

# Faculty Senate Agenda

November 7, 3-5 PM

Location: Egan Library 211

Zoom link:

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| Ali Ziegler, President      |  | Julie Schram, Natural Sciences  |  |
| Brian Blitz, Past President |  | Melissa Dolese, Social Sciences |  |
| David Cox, President-Elect  |  | Kaia Henrickson, Library        |  |
| Mike Boyer, Business        |  | Jay Szczepanski, Juneau         |  |
| Luke Gibes, Career Ed       |  | Terissia Bell, Sitka            |  |
| Kevin Spink, Education      |  | Colleen Ianuzzi, Ketchikan      |  |
| Xiaofei Song, Humanities    |  | Scott Billingsley, Provost      |  |

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of agenda
- IV. Approval of [October meeting minutes](#)
- V. Announcements/Questions/Guests:
  - A. Alison Staudinger - Welcoming Gateways update
- VI. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report:](#)
  - A. Initial approval for the following Category A Proposals:
    1. Alaska Native Studies, Minor. (Brown). Making changes to the degree in light of deactivated ANTH courses, substitution of ANS courses, and incorporation of NWCA designated courses.
    2. Data Science, Minor. (Buzby). New interdisciplinary minor to incorporate existing courses.
    3. Welding, Advanced, O.E. (Gibes). New OE for formal recognition of advanced welding skills.
    4. MATH S113. \*Mathematics in Society. (Buzby). Updating course name to match UAF, adding topics, grading criteria, and syllabus.
    5. NWCA S201. \*Northwest Coast Native Art History & Culture. (Zacher). Changing course designator to NWCA line from ART was a prior GER, part of the realignment.
    6. NWCA S220. \*Beginning Northwest Coast Indigenous Design I. (Zacher). Changing course designator to NWCA line from ART was a prior GER, part of the realignment.

7. NWCA S230. \*Beginning Northwest Coast Carving I. (Zacher). Changing course designator to NWCA line from ART and requesting to be a GER under Arts.
  8. NWCA S240. \*Beginning Northwest Coast Woolen Weaving. (Zacher). Changing course designator to NWCA line from ART and requesting to be a GER under Arts.
  9. NWCA S250. \*Beginning Northwest Coast Basketry I. (Zacher). Changing course designator to NWCA line from ART and requesting to be a GER under Arts.
  10. NWCA S260. \*Beginning Regalia Making I. (Zacher). New course in the NWCA program, requesting to be a GER in Arts requirement.
  11. NWCA S270. \*Indigenous Performing Arts. (Zacher). Changing course designator to NWCA line from ART was a prior GER, part of the realignment.
  12. OCEI S201. \*Topics in Environmental Science. (Hood). New Outer Coast course in two-year curriculum.
  13. OCEN S201. \*Topics in Literature. (Szcepanowski). New Outer Coast course in two-year curriculum.
  14. PSY S345. Evolutionary Psychology. (Dolese). New course examining human behavior and psychological processes from an evolutionary vantage point.
  15. STAT S210. Introduction to Data Science. (Buzby). New course teaching foundational skills in data science.
- B. Update: HS S106. \*Human Behavior in Healthcare. (Samuel). Requesting to be made a GER under Social Science. **10/23 update - this has been removed from consideration.**
- C. Category A Proposals for Final Senate Review
1. Chemistry, Minor (Behnke). *Passed final reading without amendments or conditions.*
  2. Education Pathways, B.A. (Alvey). *Passed final reading as amended course name, contact information, course description and conditions; ED S302 prerequisites be revised (they are working on), EDSE S482 replaced ED S482.*
  3. Health Sciences, A.A.S. (Samuel). *Passed final reading without amendments or conditions.*
  4. Release of Information, O.E. (Bell). *Passed final reading as amended: updated course catalog 2026-2027 and effective term Fall 2026, added HIM S117 as a required course.*
  5. HS S100. Understanding Dementia (Samuel). *Passed final reading as amended to catalog description.*

## VII. Old Business

- A. Ambassador Bookstore
- B. Faculty Handbook Committee (Blitz, Ziegler, Cox, Henrickson, Martin)
- C. [Resolution to distribute pay over 12 month period - "9 over 12"](#)

- D. NWCCU process for accelerated bachelor degrees. [V7I4: Commission Opens Process for Accelerated Bachelor's Degrees - NWCCU.](#)
- VIII. New Business
  - A. The Compact
    - 1. What do we want to do?
    - 2. [Copy of UAF's resolution](#)
- IX. FS President's Report:
  - A. Faculty Alliance Retreat Report
  - B. [Faculty Alliance Chair Report](#)
  - C. FIF awards will be announced by 11/17
- X. Provost Report - no written report
- XI. Committee Reports
  - A. [CELT report](#)
    - 1. Anthology has filed for bankruptcy, but we are not losing Blackboard.
    - 2. The deadline for compliance with the new ADA federal accessibility guidelines is April 2026. The guidelines apply to LMS and other online course content, as well as website content. Please see the full report for details and help resources.
    - 3. Please fill out CELT's Educational Technology Survey before November 10th. You can win prizes!
  - B. Research and Creative Activity - The RCAC is currently reviewing URECA (Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities) proposals that have been submitted by undergraduates across UAS's programs. Thanks to the faculty mentors who have supported student researchers through the proposal process! Awards will be announced shortly.
  - C. Sustainability Committee - We briefly discussed the proposed second crossing from Douglas, followed by updates from the sustainability committee regarding club officer needs and Earth Day planning. We then addressed waste management initiatives and electric vehicle charging stations on UAS campuses.
- XII. Adjournment. No later than 5PM.

#### AY 25- 26 Calendar

| Day (1st Friday, 3 to 5 pm unless otherwise noted) | Tentative Agenda Items |
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| September 5, 2025                                  |                        |
| October 3, 2025                                    |                        |
| November 7, 2025                                   |                        |
| December 5, 2025                                   |                        |
| February 6, 2026                                   |                        |
| March 6, 2026                                      |                        |

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| April 3, 2026 |  |
| May 1, 2026   |  |