

UAA Assembly

Agenda

Thursday, October 13th, 2005
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
ADM 204
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Meeting Number *1526331*
(for members outside of Anchorage only)

I. Call to Order

II. Introduction of Members

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() Jennifer Jones	() Rebecca Jackson	() Greg Protasel	() Damjan Jutric
() Barbara Markley	() Cheryl Page	() Suresh Srivastava	() Natalia Korshin
() Bob Kizer	() Tania Rowe	() Suzanne Strisik	() Danny Pace
() Bobbie Weber			() Luke Thomas

Guests: Bill Spindle

III. Approval of Agenda (pg. 1-2)

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- E. Alumni Association

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- A. 2005 - 06 Goals & Objectives
 - B. Governance Communications
- IX. New Business
- A. Bill Spindle - IDEA Bank
 - B. Assembly Reports – Structure
 - C. University Facilities Board representative
- X. Information/Attachments
- A. Seawolf Readers
<http://edit.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/readers.cfm>
 - B. Provost Search Committee
 - C. Board of Regents <http://www.alaska.edu/bor/minutes/minutes.xml>
 - D. Accreditation Visit – Megan Carlson
- XI. Adjourn

UAA Assembly Summary

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III. Approval of Agenda (pg. 1-2) Approved.

IV. Approval of Meeting Summary – May 12, 2005 (pg. 3-5) Add new members to agenda. Approved as amended.

V. President's Report (pg. 6) Written report attached.

VI. Administrative Reports

A. Chancellor Maimon

- Chancellor Maimon thanked the Assembly for their hard work last year.
- Fall term started smoothly with few problems.
- Stressed the importance between student success and community engagement.
- Steve Lindbeck was hired this summer to fill the position of Vice Chancellor of Advancement.
- Provost Search Committee has been appointed. An advertisement has been placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education.
- Freshman Convocation was very successful. This will start a new tradition at UAA.
- UAA should assist with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in a coordinated way.
- 60% of UA students attend UAA yet only 35% of UA budget goes to UAA. President Hamilton is encouraged to be bold with the Legislature when presenting UAA budget.

B. Interim Provost Gehler (pg. 7-9)

Written report attached.

C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Ejigu (pg. 11-13)

- There are built-in deficiencies in the way we have allocated University resources. UAA is significantly under funded, by all measures. Significant deficits have resulted. The solution - reallocate funds. Now the Legislature needs to properly fund UAA to bridge the gap. UAA needs to outline priorities and reallocate funds accordingly. Priorities should include faculty research, and the repair of old buildings (and other capital projects.) Supplemental data attached.
- New shuttle program has been a great success – significant ridership. Added route to Aviation Building.
- Bureaucracy Busting Initiative – next week new website will show what suggestions have been made, where they stand, what actions have been made so far, and how the program will continue (IDEA Bank). Continuing reports from BBI are sent to the appropriate Vice Chancellors. Vice Chancellors then report back to the Committee. Continued suggestions are encouraged.
- Staff Development Day was very successful – it should be continued.
- The print plant purchased an expensive printer that is not receiving returns on the money spent. Four print plant positions have been eliminated. Human Resources is working with the laid off employees to assist them in finding new jobs. Print requests will be sent to and outsourced from the print plant. Much of the work will be outsourced to ASSETS, a non-profit organization.

D. Vice Chancellor of Advancement Lindbeck

Vice Chancellor Lindbeck thanked the University for the welcome he has received since being hired this summer. He is in the process of re-shaping University Advancement. Anyone with questions or ideas should feel free to call and make an appointment to stop by his office.

E. Vice Chancellor for Student Services Lazzell (pg. 14-21)

Written report attached.

F. Vice Chancellor for Community Partnerships Carter-Chapman

VII. Governance Reports

A. System Governance Council

B. Faculty Alliance/Faculty Senate

Faculty Alliance (Greg Protasel) – there is no longer a Faculty Liaison at UA Statewide - Faculty Alliance will monitor certain committees at UA Statewide level. Ted Kassier will be a resource for Faculty Alliance. President Hamilton will attend Faculty Alliance at a retreat on Oct 13th.

Faculty Senate (Greg Protasel) – meeting was held on Sept 2nd. Student evaluation instrument was discussed. Faculty evaluation of Deans and Directors was discussed. Lauren Bruce at Café will coordinate a New Faculty Welcome Event, which will take place right after the October 7th Faculty Senate meeting. Provost Search Committee will report at the next Faculty Senate meeting. All-Faculty Assembly will meet Sept 23rd.

C. Staff Alliance/APT Council/Classified Council (pg. 10)

Staff Alliance (Bob Kizer) – meeting was held Aug 8 – 9th. President Hamilton and his staff attended. Items that were discussed included:

- Large budget request this year to help cover cost of employee benefits and other expenses.
- Senior tuition waivers.
- Employee dependent tuition waivers.
- New position at UA Statewide (Employee Communications Director.)
- Portal Project.
- Write or talk with your Legislator with *specific* issues – no form letters or general issues.

APT Council (Bob Kizer) – meeting was held on Sept 1st. APT goals and Governance overview were discussed for 2005–06.

Classified Council (Kim Stanford) – written report attached.

D. Coalition of Students/Union of Students

E. Alumni Association (pg. 22)

Written report attached.

VIII. Old Business

A. Speakers Bureau Recommendations (pg. 23)

Written report attached.

B. Facilitation Project

Vice Chancellor Ejigu stressed the importance of facilitation between staff and students. Chairita Franklin, Director of Campus Diversity and Compliance, is building on inclusion within the University. This program will build as needed.

C. Governance Communications

A Governance Communications Plan should be put into place to share governance information/goals/events to UAA Community, and encourage governance participation. This can be accomplished through News Digest, the Northern Light newspaper, and Governance website. Special consideration should be made for extended campus outreach. Governance leaders will meet with Steve Lindbeck soon to discuss this issue further and report to next Assembly meeting. Bring additional ideas to next Assembly meeting.

IX. New Business

A. Nominations/Elections (President/Vice President)

President – Kim Stanford approved by acclamation.

Vice President nominees – Greg Protasel and Jan Vandever.

Jan Vandever elected as Vice President.

B. Ideas for 2005-06 Goals

- Speaker's Bureau. Chancellor Maimon continues her endorsement of Bureau.
- Governance Communications Plan. This should be continued.

- Agenda Building. Be selective when deciding what meaningful information is shared via administrative reports. There is a difference between quick administrative reports and discussion agenda items.
- Bring additional ideas to next Assembly meeting.

C. Parking Services

Vice Chancellor Ejigu – proposing a change in parking services. In lieu of parking fee increases in 2006, all employees and students would pay a parking and transportation fee. This additional revenue would mean more parking spaces, more efficient snow removal, and parking lot beautification. Parking decals would no longer be required, and parking enforcement would be limited. This new plan will be shared soon – issues still being worked out. Final plan should be ready by December 2005.

X. Information/Attachments

A. Accreditation Update

Interim Provost Gehler will send Executive Summary out this month.

B. Geographical Survey with Community Campus Enrollment

C. PBAC Recommendations

D. Mike Humphrey – Wellness

Communications kickoff for the Wellness Program will begin this month. Health Risk Appraisal form will be posted online next month. Mike Humphrey will attend next month's Assembly meeting to provide additional information.

E. Seawolf Readers

Seawolf Readers is a new book club established for the UAA Community. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month on the 2nd Floor of the UAA bookstore. Additional information can be found online at:

<http://edit.uaa.alaska.edu/governance/readers.cfm>

F. Green & Gold Fridays

Mayor Begich proclaimed every Friday in Anchorage as Green & Gold Fridays for the remainder of the academic year. The kickoff for this event will take place at Don Jose's restaurant on Sept 9th at 6 p.m. Additional information can be found online at:

<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/greenandgold/>

G. Senior Tuition Waivers

The Board of Regents will discuss this issue at their meeting on Sept 20th & 21st.

H. ANCEP Building Blessing

This event will take place on Sept 16th from 4 – 6 p.m.

I. Provost Search Committee

J. Traffic Light Modifications

Cyndi Spear will be asked to provide an update at next month's Assembly meeting.

XI. Adjourn

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S REPORT
OCTOBER 2005
Prepared by Kim Stanford

- Attended: Provost Search Committee meetings, Planning and Budget Advisory Council (PBAC), Board of Regents (Sept 20-21).
- Will be participating in UAA's new Leadership Breakfast series, beginning this Friday, October 14th.
- Governance Leaders had their regular meeting, and also met to discuss Governance Communications needs. E-mail communication sent to Vice Chancellor Steve Lindbeck on October 10th asking for his opinion/feedback.



**University Assembly Report
Office of Academic Affairs
October/2005**

Major Accomplishments and Announcements:

College of Arts and Sciences:

Dr. Francisco Miranda, Associate Professor of Spanish, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Alaska Humanities Forum in September.

Dr. Sudarsan Rangarajan, Assistant Professor of French, will present a paper titled "Rhetoric in Butor's L'Emploi du temps" at the Rocky Mountain Modern Languages Association Conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, October 20th-22nd.

Department of Mathematical Sciences

The Journeys in Mathematics project, directed by Dr. Deborah Narang and Dr. Cora Neal from the Mathematical Sciences Department, and Claudette Engblom-Bradley from the College of Education, hosted a workshop September 23rd-24th at UAA. Evan Maletsky, a nationally-renowned mathematics educator from Montclair State University in New Jersey, and Mary Kay Varley, a third grade teacher from Fort Worth County, Texas, presented over eight hours of mathematics ideas and activities appropriate for K-8 classrooms. Teachers from the Anchorage School District and the Lake and Peninsula School District attended.

Department of Music

Local soprano Mari Hahn (Assistant Professor of Music) as Giulietta, and William Garry (Adjunct Faculty) as Capellio were featured in the cast of Vincenzo Bellini's operatic masterpiece "I Capuleti e I Montecchi" at Cyrano's Off Center Playhouse in early September. Music direction was by Dean Epperson (Adjunct Faculty).

Department of Sociology

The department welcomes Dr. Chad Farrell as a 2005-2006 Term Assistant Professor, and congratulates him on successfully defending his doctoral dissertation at Penn State University in August.

Dr. Patrick Gillham presented conference papers at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, and the World Congress on Criminology in August.

Dr. Ann Jache coordinated the Alaska Geriatric Center's training program, "Promoting Best Practices in Elder Health," June 9th-10th, at the BP Center in Anchorage. Of the 19 speakers, eight were UAA staff, faculty or graduates. Six sessions focused specifically on Alaska Native issues and relied on research recently completed in Alaska.

Chris Cromer, a UAA alumnus and a recent graduate of Appalachian School of Law, joined the Sociology faculty as an adjunct instructor for fall 2005. Chris is teaching the cross-listed Soc/Justice course, Juvenile Delinquency.

Elizabeth Strode, a May 2002 UAA graduate, completed a Master's degree in sociology at the London School of Economics.

College of Business and Public Policy:

Two recent ISER publications have received press coverage and wide public attention.

Changing the Salmon Harvesting System: What Are the Challenges? The authors are Fran Ulmer, ISER's director, and Gunnar Knapp, a professor of economics who has long studied Alaska's salmon fisheries. The paper discusses why the salmon harvesting needs to be changed and describes what will be required before the system can be changed. This work was reported in the *Anchorage Daily News* and by a national fisheries publication, among others. This paper, and an earlier one on the same subject, are available from ISER and on the Web at www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu.

Anchorage at 90, by Scott Goldsmith (professor of economics) and others is a profile of economic and demographic change in Anchorage. It was released in mid-summer and has received continuing attention, including most recently coverage of a presentation by Fran Ulmer to an Anchorage organization promoting diversity. Many public and private organizations—including the Anchorage School District—have requested multiple copies for distribution. The paper is now in its second printing and is available from ISER and on ISER's Web site.

College of Education:

The film premiere of "Dancing the Song," a 26-minute film documentary of the Alaska Partnership for Teacher Enhancement (APTE) History/Social Studies institute in Chevak, Alaska, premiered at UAA on September 30th.

On September 29th the Department of Teaching and Learning hosted its first in a series of "Dine & Discuss" evening events for mentor teachers, principals, and COE faculty involved in the early childhood, elementary and secondary internship programs. These events are opportunities for school district partners and COE faculty to have discussions on how to support and grow quality teaching internships.

The final APTE Summer Institutes were held in the summer of 2005. The Mentoring and Mathematics Institutes were held in Anchorage, the English/Language Arts Institute was held in Toksook Bay, the History/Social Studies Institute was held in Chevak, and the Science Institute was held in Akiachak. Alaska Humanities Forum (AHF) President Ira Perman, and "Preparing Indigenous Teachers for Alaska Schools" (PITAS) Project Director, Joe Nelson, were invited guests at the History/Social Studies Institute in Chevak.

CHSW (Master of Public Health) in collaboration with COE (Master of Education in Early Childhood Special Education) sponsored two seminars, *Early Neurosensory Development in Infants and Young Children: New Research and its Applications*, by Dr. Stanley Graven, Dean of the College of Public Health, University of South Florida.

College of Health and Social Welfare:**Community and Technical College:**

The Welding and Nondestructive Testing department will host and proctor the American Welding Society (AWS) welder's certification tests on the UAA campus Saturday, September 24th. On September 16th Jan Van Den Top and Cindy Ellis presented the Superior Group Scholarship to Lynette Warren, soon to be one of the first graduates from the Construction Management program. The \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Lynette based on her GPA and high recommendations.

In preparation for hosting the 2006 University Aviation Association Conference at UAA, Ronald Haney and Mary Paye traveled to Champaign, IL to attend this year's conference for a behind the scenes look at the national event. The conference was held September 28th, 2005 – October 1st, 2005.

Consortium Library:

AMIPA, one of the library's strategic partners, has been named the winner of the 2005 "Distinguished Cultural Service" Award as part of the Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities. AMIPA is housed on the third floor of the Consortium Library.

The Library served as the site for the Internet2 demonstration between UAA and the University of Pennsylvania. The event was covered in a story in the Anchorage Daily News.

The Alaska Digital Archives was featured at a meeting of the Anchorage Women's Club, held at the Pioneer School on 3rd Ave.

Information Technology Services:

Kachemak Bay Branch:

Kenai Peninsula College:

Kodiak College:

Matanuska-Susitna College:

Prince William Sound Community College:

UA President Mark Hamilton announced the appointment of Douglas Desorcie as president of PWSCC. "Doug has a long history at the college, serving students, faculty and the community with distinction," Hamilton said. "We're really pleased that Doug has agreed to serve in this important leadership role." "Doug is fully committed to student success," said UAA Chancellor Elaine P. Maimon (pictured with Desorcie at the 2005 Theatre Conference). "While remaining open to the special benefits available to PWSCC through its membership in the UAA family of campuses, Doug is expert in communicating the strengths and achievements of his college to his colleagues." Both the Chancellor and President were in Valdez for a reception officially announcing the appointment. They were joined by numerous leaders from the Valdez business community.

Kenny Lake has been added the newest outreach site of PWSCC. Video conferencing equipment should be installed at the Kenny Lake Public Library within the next couple of weeks which will allow students to attend classes at PWSCC from Kenny Lake and the Chitina region. This is especially important with the increasing cost of gasoline. Next in line to receive equipment will be Chistochina, where equipment is to be installed at the community computer lab / library building within the next two months.

School of Engineering:

Staff Recognition and Accomplishments:

College of Arts and Sciences:

Reem Sheikh, a student assistant for Sociology in spring 2005, is a recipient of the Alaska INBRE Grant, supported by the National Institute of Health (NIH).

College of Business and Public Policy:

In September, Arlon Tussing, a research professor of economics long affiliated with ISER, received the Senior Fellow Award from the U.S. Association for Energy Economics at the North American Conference of the International Association for Energy Economics. The annual award recognizes "outstanding and distinguished service to the association and to the field of energy economics."

College of Education:

Dr. Eileen Hughes was promoted to Professor. She also completed a sabbatical and is embedding her professional development activities into her classroom and research.

Dr. Mike Johnson authored a chapter in a new book released in September by Atwood Publishing. The book is Dancing on the Glass Ceiling: Women, Leadership and Technology. Dr. Johnson's chapter, Perspectives on Transformational Leadership and the Modern Glass Ceiling, focuses on women's transformational leadership advantages in today's rapidly changing world.

Dr. Susan Ryan completed a Fulbright Research Award at Trinity College Dublin during the 2004-2005 year. The focus of the research was investigating the similarities and differences in the educational needs of students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and Autism Spectrum Disorders in Ireland. Results of the research are under review for publication in the Journal of International Special Needs Education. In addition, Dr. Ryan has three manuscripts in press:

Ryan, S. & Ferguson, D. (in press). The person behind the face of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Students experiences and family and professional's perspectives on FASD. Rural Special Education Quarterly.

Ryan, S. & Ferguson, D. (in press). "On, yet under the radar": Students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Exceptional Children.

Ryan, S., Murphy, B., Harvey, S., Nygrene, K., Kinavey, E., & Ontogook, P. (in press). "The way of the human being: Supporting Alaska Native families who have a child with a disability." Young Exceptional Children.

Dr. Andy Page presented a research paper entitled "Adult Education and Technology in a Rural County: The Irony of Persistent Poverty and 'Progress' in the Information Age," at the Adult Education Research Conference at the University of Georgia. This paper was published in the conference proceedings and will be available online. Dr. Page also presented a research paper entitled "The Challenges of Converting Traditional Pedagogy to Web-based Learning" at the Distance Learning Association Conference at Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Dr. Claudette Engblom-Bradley has been selected for membership in Empire Who's Who, a global network for professionals and researchers in education, law, and healthcare.

Drs. Letitia Fickel and Diane Hirshberg fielded civic knowledge quizzes for Constitution Week activities on September 15th as part of the Alaska Civic Learning Assessment Project.

**College of Health and Social Welfare:
Community and Technical College:**

Jeff Callahan was selected by CSI as their representative for the American Council for Construction Education.

Marina Makarova has joined the support staff for the Technology-Based programs of the Applied Technologies Division.

New Faculty: Darlene Gill, Computer Information and Office Systems, Peter Dedych, Construction Management

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Strom from UAA's ROTC Detachment One presented a round table discussion on Responsible Citizenship after Disasters as part of UAA's Constitution Week.

Ronald W. Haney, Director of the Aviation Technology Division, received the 2005 William A. Wheatley award at the 2005 University Aviation Association Education Conference. The William A Wheatley Award granted each year to a professional educator who is a University Aviation Association member in good standing and who has over ten years actual experience in the aviation education profession and who has made outstanding contributions to aerospace education.

Consortium Library:

Assoc. Professor Susan Elliott, and Assistant Professors Mike Robinson, Ian Chan, and Robin Hanson were recognized for their outstanding work in upgrading the library's main computer system and in redesigning the library's website.

Information Technology Services:

Kachemak Bay Branch:

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Matanuska-Susitna College:

Prince William Sound Community College:

Michael Holcombe and Caroline Ante were in Anchorage last week for the Annual Fall ABE Director's and GED Chief Examiner's meetings. ABE has been working on a Quality Initiative for the past 3 years.

That project was completed as of this meeting and Phase 2 has begun. The Quality Initiative is a pilot project for the state of Alaska to streamline its ABE services and it is directed by Judy Alamprese of ABT Associates in Washington DC. This initiative when completed will set guidelines as to how ABE programs should be conducted nationwide.

Theatre Instructor Dawson Moore was selected for the second year in a row to be a writer for the Playwrights' Center of San Francisco's Sheherazade project. Each of the twelve writers involved writes a short play based on one month of 2005. Also writing is PWSCC's Last Frontier Theatre Conference featured artist Aoise Stratford.

School of Engineering:

Progress on Initiatives:

College of Arts and Sciences:

College of Business and Public Policy:

College of Education:

COE's first speech-language therapy clinic was conducted during the summer of 2005. Student clinicians from the UAA-ECU (East Carolina University) affiliated speech-language pathology program provided therapy to approximately 40 preschool and school aged children from the Anchorage community. Student clinicians were supervised by ASHA certified speech-language pathologists. The Anchorage School District's Speech-Language Services Program donated space and therapy materials for the clinic. COE's Carolyn Coe and Julie Ray directed the clinic. Dr. Marianna Walker, East Carolina University, provided consultation to the student clinicians and clinic directors. A second summer speech-language therapy clinic is being planned for 2006.

Drs. Gregg Givens and Marianna Walker, East Carolina University, conducted seminars with students enrolled in the UAA-ECU affiliated speech-language pathology program in June 2005. Seminar topics included auditory processing and language disorders.

Jim Green and Dr. Claudette Engblom-Bradley met with Alaska Native paraeducators in Chevak, Alaska. They discussed possible options for further professional preparation for paraeducators in Chevak in 2005-06.

Jim Green, Andee Cordano and Claudette Engblom-Bradley met with paraeducators, administrators and curriculum coordinators in Akiachak to discuss offering college courses.

Don Shackelford, Letitia Fickel, Pat Chesbro, and Marcia Trudgen traveled to Washington, DC in early September for the close out of the APTE grant. They met with APTE's Project Director, Kathy Price. Discussions included the "APTE Lessons learned," summarized "best practices," and reviewed why the financial management of the APTE grant was successful.

College of Health and Social Welfare:

Community and Technical College:

Consortium Library:

The library is moving to a new system to support its interlibrary loan operations. Training for the new system is scheduled for January, 2006.

Information Technology Services:

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Prince William Sound Community College:

School of Engineering:

Upcoming Activities:

College of Arts and Sciences:

Department of Music

The Department of Music will sponsor a faculty concert with proceeds to be donated to the American Red Cross, on Sunday, October, 16th, at 4 p.m. in Arts 150. UAA Faculty performers include Walter Olivares, violin; Timothy Smith, piano; Laura Koenig, flute; Mari Hahn, voice; Mark Wolbers, clarinet; Rozanne Wilson-Marsh, guitar; Christopher Sweeney, trombone; Sigrun Franzen, organ; and John Damberg, percussion.

The University Singers will perform a concert under the direction of Grant Cochran on Friday, October 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in Arts 150.

The 2005 Alaska Day of Percussion, October 7th-8th, in the UAA Arts Building will feature concerts, clinics and workshops by a wide variety of percussion groups and solo artists. Special guest artists Dave Mancini (internationally-acclaimed drum set artist/composer) and Latin hand percussionist Rick Flowers will join Alaskan percussion groups including the UAA and UAF Percussion Ensembles, the Colony Calypso Steel Band, and the John Damberg Latin Jazz Quintet.

Department of Sociology

Dr. Sharon Araji worked this summer on a research project, "Battered Women and Their Children in the Court System: A Preliminary Study of Alaska" with Andre Rosay and Pam Kelley, Justice. Information from this study will be used in a statewide discussion about this social issue held in conjunction with a PBS documentary, "Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories" to be shown on KAKM on October 20th. A pre-showing event and statewide discussion will be held at UAA on October 14th, 7 to 10 p.m. in PSB 166.

Drs. Chad Farrell and Sharon K. Araji will participate in the November Teaching American History panel discussion as panelist and moderator, respectively. The panel will focus on issues related to racism and discrimination. The event will be held on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Alaska Museum of Art & History.

Department of Theatre & Dance

UAA's Theatre & Dance Department presents its first production of the 2005-2006 season, John Guare's "Landscape of the Body." The production opens on Friday, October 14th, at 8:00 PM. It runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM, and Sundays at 3:00 PM through October 30.

College of Business and Public Policy:

Several articles by ISER faculty will soon be published in journals. Those include an article by Diane Hirshberg (assistant professor of education policy) and others, "Which Low-Income Parents Select Child Care?" to be published in the October issue of *Children and Youth Services Review* and "Economic Development Through State Ownership of Oil and Gas," by Matthew Berman (professor of economics), to be published in an upcoming special publication of UNESCO.

Also to be released soon is ISER's annual *Kids Count Data Book*, sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and reporting a broad range of indicator of children's well-being in Alaska. This year's book will report, for the first time, on adoption in Alaska, which has a larger percentage of adopted children than any other state. It will also profile Anchorage's Youth Court, which has been recognized as one of the best youth courts nationwide.

College of Education:

Don Shackelford and Marcia Trudgen have been invited to present at the National Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) Grant Director's conference being held in Washington, DC in November 2005. The audience will be TQE partnership grant directors from across the country.

In October 2005, Dr. Diane Hirshberg will participate in a panel presentation, Crossing Four State Boundaries in Teacher Education Reform Projects: A Comparative Analysis of the Utility of Various Evaluation Methods to Facilitate Data-Driven Decision Making in US Department of Education Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants, at the American Evaluation Association's annual conference.

Dr. Ann McCoy is scheduled to present a workshop on eportfolios and teaching pre-service technology courses online at a Special Interest Group for Teacher Educators (SIGTE) workshop during the 2006 National Education Computing Conference (NECC) in Pennsylvania.

College of Health and Social Welfare:

Community and Technical College:

Consortium Library:

In early October, 600 film and video archivists from the international Association of Moving Image Archivists will be coming to Anchorage for a week.

Information Technology Services:

Kachemak Bay Branch:

Kenai Peninsula College:

Mary Hughes, State Director for Senator Lisa Murkowski and UA Regent, visited KPC's Kenai River Campus Sept. 27th for a campus tour and college update

Kodiak College:

Matanuska-Susitna College:

Prince William Sound Community College:

In October, the Training Department is facilitating the SERVS Fall Fishing Vessel training in Cordova. The class covers, among other topics, emergency oil spill response, and is held in addition to other ongoing training programs coordinated for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. This years Fall training will see between 120 – 160 people complete the class. A special thanks goes out to Susan and Theresa at the Cordova Campus for all of their assistance!

PWSCC will again host College Life 101 from 8:00 a.m. till noon on October 27th. This yearly program brings Valdez High School seniors, sixty-five this year, into the college for early orientation and recruitment, leaving them with a better understanding of topics like degree requirements, student housing, and financial aid.

School of Engineering:

ACTIVITIES OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The Division of Student Development celebrated the 1st annual Constitution Day with the following activities:

- Student Activities hosted *Music Downloading and the Constitution* featuring a panel discussion with a local attorney, two musicians, a KRUA radio staff member, a record storeowner, and a UAA student.
- Residence Life showed the movie *National Treasure* followed by a Q&A session with students and faculty.
- USUAA President Anthony Rivas publicly read the U.S. Constitution in the Student Union.
- The Dean of Students Office distributed over 250 lollipops with U.S. Constitution facts attached.
- Student Health & Counseling Center gave patients flyers explaining U.S. House Joint Resolution 30: "All citizens of the United States shall enjoy the right to health of equal high quality."
- 47 people registered to vote in Alaska during the Dean of Students Office voter registration drive.
- Tanaina Child Development Center children drew crayon pictures of what freedom meant to them. Their pictures were displayed in the Student Union.
- UAA Concert Board and Student Activities presented *The Capitol Steps*, to a sold out house in the Williamson Auditorium. The program featured a Washington, D.C. troupe of ex-congressional staffers.

Campus Life:

Concert Board:

- A Cappella Festivella XII sold out the Williamson Auditorium. Two hundred singers from Bartlett and East high schools attended Concert Board's annual a cappella workshop presented by the headlining act.
- The Board is pursuing an increase in their mandatory student fee for fall 2007 via a USUAA fall 2005 election ballot initiative. The \$5 fee has not increased since the programs inception in 1993.

Student Activities

- Hypnotist Daniel James entertained an audience of more than 160 people.
- Sixty-four people showcased their singing abilities during Karaoke Night.
- ARTS150 was at capacity for the David Jacobs-Strain concert.
- The Anchorage Daily News featured a full-page article on the UAA Camera Club's exhibit, *Skin*, that was on display in the Student Union Gallery.

Student Media

- KRUA now broadcasts the UAA volleyball games live. Two staff flew with the team to Fairbanks to cover the UAF-UAA games.
- The Northern Light modified its circulation plan increasing readership and significantly reducing unread papers in the newsstands weekly. New advertising, writing, and business staff are currently being hired.

Student Union

- Together with the Student Leadership Development Office, the Student Union presented UAA Volunteer Week.

Events included a volunteer fair featuring 23 local and national organizations, a theatrical presentation by 4A's, and a Friends of Pets dog show.

- In collaboration with Subway, Grace's Yarn Tree, and Far North Yarn Co, *Crochet Corner* debuted in September with 23 participants.
- Three hundred fifty people attended the Student Union's Fall Outdoor Gear Swap.
- Open Mic Night drew 97 students with various talents.
- Game Night's first session had 75 students come in for fun, food and prizes.
- Student Union operations manager Crickett Watt and assistant operations manager Glenna Schoening attended an Event Management Scheduling conference to more efficiently use UAA's Student Union's event management program. Student Union facilitated 216 room reservations during the month of September.

Upcoming Events:

- KRUA presents a live concert with Against Me!, Fire or Smoke, and the Soviettes at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, in the Student Union.
- Comedian Tiny Glover performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 14, in the Student Union Den.
- Open Mic continues at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, October 11 and 25. Take the stage or just stop by and enjoy the various student performers. It's free!
- The Student Union Gallery features *Flux*, an exhibit of ceramics from October 13 – 27. Gallery hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fridays.

Career Services Center:

- To date, seventeen students applied for fall semester internships for academic credit.
- Eleven accounting firms will use Career Services Center's interview rooms to interview accounting majors during Accounting Week, October 17 – 21. Employee Relations Coordinator Devon Rust presented to UAA accounting students preparing them for accounting firm interviews.
- Sixteen law schools attended the Center's annual Law Fair.
- Career Services Center's annual Business Expo targeted students majoring in management, finance, accounting, marketing, logistics, and economics. Thirty-five employers staffed information tables promoting their respective organizations and networking with future UAA graduates.
- The Career Services Center's new Career Management Guide is now out and being distributed to all fall and spring semester graduating students. The guides offer career planning, interviewing, job search and on-campus recruiting information in a student-friendly layout. Sample resumes and letters of application are also included.

Leadership and Ethical Development:

- Director of Leadership and Ethical Development Brian Toberman, in collaboration with UAA's Writing Center, designed new educational sanctions for students found violating UAA's Academic Honesty policy. Areas of focus include guidance on proper citation of references and ideas, paraphrasing, and writing mechanics.

- In compliance with the Clery Act, the 2005 Campus Security Report is now available.

Information was distributed by e-mail and the report is available on-line at

<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/safety> Information pertaining to the Drug Free Schools Act was updated. The report is available on line at

<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/drugfreeschoolsreport.cfm>

Student Leadership:

- UAA Volunteer Week included a doggie fashion show for Friends of Pets; a volunteer fair, a canned food drive. A volunteer cast from Alaskan Aids Assistance Association presented a play about four high school friends torn apart when HIV infects one of them.
 - Club Council hosts its annual community *Haunted Halloween Fun Night* on October 29 in the Student Union.
 - President Hamilton appointed USUAA Vice-President Kortney Hintsala as a Conference of Young Alaskans delegate. The conference is January 13 - 16, 2006 at UAF.
 - The Office of Student Leadership Development is working with Professor Alice Sears' English 212 class to hold a holiday toy drive benefiting those affected by recent the hurricanes.
 - National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is October 17-21. USUAA and Greek Council will co-present an alcohol and hazing education workshop on October 19. A viewing of *National Lampoon's Animal House* will follow the program along with a panel discussion.
 - USUAA presents *So You Think You Can Dance*, in the Student Union on October 20. Local dance studios will provide basic lessons on the salsa, meringue, hip-hop, and ballroom dance styles.
 - The USUAA Homecoming Dance is 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. on October 21 at the Anchorage Museum. The theme for this semi-formal dance is Mardi Gras. The *Beads for Needs* program will sell green and gold beads with a portion of the ticket sales being donated to the Alaska Red Cross 80/20 fund.
 - The Office of Student Leadership Development implemented the Greek Organization Registration Review Board to oversee the annual registration of each organization. The evaluation progress focuses on campus contribution, community contribution, membership retention, academic achievement, adherence to UAA policies, and organization vision.
- Residence Life:*
- Cama-i Room is now open in the Commons. The Grand opening ceremony included Alaska Native dance groups and cultural activities. Residence Life, University Housing Dining and Conference Services, ANPsych, and Native Student Services were presented with awards for their collaborative efforts creating Cama-i Room.
 - Residence Life is conducting "penny wars" to donate to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.
 - Resident Housing Association held its first meeting of the semester.
 - Jewel Shibley, Resident Advisor, is collaborating with the American Red Cross to host the Hurricane Hustle, a 5K fun run/walk on Saturday, October 29 starting in the residential community. Proceeds from the event will support relief efforts for individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
 - The Alaska Injury Prevention Center, the Anchorage Fire Department, and the Department of Residence Life submitted a fire safety grant to FEMA for funding in the 2006-2007 academic year. The grant includes monies to sponsor a resident advisor fire training academy, *Some Like it Hot* nights in the dining hall, a candlelight vigil to remember victims of fires in university housing throughout the United States, resident advisor/peer mentor funds for fire safety programming, fire extinguisher training for all residents, fire safety marketing materials, and funds to send UAA staff to a national fire training academy.
- Upcoming Events:*
- Safety in Sleepy Hollow!!!* Residents learn about late night safety, receive a free flashlight, and watch a scary Halloween flick! Thursday, October 27 beginning at 8 p.m., North Hall first floor.
- Student Health & Counseling Center*
- The Student Health & Counseling Center began its immunization walk-in clinic.
 - The Center commenced health education Wednesdays in September with 22 participants for *Watch Your Back!*

Protecting Your Back from Backpacks, Computers, and Stress; 16 students attended *Suicide: Why and What Can I Do?*; *All About Sleep* had 13 participants. Weekly health education continues all semester.

Director Mary Anne Wilson, Office Manager Kristi Isaeff and Dean Schultz met with representatives of UAA, UAF, KPC and Student Resources Insurance to evaluate the current University of Alaska student health insurance policy in effect through 2006. The meeting addressed concerns and needs for students in the current and future policies.

Medical Assistant Krista Card traveled to Texas and provided emergency relief service for the Hurricane Katrina disaster for one week.

ACTIVITIES OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT:

Admissions:

Admissions, Academic and Multicultural Student Services, University Honors, and Student Union staff have worked together to host a reception for graduating high school students and their parents who have been named UA scholars for fall 2006. Approximately 300 people are expected.

UAA Fall Preview Day will be held November 11. This will give high school seniors and their parents an opportunity to experience and learn about UAA. Students may attend classes, tour the campus, see the housing, visit departments, and take a look at clubs and more. Chancellor Maimon will deliver the welcome to the participants.

Automated admission decisions for first-time freshmen applicants to Associate of Arts general programs will be available spring 2006. Students in this program will be admitted within 48 hours.

Financial Aid:

Financial Aid staff members participated in the Alaska training on Administrative Capability and the Alaska Financial Aid Conference.

Financial Aid disbursed \$19,743,775 in financial aid, an increase of over 20% from fall 2004.

Financial aid applications for fall 2005 up 18% over the same time last year.

International/Student Exchange/Study Abroad

Leslie Tuovinen, International Student Advisor, has been elected to the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers Leadership Development Committee as a Regional Specialist for NAFSA/Association of International Educators for Region 1.

Four representatives of UAA's affiliated study abroad organizations visited campus with over a hundred students visit their tables and discuss study abroad opportunities.

Kiosk:

Mike Smith, Customer Service Manager, was recently hired and is responsible for training and scheduling of kiosk and call center personnel in all aspects of front-line services to students, including financial aid, admissions, and enrollment.

Customer Service training for kiosk staff conducted by Federal Management Systems, Inc. Topics included techniques for handling difficult customers, techniques for exceeding customer expectations and steps to maintaining a positive attitude.

The staff successfully completed late registration with special thanks from Chancellor Maimon for "the smoothest registration period ever." This is especially significant in that it was the first time the newly formed Student Information Advisors team had been used during registration.

The menu options for Enrollment Services' main number (786-1480) have been restructured to give students the immediate option of a customer service representative. This was done at the request of many students, faculty and staff who wanted a "live body" without having to listen to the whole menu. Despite the concern that this would overwhelm the call center, the overall dropped call rate has only been 2.1 percent since this change was made.

Certificates of Appreciation from USUAA President Rivas were presented to Gwen Larsen and Johnetta Scott for outstanding commitment and dedication to students during the fall 2005 registration period. Students impressed with the quality service provided by these employees initiated the certificates of appreciation.

Records:

- Free enrollment certifications for students through National Student Clearinghouse are anticipated by December 1 (maybe sooner depending on integration of Banner 7).
- Outsourcing of official transcript requests through National Student Clearinghouse was initiated August 1, 2005 with the following outcomes:
 - Reduced processing time to 2 days (during heavy times it was 5-7 days). \
 - During the inaugural month 687 requests were processed for a total of 937 transcripts – making UAA the number one institution in the nation of those using National Student Clearinghouse as their vendor for online official transcript orders. This represented 37% of for transcript requests for the month of August.
 - During the month of September, the number requested through NSC was 40%.
 - Implemented a 24 hour transcript requests for \$25 each and have currently processed 108 for the months of August and September.

ACTIVITIES OF ACADEMIC AND MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES:

- There are 267 new UA Scholars attending UAA this fall semester.
- 92% of the new incoming UA Scholars to UAA attended a scholars briefing prior to the start of the semester.
- Coordination efforts are continuing with the directors and advisor of extended campuses for tracking of UA Scholars and helping to ensure their academic success using academic progress reports throughout the semester.
- Supplemental Instruction program is growing in the number of students using the services during sessions in math and English. Attendance has grown from roughly 9% to approximately 23% for the students taking math 107 and 200 and English 111.
- Coordination is beginning on selecting courses for next spring that will have supplemental instruction attached to the course.

Upcoming Events:

President Hamilton's UA Scholars Reception hosted at UAA for graduating high school seniors will be on October 13 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union. Coordination of the event is by UAA Enrollment Services and Academic and Multicultural Student Services.

Advising and Testing Center:

- Bobbi Weber, Counselor, conducted a faculty advisor training workshop on. The workshop was developed to familiarize faculty with advising resources, registration procedures, forms, petitions and other documents needed when assisting students.
- Linda Morgan, Director of the Advising and Testing Center, presented a workshop regarding test taking anxiety. The workshop was developed to help students better understand how to avoid the anxiety associated with taking exams.
- Eight sections of Guidance A150, *Survival Skills for College Students*, are in progress with a 30% increase in enrollment compared to fall 2004.

Upcoming Events:

- Preparing for Mid-Terms and Finals* will be held on October 17 from 7 - 8 p.m. in The Commons.
- Dropping a Class – Are You Struggling But Don't Know Your Options* is planned for October 18 in University Center room112 from 11:00 a.m. – noon.

- Knowledge is Power: Learn about CLEP and Dantes to turn your Knowledge into College Credits* is scheduled for October 25, University Center, 11 a.m.- noon
 - Majors Fair will take place on October 27 at the Student Union from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 - Understanding Your Requirements and Choices for Spring Semester Classes* on November 1 in University Center room 112 from 11 a.m. – noon
 - CLEP open house and luncheon is planned for November 3 in University Center room 112. The target audience is faculty and campus administration. Participation will be by invitation only.
- AHAINA Student Programs:*
- In honoring the Mayor's Diversity Week, AHAINA Students Programs held an International Tea acknowledging diversity at UAA. Approximately 75 staff, faculty, students and community members attended the gathering.
 - In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month a lecture was presented entitled *Hispanics and the Media* with Paola Banchemero as the featured speaker. *Hispanic Influence on Music, Both Past and Present* presented by Walter Olivares. Both are UAA faculty members.
- Upcoming Events:*
- Non Traditional Saturday* is scheduled for October 15 in AHAINA from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The computer lab, study area, and student lounge will be available. Activities will be provided for those who bring children.
 - August to October birthday celebration for students October 18 at noon in AHAINA's student lounge.
 - Mid-term initiative, *Come Study and Eat Pizza Party*, October 18 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and free pizza will be served starting at 6:00 p.m.
 - Am I the Only One, Students of Color in the Classroom* October 19 in the AHAINA Multicultural Center.
 - Time Management* will be planned for October 26 in the AHAINA Multicultural Center.
 - In celebration of Native American Month there will be a facilitated discussion entitled *Portrayal of Native Americans in Sports and Film* held November 10 the AHAINA Multicultural Center.
 - In conjunction with Student Activities and the initiative of being a public square AHAINA will provide support for a community program, *Experience African Culture* will occur on October 15 at the Loussac Library.
- Disability Support Services:*
- Kaela Parks, Director of Disability Support Services, was appointed chair of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Disability Concerns Knowledge Community for Region V.
 - Disability Student Services contributed to the UAA celebration of Constitution Day by featuring an awareness building game on the department's website and offering a workshop through CAFÉ entitled *The Spirit of the Law: Access and Inclusion for Students with Disabilities*.
 - The Center and the Career Services Center co-hosted a visit by Scott Bellman, a coordinator for the AccessSTEM program that aims to increase the numbers of individuals with disabilities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.
 - Disability Support Services and the Center for Human Development are partnering on a project called CAPRA (College Access Program for Rural Alaska) that received funding from the Office of Postsecondary Education. This program will use a "train-the-trainer" approach to increase accessibility on rural campuses.
 - As part of the ongoing effort to share resources and collaborate within the community, DSS will now be providing alternate format material production and TypeWell services for the Mat-Su

Borough School District in addition to the Anchorage School District and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Upcoming Events:

Workshops will be held in the adaptive computing lab on October 14 and November 4. These workshops are open to students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Native Student Services:

The weekly Sharing Traditions Thursday evening program in the Cama-i Room in the Residence Hall Commons has begun this semester. This is a student-centered social project that uses traditional Alaska Native activities to build a sense of community among Alaska Native students in the residence halls.

Alaska Public Radio (APR) aired a program on the theme of "family" among UAA Alaska Native students. Native Student Services staff and students were interviewed for the program.

Willy Templeton, Director of Native Student Services, attended reactivation meeting of Southcentral Native Educators Association (SCNEA) at the First Alaskans Institute (FAI). Willy serves as the vice chairperson.

Native Student Services launched *2D Tuesdays* in the Camai room in the Residence Hall Commons. Dr. Phyllis Fast taught 2-dimensional watercolor painting as a social activity to build a sense of community among the Alaska Native students in the residence halls.

Departmental staff will be participating in the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) conferences in Fairbanks. A table has been reserved for distributing information on UAA and various Native programs such as ANSEP, RRANN, Raven's Quest, ANPsych, AKNOS, etc.

Staff will be meeting with Susan Anderson (CIRI Foundation) and Jon Ross (Alaska Native Heritage Center) to discuss an expanded Alaska Native Summer Arts Camp. Phyllis Fast (liberal studies/anthropology) will also be involved in the discussion.

Upcoming Events:

A community potluck will be held November 11 at noon in Native Student Services to launch the Dena'ina Heritage Place Name project. Native Student Services is partnering with Dr. Steve Langdon (UAA Anthropology), Jim Fall (State of Alaska), and Jon Ross (Alaska Native Heritage Center).

New Student Orientation:

New Student Orientation shared a table with Enrollment Services at the Anchorage College & Career Fair held at the Egan Center this week.

Departmental staff is working in conjunction with Student Health & Counseling Center, AHAINA Student Programs, and Native Student Services to create a homesickness and transitions video.

The semester's first *Good Morning UAA* had 162 students in attendance.

All summer evaluations and feedback have been pulled together and compiled for summer 2005 program. With a 79% return rate, 90% felt more prepared to start college and 86% would recommend the program to a friend.

Upcoming Events:

Recruiting summer 2006 Orientation Student Leaders are begun. Applications are due November 2. For more information visit <http://orientation.uaa.alaska.edu>.

Student Support Services:

Location and acquisition of office space on campus has been completed. The new office will be located in the Eugene Short Hall on the second floor. Staff anticipates the office set-up to be completed by mid-October. Two new staff members will be hired to fill the positions of retention coordinator and administrative assistant.

- Staff members attended the National Council for Opportunity in Education Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Development of initial program literature is in the works.
- The department is initiating a 160-student recruitment program that should be completed by November 1.

Upcoming Events:

- Open House to the University community is planned for October 24.

TRIO Programs:

- Anchorage College and Career Fair, coordinated by Jan Jones from Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) was held at the Egan Center this week with over 150 schools and colleges presented.
- Over 170 Educational Talent Search parents and students attended the family night event.
- 3 TRIO staff attended a federal regulations training; 4 staff members attended the Council for Opportunity in Education National Conference.
- Preliminary reporting indicates that the TRIO programs have met and exceeded all Performance Objectives for FY 2005. Annual reports will be submitted November 30.
- EOC will be working with 200 new Army Youth Academy recruits beginning October 26.

Systems Governance Council Meeting Summary Thursday, October 6, 2005

Legislative Strategy – President Mark Hamilton

The University will be requesting a \$47 million general fund increase for FY07 which includes \$31 million to stay even with salary and benefits. The balance will be for new initiatives or to fund areas that have been chronically under funded and needed, such as programs in nursing, logistics, education engineering. The request will emphasize preparing Alaskans for the next economic boom (natural gas pipeline) as opposed to having outsiders come in and taking the best jobs and leaving after a couple of years.

Additionally, proposed may be other creative ways to eliminate expenses such as having the legislature taking over responsibility of funding the Alaska Scholars Program and/or the renewal and repair (R&R) and maintenance and repair (M&R) of University owned buildings.

It is thought because it is an election year there may be some move by the legislature to move part, if not all, the current surplus off the table into the Permanent Fund or other reserve account rather than spend it. The University is making effort to speak to each legislator individually about the University's budget need.

There is currently no plan if the budget request is not granted.

Draft Governance Regulation

The draft governance regulation was rejected. According to UA General Counsel Roger Brunner there are some aspects of it that contradict Board of Regents policy and may be too detailed in some areas. The draft governance regulation was referred back to Staff Alliance to work with Jim Johnson and Wendy Redman to accommodate a re-draft.

New Employee Communication Specialist

The new employee communication specialist Debra Carter (in attendance) will attend future governance meetings (Systems Governance/Staff Alliance) intending to assist in communicating governance issues.

FY07 Operating and Capital Budget/Legislative Overview (Joe Beedle, VP for Finance)

A \$47 million general fund increase for FY07 will be requested as mentioned above. An overview was given on how the capital budget was developed. An FY07 \$329 million Legislative capital request is in draft form awaiting Board of Regents approval which includes 1.) Safety, Code, ADA, 2.) Renewal and Repair, 3.) SBDC, 4.) Academic Equipment, 5.) Administrative IT Equipment, 6.) New Construction. The magnitude of the FY07 request represents unfunded capital requests from prior years and represents nearly one-third of the needs listed in the FY07 – FY12 six year capital plan. The budget request goes to the Governor on November 13th and to the Legislature on December 15th.

Needs based Financial Aid (Saicha Oba, UA Director of Enrollment Services)

A consultant report in May 2005 pointed out that the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs determined in 2002 – 2003 that Alaska was one of two states without a need-based grant program. Thus, financially needy students are forced to use loans to pay for higher education. This is being reviewed to determine expanding need-based financial aid at the University of Alaska.

Employee Educational Benefit (Tuition Waiver)

Tuition waivers constitute 22% of all financial aid. There is some consideration to having a vesting period before the benefit may be received. There is some concern of a high percentage of

drop outs among employees after enrolled in a class. A potential condition might include a “finish it or pay for it” requirement.

EEO/AA Goals

This issue has been raised by Regent Jim Hayes wanting to know what the situation was in accounting for and developing EEO/AA goals at UA. This issue may be addressed at the December Board of Regents Meeting.

Prepared by: Bob Kizer, APT Council

STAFF ALLIANCE TO UAA ASSEMBLY,
OCTOBER 2005
Prepared by Kim Stanford

STAFF ALLIANCE REPORT

Staff Alliance met October 11, 2005. Information and updates included:

***GOVERNANCE REGULATION**

The Governance Regulation developed by a Staff Alliance Committee and approved by System Governance Council has been rejected by President Hamilton. The Staff Alliance Governance Regulation Ad-Hoc Committee (chaired by Kim Stanford) will reconvene and have discussions with Statewide representatives to work on the document.

***STAFF & SUPERVISOR TRAINING**

The group discussed what is available at each MAU and has made a commitment to working with Jim Johnsen, VP for Faculty and Staff Relations, towards progress on this issue.

***EMPLOYEE EDUCATION BENEFITS**

Concern has been expressed both within and outside of the university regarding use (or abuse) of the employee tuition waiver program. Specific concerns include those who regularly register but do not complete the classes (due to withdrawal or failing). More discussions to follow regarding Staff Alliance recommendations.

***WELLNESS PROGRAM**

Staff Alliance members expressed concern over the lack of promotion for this program, and how it may affect its success. The new SW Employee Communications Specialist, Debra Carter, was involved in the discussion. Carolyn Weaver from UA HRS noted that the website for the program will be set up this week.

***TIMING OF GRID ADJUSTMENTS VS HEALTH CARE COST INCREASES**

Carolyn Weaver explained the reasoning behind the two not being able to coincide exactly. The deduction rate for health care benefits changes during the first check payment in the new fiscal year – based on Banner requirement. The grid adjustment is bound by legislative approval and must start in the first full pay period in the fiscal year.

***LEGISLATIVE ITEMS**

Pete Kelly gave a legislative update and provided some draft advocacy memos for Staff Alliance to discuss.

**Administrative, Professional, Technical (APT)
Council Meeting Summary
Thursday, October 6, 2005**

Approved 2005 – 2006 Goals for APT Council. Goals Include:

- Continue to restate and re-energize the governance mission in light of adoption of the new governance regulations and Chancellor Maimon's approach to governance.
- Review of membership numbers to ensure proper representation. Amend APT Council Constitution and Bylaws if necessary to reflect current numbers.
- Add governance component to New Employee Orientation.
- Increase APT Council/governance awareness across the campuses, especially with new APT employees. Provide social events and other events to promote awareness of APT Council service, committee service, and also encourage supervisors to support participation in governance of classified staff.
- Monitor the SWOHR internal audit on communication for timeliness and productivity. Keep updated of statewide issues such as the pension plan, wellness, benefits, etc.
- Use APT Listserv and other methods of communications to promote governance issues.
- Participate effectively in University Assembly meeting discussions and initiatives.

Announced potential candidates to the Diversity Action Council. They include:

Jennifer Jones, Project Coordinator/Trainer, Center for Human Development
Linda Stjern, Fiscal Manager, School of Engineering

Idea Bank (Formerly Bureaucracy Busting) Initiative:

Bill Spindle, Director of Business Services and Bureaucracy Busting/Idea Bank Coordinator gave an overview of the initiative and the intended future of the Idea Bank.

Staff Council Concept Overview

Council discussed the merits, and potential drawbacks, to a single Staff Council concept rather than a dual Classified and APT Council concept that currently exists at UAA. UAF and UAS currently have a single Staff Council. No action taken on further discussion and feedback from UAF, UAS and others to occur before the next meeting.

CLASSIFIED COUNCIL REPORT TO UAA ASSEMBLY,
OCTOBER 2005
Prepared by Kim Stanford

- Classified Council met on October 6, 2005 (regular meeting)
- Staff Council Concept: Leaders from Classified Council and APT Council met regarding the possibility of combining to form one Staff Council. APT Council has had an initial conversation in October and wishes to discuss it more at their November meeting before deciding on the issue.
- 2005-2006 Goals & Objectives: Council members have been asked to consider possible goals and objectives for Classified Council in the upcoming academic year. We brainstormed on some possibilities, and will finalize items at the November meeting.
- Ad Hoc Events Committee: (Cheryl Wright, Tania Rowe, Jennifer Greene) Committee is working on setting up our traditional chili feed for Fall. Also, the concept of changing the “Socks and Sandwiches” event to a food and warm clothing drive was raised. It is felt we will have greater participation University-wide with this approach. Tania will discuss this with Bob Kizer to see if APT agrees.
- Staff Training Ad Hoc Committee: New committee appointed to address the issues of staff training at UAA . The committee will be charged with going over previous survey results, deciding if a new survey is warranted, look into the barriers to success in the past and what can be done to overcome them. This committee should work closely with HRS towards a successful staff training program.
- Idea Bank: Bill Spindle, Director of Business Services, presented to Classified Council on UAA’s Idea Bank, formed from the Bureaucracy Busters campaign.
- Information Items included: Governance Office Staffing, Seawolf Readers October Selection, Parking Update, Board of Regents link, Accreditation Visit Update, People Admin Update.