

Chancellor's Faculty Working Group on Climate Change

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- Mary Dallas Allen, School of Social Work
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- Stephanie Bauer, Philosophy
- Doug Bourne, Writing
- Chad Briggs, Public Policy
- Ryan Buchholdt, Facilities and Campus Services
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- Dawn Hemenik, Student Life and Leadership
- Tim Hinterberger, WWAMI School of Medical Education
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- Sarah Murphy, WWAMI School of Medical Education
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- Travis Rector, Physics and Astronomy
- Libby Roderick, CAFE/Difficult Dialogues Initiative
- Chelsea Ward-Waller, Municipality of Anchorage

Background

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues in Alaska today, affecting human and natural systems in unprecedented and often unpredictable ways. UAA has a valuable role to fill as a non-partisan, research and teaching public institution. In particular, UAA has strong research and academic programs in public health and clinical medicine, journalism and communication, psychology, business and public policy, and many other social science disciplines that complement natural science work happening at UAF and state and local agencies. In addition, UAA was the key partner of the Municipality of Anchorage in the development of the Municipal Climate Action Plan and continues this partnership through plan implementation.

Purpose

The role of this Faculty Working Group on Climate Change is to facilitate climate-related teaching and research at UAA and serve as a hub for climate change activities on campus. The full working group meets twice per semester, and the bulk of activities occur through four sub-groups (point of contact):

- UAA Facilities (Ryan Buchholdt)
- External Anchorage Climate Action Plan oversight committee (Micah Hahn)
- Climate communication center (Tim Hinterberger)
- Climate change curriculum (Libby Roderick)