

**Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for 01/30/2017**

Attending: Holly Sherouse, Laura Bender, Mike Castellini (by audio) Sean Topkok, Mitch Reed, Don Hampton, Sean McGee, Mike Daku, Jayne Harvie, Donie BreHarte, Robin Shoaps

I. Minutes from our meeting of 12/2/16 will be sent around for approval by email.

II. Updates from the graduate school. Mike Castellini is back from knee replacement surgery. The graduate school is asking about the implications for UAF graduate students and faculty of the recently released travel restrictions forward by the White House. Fortunately, all the UAF graduate students and two faculty members who were out of the country have returned. There is concern about whether they will be able to leave again. Approximately 450 graduate students turned in their contract letters. There are no updates at this time on graduate student health insurance for next year. Mike Castellini will meet with Provost Henrichs and Steve Atwater regarding the recently passed changes to the School of Education, and what the implications will be for graduate programs. Education at UAF GAAC may have to work on some issues regarding graduate programs in the School of Education.

III. Update from the Office of the Registrar. The registrar would like all program changes for this year to be approved by faculty senate by the March 6 meeting, in order to provide enough time for editorial changes to be made in Courseleaf. It is OK if course changes are approved later. Course changes will be taken later.

IV. GAAC reviewed the current assignments and passed the following course changes, either at the meeting or by email:

1-GNC: New Course [ATM F658 - Air-Sea Interactions](#)

24-GNC: New Course [COUN F601 - 1 pm](#). **VI. Sean Topkok noted that the Alaska Native Studies colloquium will occur at UAF from April 9; the proposal deadline is April 15. Sheila Watt-Cloutier from Canada will be the keynote speaker on Saturday, April 9, at the Schaible Auditorium. Thanks to Sean for this announcement.**