

Academic Master Plan (AMP) Charge
(Agreement reached by Statewide Academic Council (SAC), Research Advisory Council (RAC),
and Faculty Alliance on November 20, 2008)

I. Purpose

The SAC/RAC of the University of Alaska is charged with developing an academic master plan (AMP) that will provide a strategic vision for the continuing development of the University of Alaska's academic program. The plan will guide decisions that enhance collaboration between MAUs, build on the intellectual capital of the faculty and staff at each MAU, and provide expanding opportunities for students. The plan is a document that will enhance the University's strategic management of both public and private resources.

II. Rationale

The University of Alaska has expanded significantly in the past 10 years. Many new programs have been developed at each MAU. A significant number of cross-MAU programs and collaborations also exist. There are numerous challenges to the development of additional academic programs in the state: large geographic areas, relatively small numbers of students, limited access to community resources that would support some programs, limited funding, and inability of student populations to commute from one campus to another. It is in the best interest of the University, its faculty and students, and the state to develop a mechanism for making decisions regarding the development and location of current/future academic programs and spending wisely the resources that are apportioned to the university. In addition, the plan will provide an integrated academic vision, based on academic capacity, to define the respective roles of the three university's and Community and Branch campuses. Lastly, the AMP will be used to assign current/future resources which reflect programmatic needs.

III. Plan for Development

A. Process

- x SAC and RAC will meet jointly for purposes of developing the AMP
- x SAC /RAC will collaborate with faculty alliance, and faculty alliance will collaborate with each faculty senate to provide input to SAC during development
- x The process of developing the AMP will be open, collaborative, transparent and inclusive.
- x All ideas and proposals brought to SAC/RAC through the Faculty Alliance or other councils and committees will be considered.
- x Existing resource materials will be utilized in development of the AMP. Those resources include, but are not limited to, mission statements; vision statements, strategic plans, and academic plans that already exist at each MAU.
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x Additional ad hoc committees may be convened by SAC/RAC in the interest of