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|      | L. | University-Wide Promotion/Tenure - John Keller |         |
| 3:25 | IX | Discussion Items                               | 10 Min. |
| 3:35 | X  | Members' Comments/Questions                    | 5 Min.  |
| 3:40 | XI | Adjournment                                    |         |

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ATTACHMENT 66/1  
 UAF FACULTY SENATE #66  
 OCTOBER 14, 1996  
 SUBMITTED BY CURRICULAR AFFAIRS

MOTION

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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the Associate of Arts  
 Requirements in the following way:

Committee Membership: Committee Member Craig Gerlach notified the Chair that he has resigned from the Faculty Senate. We will notify Sheri in the Governance office of the need for a replacement.

GEOS 662 Course Description: In the last meeting, a question was raised about whether or not the course description for GEOS 662 had been changed without proper approval. The description in the catalogue HAS NOT been changed.

#### New Business

Approval of Trial Courses: Two trial courses were considered for approval by the Committee

- a) BIOL 694, Ecological Modeling
- b) BA 694, Basic and Advanced Techniques of Meta-Analysis

There where no apparent conflicts found between BIOL 694 and modeling courses in Math and Environmental Engineering. No other discussion of the trial courses ensued.

Motion: That the two trial courses be approved, pending no formal objections being received in the Faculty Governance Office by 5 pm, Friday October 4. (Moved by Kelly, Seconded by Nance). Motion passed without objection.

Joint Degree and Interdisciplinary Degree Program: There was continuing discussion of how joint graduate degrees are being offered between UAA and UAF. The program guidelines developed by Mathematics were discussed as a potential model for such degrees on the Master's level. This issue will be of continuing discussion in the Committee to determine whether guidelines/policy is needed. This issue is also being discussed in the GSAC, and we decided to let them take the lead on this issue at this time.

Thesis versus Project Master's Degree: It was brought to the Committee's attention that there had been a change in the catalogue with respect to the requirement for oral defense of projects without there being any official policy change. This was apparently an editorial change made by Dean Kan.

The committee directed the chair to write a letter to Dean Kan indicating that the policy has not changed, and that currently there are instances when a project may not be required to have a formal defense.

However, the Committee would like to review this policy, and further, is going to extend the discussion into the differences between projects and theses, in an effort to develop clear policy guidelines for these two approaches to the Master's program. This will be a continuing focus of the Committee in the next meeting. Each Committee member was tasked to discuss this subject with faculty and students, and report back on the distinction between theses and projects in various programs across campus.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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ATTACHMENT 66/3  
UAF FACULTY SENATE #66  
OCTOBER 14, 1996  
SUBMITTED BY DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES

## Developmental Studies Committee Report - Ron Illingworth, Chair

The Developmental Studies Committee held an audioconference meeting on 1 October to discuss several issues.

1. Student Placement Tests

a. ACT has representatives here in Fairbanks today (Oct 14th) to demonstrate their computerized placement testing program COMPASS. This program is being evaluated as a possible supplement to the ASSET test, a paper and pencil format test. This demonstration is ongoing in the Fairbanks Campus's Advising Center.

b. A computerized testing program would allow the student and his or her advisor to access the program from the advisor's office or from numerous other locations throughout UAF and its rural campuses. Processing time would be reduced. A writing sample would still be required, however.

2. As a result of a reorganization initiative within CRA, the DEV committee is recommending a bylaw change which will give voting voice to the Student Support Services Project of the Fairbanks Campus.

3. The DEV committee voted to strongly support continued use of the NB grade. The NB grade was a community college grade option which was brought into UAF during restructuring. It first appeared

good public reviews are the Science for Everyone Seminars created by the Geophysical Institute and given at the Wien Library in Fairbanks. These have now been extended to Anchorage and even Bethel. Debra related her experience with the radio spots entitled "Arctic Science Journeys", one of which was just on the radio this morning. It was decided after a long and animated conversation regarding the options of how to proceed with the faculty seminar idea, that Chairman Rich Seifert and Debbie Damron would contact Ray Barnhardt, who is a recently returned Fulbright sabbatical recipient who has already expressed some willingness to talk about his experience. We shall try this as a half hour radio show interview which could be broadcast and sent all over the state as a faculty seminar, easily accessible to the community by radio. This is only