

Faculty Senate Agenda

February 6, 3-5 PM

Location: Egan Library 211

Zoom link:

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 [December meeting minutes](#)
- V. Announcements/Questions/Guests:
 - A. Carin Silkaitis - Accreditation update
 1. [RSI](#)
 2. Timeline
 3. Campus prep
- VI. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report](#)
 - A. Category A Programs for Final Senate Review
 1. Alaska Native Studies, Minor. (Brown). Changing to adjust ANS courses for the removal of ANTH courses and insert the NWCA designated courses. Passed with no amendments or conditions.
 2. Construction Management, Certificate. (Gilcris). New certificate preparing students for apprentice in various areas of construction, engineering, and architecture. Passed with no amendments or conditions.
 3. Construction Technology, A.A.S. (Gilcris). Updates to align with the Construction Management, Certificate. Passed with no amendments or conditions.
 4. Data Science, Minor. (Buzby). Incorporating existing courses and the new data science course. Passed with no amendments or conditions.
 5. Welding, Advanced, O.E. (Gibes). New Occupational Endorsement for recognition of advanced skills in welding. Passed with the change of

catalog description and the acronyms were spelled out. Passed with no amendments or conditions.

B. Category A Courses for Final Senate Review:

1. BA S373. Principles of Data Analytics. (McKenna). New course emphasizing data analytics.
2. BHS S101. *Introduction to Behavioral Health. (Niecko). Name change removing "Practices" from GER.
3. BHS S135. Beginning Therapeutic Practices. (Niecko). Name change from "Interventions" to "Practices".
4. ENVS S208. The Canoe Forest. (Hood). New course for dual enrollment in rural high schools as an upper division elective due to shortages of options.
5. NWCA S201. *Northwest Coast Native Art History & Culture. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA.
6. NWCA S220. *Beginning Northwest Coast Indigenous Design I. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA.
7. NWCA S230. *Beginning Northwest Coast Carving I. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA. Requesting to be a GER.
8. NWCA S250. *Beginning Northwest Basketry I. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA. Requesting to be a GER.
9. NWCA S270. *Indigenous Performing Arts. (Zacher). Change of course designator from ART to NWCA.
10. NWCA S201, S220, S230, S250, and S270 passed with no amendments or conditions as a group.
11. OCEN S201. *Topics in Literature. (Sczcepanski). Outer Coast year two curriculum. Passed with no amendments or conditions.
12. STAT S210. Introduction to Data Science. (Buzby). Foundational skills in data science to add into the minor. Passed with no amendments or conditions.

C. Category A Programs for Initial Senate Review

1. Health Information & EHR Foundations, O.E. (Bell). New occupational endorsement to meet the growing demand for skilled professions, foundational skills for entry-level employment.
2. Health Information Foundations, O.E. (Bell). New occupational endorsement for front office personnel in an entry-level position to meet demand.
3. Health Information Management Billing Specialist, O.E. (Bell). New occupational endorsement for healthcare billing professionals to respond to growing digital, telehealth, and electronic system delivery modes.

D. Category A Courses for Initial Senate Review

1. AKL S410. Indigenous Language Curriculum Design & Instruction. (Burge). Updating stacking language with EDIL S624.

2. AKL S415. Indigenous Language Instructional Strategies. (Burge). Updating stacking language with EDIL S626.
3. AKL S460. Indigenous Language Field Methods. (Burge). Updating stacking language with EDIL S630.
4. ENVI S210. *Temperate Rainforest Ecosystems. (Hood). Redesign and requesting non-lab Sciences GER status to focus more on the place-based learning.
5. ENV5 S314. Data Visualization. (Hood). Cross-listed with BIOL S314. New course from current topics courses in both ENV5 and BIOL.
6. FT S288. Scientific Diving. (Markis). Cross-listed with BIOL S288. Alignment with a new offering at UAS to offer this as a similar course under the BIOL category.

VII. Old Business

- A. Banner / Course search tools issue?
- B. [The Compact](#) - What do we want to do?
- C. [Ed2Go](#)
- D. Ambassador Bookstore
- E. [Resolution to distribute pay over 12 month period - "9 over 12"](#)
- F. NWCCU process for accelerated bachelor degrees. [V714: Commission Opens Process for Accelerated Bachelor's Degrees - NWCCU](#).

VIII. New Business

- A. Faculty Handbook Committee (Blitz, Ziegler, Cox, Henrickson, Martin)
 1. We need a subcommittee - administrators with rank section (p. 73)
 2. We need another subcommittee - sabbatical section (p. 91-93)
 3. We need another committee - visual arts section (p. 137-139 "Item H")
- B. [RSI Policy](#)

IX. FS President's Report:

- A. [Faculty Alliance Chair Report](#)
- B. We need nominations for president-elect

X. Provost Report

- A. Program proposal update
- B. Tuition Transparency
- C. Dean of Career Education update
- D. BOR February meeting

XI. Senator Discussion

XII. Committee Reports

- A. [CELT report](#)
 1. Ed Tech survey results are in - read the [full report](#) or see key takeaways listed in CELT report
 2. CELT and the Blackboard Working Group are developing recommendations for extending default course rating periods and for course retention on Blackboard
 3. Blackboard and ScreenPal have some new updates
- B. Research and Creative Activity - no written report

C. [Sustainability Committee](#) - needs a new chair

XIII. Adjournment. No later than 5PM.

AY 25- 26 Calendar

Day (1st Friday, 3 to 5 pm unless otherwise noted)	Tentative Agenda Items
September 5, 2025	
October 3, 2025	
November 7, 2025	
December 5, 2025	Accreditation update and CPOS update
February 6, 2026	Accreditation update
March 6, 2026	Faculty Handbook updates distributed Nominations for President-elect
April 3, 2026	
May 1, 2026	