal initiative process, discussion of a systemwide general education core, academic governance and related decision making policies, other issues brought forward by SAC members.

Please let me know if I have misstated, deleted or augmented an item in a manner which does not comport to your understanding of our discussion.