



UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

Date and Time: January 16, 2025; 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Zoom (contact Paulette if you need an invite)

Agenda

1. Roll call and call to order (3:00 pm)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes from 12/19/2025 (draft will be in Berling AY 25-26/Minutes)
4. Consent Agenda Items
5. Regular Agenda Items: page 2-4
 - a. 2nd Readings – Category A program proposals
 - b. 2nd Readings – Category A course proposals
 - c. 2nd Readings – Category B course proposals
 - d. 1st Readings – Category A course proposals
 - e. 1st Readings – Category B program proposals
 - f. 1st Readings – Category B course proposals
 - g. 2nd Readings – Category B program proposals
6. Discussion:
 - a. Nominations for Chair
 - b. Category C passed
 - c. CourseLeaf questions or training needs, FAQ discussion
7. Adjournment (5:00 pm or when finished)
8. Next Meeting: February 20, 2026

AY 25-26

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Outer Coast (no agenda items)	Matthew Spellberg	matthew@outercoast.org

Brief Descriptions and Stages

Consent Agenda Items

None

Regular Agenda Items

2nd Readings – Category A Program Proposals

Data Science, Minor. (Buzby). Incorporating existing courses and the new data science course. *Passed first reading after conversation and clarifications without amendment or conditions.*

Welding, Advanced, O.E. (Gibes). New Occupational Endorsement for recognition of advanced skills in welding. *Passed first reading with conditions of spelling out the acronyms in the outcome assessments and change of catalog description. The change was approved and the acronyms were spelled out.*

2nd Readings – Category A Course Proposals

NWCA S201. *Northwest Coast Native Art History & Culture. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA.

NWCA S220. *Beginning Northwest Coast Indigenous Design I. (Zacher). Change of course designator



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from ART to NWCA.

NWCA S230. *Beginning Northwest Coast Carving I. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA. Requesting to be a GER.

NWCA S250. *Beginning Northwest Basketry I. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA. Requesting to be a GER.

NWCA S270. *Indigenous Performing Arts. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA. *NWCA S201, S220, S230, S250, and S270 passed first reading without amendment or conditions as a group.*

OCEN S201. *Topics in Literature. (Sczcepanski). Outer Coast year two curriculum. *Passed first reading without amendment or conditions.*

STAT S210. Introduction to Data Science. (Buzby). Foundational skills in data science to add into the minor. *Passed first reading after conversation and clarifications without amendment or conditions.*

2nd Readings – Category B Course Proposals

HIST S441. History of the United States West. (Rose). New course formerly taught as HIST S440 this will change the focus of the course a bit more toward the special topics HIST S393 that had previously been taught. *Passed first reading as amended for the catalog description with the condition of clarification of prerequisites. The question on whether they were deactivating HIST S440, which was discussed but has not entered workflow yet. C. Bergstrom moved to table this for next meeting. J. Brown seconded. This passed and the proposal was tabled for next meeting.* HIST S440 is being deactivated and has entered workflow.

NWCA S180. Northwest Coast Art: Selected Topics. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA. *T. Bell moved to approve NWCA S180 pass first reading. M. Haavig second. The motion passed without objection.*

1st Readings – Category A Course Proposals

MATH S113. *Mathematics in Society. (Buzby). Updating to match offering at UAF, additional topics, grading criteria, syllabus included.



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NWCA S240. *Beginning Northwest Coast Woolen Weaving I. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S286 to NWCA. Requesting to be a GER.

NWCA S260. *Beginning Regalia Making I. (Zacher). New course being requested as a GER. Was going to be proposed ART S255 prior to the NWCA designator.

OCEI S201. *Topics in Environmental Science. (Hood). Outer Coast two year curriculum GER.

1st Readings – Category B Program Proposals

Associates of Arts, A.A. (Zacher). Updating for the change from ART to NWCA.

Fisheries and Ocean Science with a Concentration in Fisheries Science, B.S. (Tallmon). Degree cleanup, shift BIOL major requirements, provide additional options and remove deactivated courses.

Indigenous Studies, B.A. (Zacher). Updating PLOs, assessment, change from ART to NWCA. Adding Indigenous Interdisciplinary Emphasis track.

Marine Biology, B.S. (Tallmon). Replacing courses to better align with other MAUs update credit requirements to match other UAS BS degrees, update PLO based on program assessment feedback.

Northwest Coast Art, O.E. (Zacher). Updating PLOs, change from ART to NWCA, removing independent study requirements, course number changes, and major requirements.

1st Readings – Category B Course Proposals

BIOL S260. Genetics. (Navarro). Update to align with UAF and UAA at the same course level and number. Adding prerequisite.

HIM S155. Coding I: CPT and HCPCS. (Bell). Renaming and updating course description.

HIM S255. Coding II: ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS. (Bell). Renaming and updating course description.

NWCA S140. Fiber Arts-Spinning. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART S116 to NWCA.

NWCA S280. Beginning Northwest Coast Art: Selected Topics. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA.

NWCA S320. Intermediate Northwest Coast Indigenous Design I. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S281 to NWCA.

NWCA S330. Intermediate Northwest Coast Carving I. (Zacher). Change of course designator and



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number from ART S385 to NWCA.

NWCA S340. Intermediate Northwest Coast Woolen Weaving I. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S386 to NWCA.

NWCA S350. Intermediate Northwest Basketry I. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S382 to NWCA.

NWCA S355. Intermediate Northwest Basket Design. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S284 to NWCA.

NWCA S380. Intermediate Northwest Coast Art: Selected Topics. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA.

NWCA S395. Northwest Coast Art Theory and Practice. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S350 to NWCA.

NWCA S420. Advanced Northwest Coast Indigenous Design I. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S381 to NWCA.

NWCA S430. Intermediate Northwest Coast Carving I. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S485 to NWCA.

NWCA S440. Advanced Northwest Coast Woolen Weaving I. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S486 to NWCA.

NWCA S450. Intermediate Northwest Basketry I. (Zacher). Change of course designator and number from ART S482 to NWCA.

NWCA S480. Northwest Coast Art: Selected Topics. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA.

2nd Readings – Category B Program Proposals

Northwest Coast Art, Minor. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA and update of offerings/credit hours. *Passed first reading with the condition that all underlying courses have been approved prior to second reading.*

Nominations for AY 26-27 UGCC Chair



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According to Robert's Rules of Order, nominations from the floor are subject to the following rules:

- Any member of the Committee may make a nomination.
- Recognition by the chair is not required.
- Nominations do not have to be seconded.
- A person can nominate themselves.
- A member can decline the nomination.
- Discussion with individual within the department is recommended.

Recommended Motion: *I nominate _____ to serve as Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for the three-year term starting Academic Year Fall 2026*

Category C Proposals approved this period by the Chair and Registrar
None

Informational Items

Note: We have decided that first readings in one year carry over to the next. We have some first readings from several years ago which should probably get a first reading again. Meanwhile, these are the proposals which had first readings and passed with conditions: NONE

UGCC information, help, and training:

Curriculum site: <https://uas.alaska.edu/curriculum/>

Linked on the site are the [UGCC Handbook](#) and the [UGCC FAQ](#) both of which are recommended reading for committee members.

The FAQ links to the [CourseLeaf training videos](#) in UAS Online, you need to be logged into Blackboard to see all of the content.



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