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2014-2015 University Assembly Membership

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Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Alaska Airlines Center – it was a great success.

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The Alaska Airlines Center rollout and response has been phenomenal.

Shaping Alaska’s Future has been honed down to a specific number of effects that work towards articulating UAA’s role in advancing these effects.

Sam Gingerich will be the interim provost until the national provost search is completed.

Celebrated the 3+3 agreement between UAA and Willamette University College of Law which will allow students to complete 3 years of undergraduate credits and 3 years of law school.

The Engineering Advisory Group is pleased with progress on campus.

Four Regents are turning over in the next few months; bring suggestions for new regents forward to the Governor.

B. Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Bear Baker

C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Bill Spindle

Check out the Alaska Airlines Center! Varsity Sports Grill will be open in the end of September; it will hold about 90 people. The Porch will hold an additional 90 people. There will be a drive-in movie showing tonight at 9:00pm. The first event will host Alabama performing in the arena this Saturday. Tim McGraw will perform on October 28th and 29th

Prioritization – honing in on general trends and systematic issues that need to be worked on. The Deans will look at overall major and systematic trends and concerns that show up in both reports. Data organized in Banner doesn’t work well to look at current information – A taskforce is looking at this to see how it will best work in the future, including what technologies are available. A Statewide taskforce is looking to redefine Banner Governance.

Immediate budget – At the August Budget Summit in Fairbanks, UAA got a large part of budget request. Engineering and Industry Building – opens next summer

Improving traffic flow – Working on Mallard Lane and a new parking garage

D. Vice Chancellor of Advancement Megan Olson (pg. 9-11)

Introduced the new Associate Vice Chancellor, Jim McKenzie.

Planning the Green and Gold Gala in the Alaska Airlines Center on September 27th.

Planning the first Winter Commencement ceremony in the Alaska Airlines Center.

Planning the Celebrity Chef Invitational during which the dining room will be renamed.
E. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Bruce Schultz (pg. 12-15)

VII. Governance Reports
   A. System Governance Council – Kathleen McCoy

   B. Staff Alliance – Liz Winfree and Kathleen McCoy
      Adopted three goals at the August retreat that were communication oriented in terms of connecting staff more visibly with the Board of Regents. Working to highlight staff success stories.

   C. Classified Council – Liz Winfree and Chris Triplett
      Classified and APT Council had a joint retreat on Thursday, September 4th. Received questions from staff questions on the draft furlough. Chief Human Resources Officer Erik Seastedt attended via teleconference to answer questions and provide information. Encouraged staff to attend Board of Regents meetings and increase awareness, understanding, and participation. Wellness came up often as a topic of concern; may hold a survey of staff to influence what decisions occurs in the future.

   D. APT Council – Kathleen McCoy
      The Joint APT/Classified Council Consolidation Taskforce is researching the emphasis on representation in relation to the benefits and consequences of the councils merging.

   E. Union of Students/ Coalition of Students – Stacey Lucason
      Homecoming will be held on October 3rd at the Dena’ina Center. Legislative Luncheon will be held on October 29th in the Student Union Cafeteria. Working on reaching out to and educating students on Student Government related issues. Working on Smoke Free Initiative refinement. Outdoor Recreation $8 Fee will be added to the November ballot for student vote. Working on recruitment effort for councils, as well as encouraging student worker positions.

      **Motion:** University Assembly moves to establish a taskforce for examining student employment on campus. **Members:** Rachel Morse, Stacey Lucason, Chris Triplett, and Ryan Buchholdt 2nd. Sharon Chamard

   F. Alumni Association – Rachel Morse
      First Alumni Assembly was held on issues in the university to focus on advancing the university.

   G. Faculty Senate/ Faculty Alliance – Diane Hirshberg (pg. 16-17)
      Faculty Alliance met with the Summit Team in August. Working on the common calendar – creating a committee to look at common interests for students and campuses. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dana Thomas is retiring. Staff Alliance came together for a national search; members comprise of Diane Hirshberg, Rashmi Prasad, and Talis Colberg.
      Smoking Ban – Gabe Garcia will do final tally of votes – there has been an extraordinary response with 80% of vote in support of the ban. Prioritization – all Faculty Senate leadership has been involved; there is a strong incentive to see the process carried forward in decisions to come.

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      *Arctic Human Development Report next Friday in the Lew Haines conference room (Library 307)*

XI. Adjourn: 11:00am
Student Achievement and Faculty Excellence: Maria Crouch and Jordan Skan, two students in the joint UAF-UAA Ph.D. in Community Clinical Psychology program and members of Alaska Native Community Advancement in Psychology, received prestigious National Institutes of Health (NIH) minority research fellowship awards. Each will be working on their own developed projects as part of an NIH-funded research project entitled “Technology Innovations for Supporting Health in Alaska Native People,” with Judith Prochaska, Ph.D., MPH from Stanford University School of Medicine as the principal investigator.

UAA held its first Faculty Research and Creative Activity Showcase featuring work from over 60 faculty members at the opening of the Alaska Airlines Center.

Dr. Natasa Masonovic, chair of the Languages Department and Associate Professor of German, is being honored as one of the 25th Annual YWCA Alaska/BP Women of Achievement Awardees on Nov. 13.

UAA Partnerships with Alaska’s Schools. A record number -- 220 -- of Kenai Peninsula Borough School District high school students registered for Kenai Peninsula College courses for fall 2014, almost doubling last fall’s registration of 113. The JumpStart program, funded by the Borough and subsidizing up to six credits at $55/credit instead of $174/credit, expanded to include juniors.

UAA Partnerships with Alaskans: The 22nd Annual Celebrity Chef Invitational raised nearly $44,000 for the UAA Culinary Arts and Hospitality Scholarship Fund. Preliminary tallies show 450 people attended this year’s Green and Gold Gala which raised about $80,000 for student scholarships.

The Alaska Law Review, Alaska Bar Association, and UAA are hosting the Alaska Law Review Symposium on opportunities and change in Alaska’s Emerging Frontiers featuring keynote speakers Fran Ulmer and Dr. William Iggiagruk Hensley.

Research in Support of Alaskans: Investigators at the Center for Behavioral Health Research and Services received a four-year $1.1 million federal grant to establish a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs) Practice and Implementation Center focused on developing a national approach to prevent, identify and treat FASDs, with a particular emphasis on prevention.

UAA hosted Arctic researchers from Germany, Poland, Russia, Austria, Canada, the U.S. and Finland at the initial meeting of the National Science Foundation (NSF) funded “Arctic-FROST: Arctic FRontiers Of SusTainability: Resources, Societies, Environments and Development in the Changing North” project.

UAA Accountability to Alaskans: UAA is scheduling focus groups and encouraging students to meet with members of the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights visiting on Oct. 8 and Oct. 9.

Student Affairs launched the “Add/Drop Drive Thru” lane allowing students to drive up and drop off paperwork during high volume times.
UAF received a $23 million, five-year grant from NIH to support minority student biomedical research opportunities. The grant creates a partnership between UAF’s biomedical researchers, veterinary medicine, College of Rural and Community Development, and UAS campuses.

UAF engineering students were joint winners with West Virginia University of a national mine team design competition sponsored by the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration/Pittsburg Coal Mining Institute of America.

UAF Geophysical Institute’s outreach team will reinforce Inupiat culture and language as people learn about the aurora borealis. The team has received a three-year, $1.4 million U.S. Department of Education grant to produce a northern lights video, a museum exhibit on Inupiat cultural connections to earth and sky, and instructional kits — all showcasing Inupiat language and culture.

Juneau hatchery Douglas Island Pink and Chum gave more than $1 million for an endowment in memory of hatchery founder Ladd E. Macaulay. The earnings will fund a fellowship for fisheries graduate students at the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Juneau Center.

A $1 million personal gift from Joe Usibelli and Peggy Shumaker will allow work to begin on renovations to the UA Museum of the North’s oldest gallery. The donation will allow the museum to begin work on a $5 million upgrade of the Gallery of Alaska, which was built in 1980 and is the only portion of the museum that was not updated during an expansion completed in 2005.

Shrinking sea ice in the Arctic Ocean may be the culprit behind recent severely cold temperatures in North America, Europe and Asia, a new study has reported. The study, conducted by a team of international scientists that included UAF researcher Xiangdong Zhang, shows how loss of sea ice in the Arctic in November and December, especially over the Barents and Kara seas off Russia, contributes to the cold in mid latitudes.

UAF will undergo an on-site evaluation from a Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities’ peer committee Oct. 20-21 as part of UAF’s year three accreditation mid-cycle evaluation.

An international, UAF-led group of 50 scientists and engineers met at Landsvirkjun Company’s geothermal power station near Akureyri, Iceland, where drilling encountered 1,650°F molten rock at 7000-feet depth. The group developed an unprecedented plan to core the magma, a project that may lead to 10 times more powerful geothermal wells and much better detection of magma under volcanoes.

For additional highlights, visit www.uaf.edu/chancellor/highlights/.
The Sitka Campus initiated a new program to attract local high school graduates to the campus to begin their university programs. The program is named: Sitka Start. The cohort of nine students is off to a great start.

The Ketchikan Campus received news that they will receive $6.6 million in Title III funding over the next five years to renovate their career/technical buildings to better serve their marine transportation and multi-skilled worker students. The Ketchikan Campus has had great success in developing these marine industry-related programs in partnership with the Alaska Marine Highway System, the U.S. Coast Guard, and Vigor Industries, the owner of the local shipyard.

Juneau campus alumna and 2014 Outstanding Graduate in Biology Samantha (Sam) Wilson has accepted a staff position with the American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF) in Haines. Wilson began an internship with the foundation earlier this past summer. She will complete her internship in mid-November at the end of the annual Bald Eagle Festival and then begin her employment with the ABEF effective Dec. 1.

Mathematics student Andre Bunton won a Pi Mu Epsilon Award for his presentation on the *Simultaneous Generation of a Basis B and a Corresponding B-CZDS* at MathFest 2014 in Portland OR, August 6-8. He was one of about 270 undergraduates who gave presentations at this national mathematics conference. Andre was also announced as the recipient of the Ron Seater Mathematics Award at the UAS Mathematics Seminar on Sept. 3 for his outstanding work at UAS.

Spanish faculty Andrea Dewees presented two workshops at the Alaskans for Language Acquisition conference in Seward September 19-21. *Transitions: High School to University-level language study explores* the various language study opportunities at the college level. She co-presented *Sharing Spanish-language music in the classroom* with Rosa Hohnstein of the Anchorage School District.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

Administrative

- Vice President Ashok Roy is leading the distinguished committee established to conduct a national search for the next vice president for academic affairs and research. The recruitment opens by next week. Top candidates will visit each of the three universities; ideally a final candidate will be selected before the end of March. In the meantime, I’m working to identify an interim to fill in when Vice President Dana Thomas retires at the end of the calendar year.

Governance

- Held monthly meeting with Faculty Alliance Chair David Valentine.
University Relations

- Participated in Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team (AMFAST) meeting.
- Phone conversation of a general nature with Peter McPherson, president of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU).

Blood, Sweat, Tears

- Entire UA system is re-working a good budget program response for successful November BOR meeting.
# UA Grant Proposals Awarded
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**Administration**

- **Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony – 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, Wendy Williamson Auditorium**
  This special ceremony adds to the graduation experience by making it possible to focus on advanced degree candidates and their accomplishments. It allows faculty and staff, as well as family and friends, a chance to witness the ceremonial hooding of graduate students. Be sure to RSVP for this ceremony at [www.uaa.alaska.edu/commencement](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/commencement) beginning in mid-October.

- **Fall Commencement Ceremony – 1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, Alaska Airlines Center**
  The fall commencement ceremony will provide an opportunity for summer and fall graduates to walk soon after they complete their coursework (instead of waiting until spring commencement). Faculty will meet on the balcony (Raven’s Nest) level of the arena to prepare for the ceremony and will move down the stairwells on both the north and south sides of the building enroute to the ceremony. There will be many stairs so be sure to wear comfortable shoes. More details and RSVP information coming in mid-October.

- **Recruitment for Fiscal Manager**
  Advancement is currently recruiting for a fiscal manager.

**Alumni Relations**

- **5th Green and Gold Gala**
  UAA and the UAA Alumni Association proudly celebrated the 5th Green and Gold Gala on Sep. 27 at the Alaska Airlines Center with more than 450 attendees. The event raised nearly $80,000 in donations and pledges and highlighted the many features of the new Alaska Airlines Center. This included an opening reception on the Raven’s Nest track with alumnus DJ Spencer Lee, use of the shot clock during the running program and a final slide show on the jumbo-tron featuring more than 40 pictures sent through social media by gala guests during the event (#Gala14).

**Development**

- **Corporate and Foundation Gifts**
  - Arctic Slope Regional Corporation contributed $40,000 to the Excellence in ANCAP fund.

- **Individual Gifts**
  - David Springgate pledged at the Aurora Circle level ($10,000-$19,999) to Athletic Excellence fund.

- **Recruitment for Development Officer for College of Arts & Sciences and Senior Development Officer for College of Engineering**
  Development is currently recruiting for a development officer for College of Arts & Sciences and senior development officer for College of Engineering. The posting for the development officer is closed and the search will be interviewing candidates. The posting for the senior development officer posting is currently open.

**University Relations**

- **Office for Civil Rights**
  University Relations is working in partnership with the Office of Campus Diversity and Compliance, the Dean of Students and representatives from the UA system to prepare for a visit by the Office for Civil
Rights on Oct. 8–9, 2014. UR has created a series of promotional materials to help publicize various open forums, including posters, sandwich boards, stickers, ads, letters to the community, op-eds and web features.

- **UAA Alumni Spirit Magazine**
  The UR team is working to publish the second edition of the UAA Alumni Spirit magazine, scheduled to hit mailboxes later this month.

- **Seawolf Weekly**
  A special edition of the Seawolf Weekly on Oct. 1 focuses all stories on Homecoming 2014—stories include a recap of the Green & Gold Gala, alumni returning to campus, Student Life & Leadership involvement, hockey team preps for Kendall Classic and upcoming season, and more.

- **College of Fellows Newsletter**
  UR is working on putting together the September edition of the College of Fellows newsletter, scheduled to send on Sept. 30.

- **UAA Social Media**
  The University Relations team hosted the AEDC’s iloveanchorage Instagram account last week leading up to the 2014 Green & Gold Gala. Spirit appeared several times throughout the week as he prepared for the big event.

- **2014 Homecoming**
  University Relations is helping support Student Activities in the promotion of Homecoming 2014, including a #uaasuperfan campaign on social media and participation in the Shopping Cart Parade.

- **Recruitment for Public Relations and Marketing Manager**
  UR is currently recruiting for a public relations and marketing manager. The job posting closed Friday, Sept. 26, and the team will soon begin reviewing applicants and scheduling interviews.

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Office of Student Affairs & Assessment

Student Affairs (SA) colleagues are invited to harness the energy of Conversation Café and continue to dialogue in meaningful conversation throughout the upcoming year at Shared Grounds. This is a monthly opportunity for SA professionals to contribute their voice, connect with colleagues, and collaborate across diverse perspectives. Twenty-one staff participated in the September Shared Grounds on “Our Identity” by affirming Seawolf pride, exploring perceptions of UAA Student Affairs to outside groups and the community, and aligning those perceptions SA’s core themes.

The Student Affairs Leadership Team (SALT) Quarterly Meeting, facilitated in Conversation Café style, examined UA Shaping Alaska’s Future. As a result, SALT members were able to better explain the intended effects of Shaping Alaska’s Future; articulate how Student Affairs functions currently support Shaping Alaska’s Future; and identify opportunities for Student Affairs functions and UAA as an institution to advance the themes of Shaping Alaska’s Future.

Led by Whitney Brown, Coordinator of Student Affairs Assessment, student affairs departments engaged in annual assessment planning meetings throughout September. These meetings offered consultative support for current and anticipated data needs, a review of FY14 assessment activities and learning outcomes, and projection of FY15 assessment plans.

Military & Veteran Students Resource Center (MVSRC)

For the sixth consecutive year, UAA was designated a 2015 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, which is awarded schools that are doing the most to embrace military students and ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation. During this past academic year, 2,094 active-duty servicemen and women, veterans and their dependents, attended UAA. This marks an increase of 34% in the past three years and an increase of 61% in five years.

On October 8, MVSRC hosted UAA Alumnus Kenneth Bracewell for a book signing of his recent book, A Veteran’s Road to College Success, on how to successfully progress through college as a veteran with a family.

Every Tuesday this fall from 10:30-11:30 a.m., MVSRC is hosting free yoga for UAA students, staff and faculty who are active military or veterans. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, email MVSRC at uaa_mvsrca@uaa.alaska.edu.

The Multicultural Center (MCC)

As a part of the UAA Homecoming and Hispanic Heritage Month, MCC hosted a meet and greet with U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Julian Castro on Tuesday, October 7. Approximately 30 students, faculty and staff attended.

On October 6, MCC co-sponsored a reception for a book talk with College of Arts and Sciences and the Campus Bookstore. Participants engaged in a presentation and discussion about “Portrayals of Women in Reality TV” with English department faculty member Dr. Jervette Ward.

MCC Director Thorn met with Office of Civil Rights on October 9 as a part of his involvement in the Campus Judicial Board.

MCC named Ms. Audrey Jo Malone as the Office Manager for the Multicultural Center, beginning October 6. MCC hired Mr. Andrew Mullins as the next Student Transition Advisor for the Seawolf Success Program. He will begin his duties on October 19.

Native Student Services (NSS)

NSS partnered with Alaska Native Professionals Association (ANPA) to sponsor a Voter Registration Drive and Meet the Candidates event at the Student Union on Thursday, September 18. Candidates and representatives from various campaigns informally meet with students.

On Friday, September 18, NSS hosted the 2014 Fall Semester Welcome Potluck. More than 100 students and UAA guests attended this two-hour event to welcome incoming freshmen to the UAA campus community. NSS will be collaborating with the Division of Student Access, Advising & Transition to represent UAA at the Alaska Federation of Natives Elders and Youth Conference on October 20, 21, and 22.
UAA Institutional Research released the Fall Opening Enrollment Report on October 1. Headcount on the MAU is down 3.4% compared to last fall (17,321 compared to 17,922) and student headcount is down 3.1% compared to last fall (161,931 compared to 167,127). Broken down by campus headcount:

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The Statewide Institutional Research Office has not yet published the Opening Report for the system, but from other reports on September 29: Fairbanks MAU headcount was down 5.9% (8,741 compared to 9,289) and enrolled credit hours were down 4.4% (78,230 compared to 81,816). Southeast MAU headcount was up 6.5% (3,214 compared to 3,018) while enrolled credit hours were down 0.4% (22,031 compared to 22,114).

Admissions
Cathy Ewing has been appointed Interim Director of Admission. Her charge is to implement process changes resulting from the Admissions in Motion (AIM) business process analysis completed last year. Cathy can be reached at 786-1558 or clewing@uaa.alaska.edu.

Electronic Student Services (ESS)
ESS Director Mayra Lopez-Gonzalez has launched the first release of iAdvise—UAAs advising portal available on the Faculty Services tab of UAOnline. This portal allows an academic advisor to view the necessary academic and enrollment information about a student for advising—all in one place without moving between multiple Banner screens. It also captures advising session information, advisor comments, and allows “one-click” removal of holds. UAF is currently reviewing the application for use. Anyone who would like information or training should contact the project development team at uaa_advising@uaa.alaska.edu.

Office of the Registrar
Spring semester courses become viewable in UAOnline on October 27. College Scheduler becomes available for planning spring schedules the same day.

Priority Registration opens on Friday, November 7 for graduate students and Monday, November 10 for seniors. Enrollment Services, and Student Access Advising and Transition have a number of outreach activities planned between now and the November 10 to make sure all students are Registration Ready. All UAA staff and faculty can help by making sure students:

- Meet with their advisor to plan their spring schedule—paying special attention to prerequisite and department approvals they might need.
- Know how to use College Scheduler to build a spring schedule and have it ready for when registration opens.
- Know their PIN and how to log into UAOnline.
- Resolve any holds they might have that block registration.

The Office of the Registrar will host a DegreeWorks pizza party in the Student Union Building on October 29. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy some pizza and learn more about DegreeWorks.

Student Financial Assistance
$avvy $eawolf – Financial Literacy @ UAA began its $avvy $eawolf $eries workshops last month. Workshop topics include Budget, Credit and Student Loans, and students can complete the $eries by attending one of each workshop topic. The first six workshops had a total of 84 participants, including 30 at the first of three workshops in the Commons at 9:00 p.m. There will be a total of 15 $eries workshops this fall, including new topics such as Home Buying and Investing.
Career Services Center (CSC)
CSC helped support the Breaking Barriers event at the University Center on September 12. This career counseling event was coordinated by the Anchorage Society for Human Resource Management and assisted attendees with applying online, interview training, resume writing, addressing job gaps and other relevant career information.

CSC and the College of Business and Public Policy Accounting department partnered to host Accounting Week from September 23 – 26. Twelve companies, including ConocoPhillips, Altman Rogers & Co., KPMG, State of AK Division of Legislative Audit, Newhouse & Vogler, BP, Alban & Co., Grant Thornton, Thomas Head & Greison, and BDO USA held 95 student interviews.

CSC is hosting the annual Fall Career Fair on Thursday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Student Union. There are 70 companies registered for this career fair so far and CSC expects hundreds of job seekers to attend.

Advising & Testing Center (ATC)
The ATC Testing Center recently achieved status as a fully funded military site which means all active duty members can take CLEP and DSST exams at the testing center with no out-of-pocket expenses. Other new exams beneficial to the community are the newly acquired ParaPro which is required for non-teaching school district staff throughout the state of Alaska.

Beginning fall 2014, the Testing Center began administering nursing admissions exams (KAPLAN and HESI) for the School of Nursing and the Psychology Exit Exam for the Psychology Department.

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)
EOC, one of the TRiO programs at UAA, will host the 33rd Annual Anchorage, Alaska College and Career Fair 2014 at the Egan Civic and Convention Center on October 19 and 20. Representatives from colleges, universities, and vocational schools from around the country, as well as private and public employers will be available to Alaska's students and community at large.

UA Scholars & Alaska Performance Scholars Program
The Students of Excellence Meet and Greet for UA Scholars and Alaska Performance Scholars will be held on October 24 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Wolf Den. Scholars, faculty, advisors and university administrators are invited to connect with students while participating in team building activities and having fun in a safe environment.

The UA Scholar Night will be held on November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium. High school students who are eligible to receive the UA Scholar award are invited to the University of Alaska Anchorage for a special ceremony and reception hosted by New Student Recruitment and the Statewide Office. Staff and faculty will be available to discuss opportunities and services their department provides to students.
Dean of Students Office
The Dean of Students Office in collaboration with the Office of Diversity and Compliance is preparing for a compliance review visit from the Office of Civil Rights regarding Title IX. The visit is scheduled for October 8-9, 2014.

Student Conduct and Alcohol, Drug, & Wellness Education
The Alcohol, Drug, and Wellness Educator will hold several programs in the month of October. Specifically Suicide Prevention Awareness and Education as well as National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week scheduled for October 20 – 25. The theme this year is “Yield to Responsible Choices.”

Disability Support Services (DSS)
The Office of Disability Support Services is now a part of the Division of Student Development. The transition continues to support the mission of the Dean of Students Office to provide advocacy and support for student success.

Student Health & Counseling Center (SHCC)
SHCC will host National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week in collaboration with the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Educator scheduled for October 20 – 25.

Student Health & Counseling Center (SHCC) will also host its annual Health Fair on October 15.

Student Life & Leadership (SL&L)
SL&L hosted Homecoming Week 2014 from October 3 – 9. Homecoming 2014 was full of events including the Shopping Cart Parade, the Homecoming Dance, the 21st Annual A Cappella Festivella and many other opportunities to celebrate Homecoming.

In addition to Homecoming Festivities, SL&L will host its annual Haunted Halloween Fun Night on October 25.

Department of Residence Life (DRL)
North Hall staff members have set a goal of 100% response rate for the MAP-Works survey. The first wing to reach 100% will receive a party.

East Hall Residence Coordinator Dion Crommarty has created and posted Moose signs for Templewood to ensure resident safety.

The Main Apartment Complex (MAC) is preparing for its annual “MAC-O-Lantern Mania” in the MAC Shack.

As a part of SafeZone programming a Lavender Lunch will be held October 14.

Student Union & Commuter Student Services (SU&CSS)
SU&CSS will host Commuter Student Appreciation Week October 20 – 24.

Students attending the 2013 Haunted Halloween Fun Night.
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Report of the President

UA Regents Meeting September 18-19
The University of Alaska Board of Regents met in Juneau September 18-19. According to Dave Valentine, Faculty Alliance chair, who was in attendance, the UA Regents expressed anger at UA faculty for not moving forward quickly enough on implementation of the common calendar across the three universities. Moreover, the UAA resolution from the September 2014 meeting requesting that the Regents reconsider their decision especially angered them.

The Regents also voted against a tuition increase, with several stating that UA needs to overhaul budgeting processes and delete "mediocre" programs. We do not know what data they were using in making these statements.

In response to public testimony at this and previous BOR meetings, Regent Wickersham has indicated that he will introduce a motion in December to change policy to make the UA system smoke-free.

A summary of actions taken by the Board of Regents is at: http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2014/sep-18-19/

The Board of Regents will be meeting in Anchorage December 11-12. Each day, there should be time for public testimony, generally at 8:30 am on Thursdays and 9:00 am on Fridays. Sign-up sheets are available each morning prior to the meeting. The Comments are limited to three minutes and are at times shortened to two minutes, depending on how many people show up. In addition the chair determines when public testimony is closed, whether or not everyone who has signed up has had time to speak. That said, we encourage faculty and staff to come and share their input on issues before the Regents and also on broader issues of concern. If you cannot attend in person and would like to listen to the discussion, there is live video streaming except during executive session at: www.alaska.edu/oit/services/video-conferencing/streaming-conferences/

Tara Smith and I are also discussing with USUAA Student Body President Stacy Lucason a strategy for student outreach to the Regents and to the public (e.g., via Compass pieces) to make sure that their voices are heard on issues such as the common calendar.
Faculty Senate Meeting October 3, 2014

The faculty senate voted to approve a one semester extension of priority registration for Honors students. There was a lot of discussion about whether or not any particular group of students should have this privilege (right now the other group is athletes) and a larger conversation about the topic will happen over the next few months with Student Affairs and others.

The senate also voted to establish an Emeriti Faculty Evaluation Process Ad Hoc Committee to develop comprehensive evaluation guidelines and procedures for the appointment of Professor Emeritus or Emerita. While this only affects faculty, staff should be aware that emeritus status has been awarded to staff in the past and you may want to consider a similar effort at solidifying a process.

The senate is also working with Academic Affairs to establish a Faculty Handbook Task Force. The questions this taskforce will address include the following:
1) unique content that should be included in the Faculty Handbook,
2) what existing information needs to be linked,
3) best location for electronic hosting

Faculty Alliance

Faculty Alliance met on September 12. The Alliance finalized language on recommended actions in response to the Board of Regents policy on a common calendar, and resolution concerning UA General Education Requirements. The policy on the common calendar is attached to the October 2014 Faculty Senate agenda as an information item, but in short calls for a task force including three faculty members, three student services professionals (e.g., registrars), one “technical advisor” and a representative from a rural campus. The task force is charged with scoping and assessing “the benefits, costs and any mitigating or prohibitive circumstances to aligning elements of the calendar…” and also is to reach out to affected communities such as students, school districts, faculty members and so forth. A preliminary report is due December 1, 2014 and a final report February 16, 2015.

As a response to the resolution on developmental and GER courses, the Faculty Alliance is requesting that the English Community of Practice across the universities be reconvened, with representation from all three universities, and with support from University of Alaska Office of Academic Affairs and Research to meet and continue their work. Alliance is also the UAS Department of Mathematics, UAA Department of Mathematics and Statistics, UAA College Preparatory and Developmental Studies department, UAF Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and the UAF Department of Developmental Studies to form a working group who will work with the UA Registrars to:

1. Address the unifying of shared 200 and below course prefix, names, and numbers
2. Address the unifying of shared 200 and below course outcomes and descriptions
3. Determine how to proceed with the discussion on unifying placement tests, cut scores, and the length of time placement tests and prerequisite courses are valid
4. Determine what changes in current UA systems are necessary to implement these actions.
**UAA Provost Search**

The search for a new provost is moving forward. The committee has met and collaborated on developing the job description including the desired attributes for successful candidates. A rough timeline for the search is as follows:

- Early October – recruitment begins
- December – screening of candidates
- Early January – videoconference interviews with semi-finalists
- Early to mid-February – campus visits by finalists
- End of February – selection of provost

As soon as the job announcement is released, we will share it broadly. We encourage you to reach out to your colleagues on our and other campuses you think would be good, and get word out about the opening through your professional networks as well. Please contact me or other members of the search committee with any questions or ideas you have.

**University of Alaska Vice President of Academic Affairs Search**

The search committee for the VPAA has been set. Both Mark Fitch, past Faculty Senate President and I are serving on this committee. The position will be posted this week, with a closing date of December 31. Screening of candidates will be done in January, and the goal is to complete the search in mid-March. We will keep you informed on the progress, and again, if you know good candidates for this position, please encourage them to apply!

**GELO GER Outcomes and UAA GER Outcomes**

On September 14 the GERC committee put forth a proposal around adopting the GELO GER outcomes, per the request of Faculty Alliance. The response from faculty members was very thoughtful and made it clear that we needed time to have more discussion on this issue, in order to determine how we might best link the UAA GER outcomes to the GELO GER outcomes, which represent a collaborative effort by our colleagues at UAA, UAS and UAF to develop common outcomes across the UA system.

We are working on a process that will include as many voices as possible in creating a consensus around the GELO work. We are planning an open forum October 24 to gather input on some ideas which we will share with faculty before the meeting. We will pull together this information and share out the results by November 3 and ask for feedback again on how we proceed. GERC will consider all of the input on November 14. Our goal is for UAB to do a first reading that day, and, if necessary, a second reading on November 21, and the Faculty Senate to do the final vote on December 5.

**Survey of faculty and staff on Smoke-Free Policy and Related Issues**

Dr. Gabriel M. Garcia and Dr. Joy Chavez Mapaye have finished summarizing the results of the survey of faculty and staff around the proposed smoke-free policy for UAA. 439 staff and 313 faculty members completed the survey, with approximately 39% and 53% response rates, respectively, and around 200 departments/programs represented. More than 80% of UAA faculty and staff who responded to the survey support having a comprehensive smoke-free policy on campus, with more than 60% strongly supporting it. These results have been communicated to the UAA administration.
Community Campus Visits
I visited the Kenai River campus of the Kenai Peninsula College in September. I had a chance to meet with faculty and administrators, and see the beautiful new residential hall and advanced career and technical center. I urge faculty members and staff from other campuses to stop by KPC if you are headed down the peninsula for any reason. Tara Smith and I will visit the Mat-Su campus on October 14.