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Academic Council Meeting Summary  
November 17, 2017; 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Paul Layer, Duane Hrcir, Susan Henrichs, Karen Carey, Priscilla Schulte, Fred Villa, Jeff Jessee, Lisa Hoferkamp, Chris Fallen, Colby Freel (scribe)

1. Safety Minute – Saichi Oba

New guidelines on high blood pressure have recently been publicized. New research recommends that a healthy blood pressure level is even lower than previously understood. Saichi encouraged the group to familiarize themselves with the new guidelines.

2. Introduction: Interim VPASA Paul Layer – Saichi, 2 min.

Saichi introduced the new interim Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs at Statewide. Paul began his career with the University in 1989, and has most recently served as dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at UAF. He will be serving in his new capacity full time after December 31<sup>st</sup>. Paul thanked Saichi for facilitating this meeting.

3. Approve 10/20/17 meeting summary – All (attachment), 2 min.

b. Teaching days (MWF or MW)

Susan reported that UAF favors a Monday-Wednesday-Friday (MWF) schedule. Duane Hirncir informed the group that MWF schedule is an option at UAA and would provide more alignment between Engineering departments.

8. ST: UAA MPP/MPA program proposal –t

Saichi pointed out, and the group agreed, that there is a stigma surrounding "outsourcing" and that in fact may not be an accurate description of what the group is being charged with. Perhaps there needs to be a conversation with the President regarding the intent behind the outsourcing piece of the charge.

ACTION ITEM: Paul will verify the President's intent relative to the outsourcing of eLearning programs.