UAA Assembly

Agenda

November 14, 2013
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
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II. Introduction of Members

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President – Liz Winfree  Vice President – Lori Hart

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   C. Shaping Alaska’s Future

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Written report only

B. Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Bear Baker

Thanked everyone for their participation in the prioritization listening sessions last week
Changes are being made and things are moving forward
Upper division credit hours are growing
Congratulated staff for their hard work last week in dealing with campus issues

C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Bill Spindle

Introduced the New athletic director Keith Hackett, from the University of Nevada (Keith could not be present for travel purposes)
Hall of Fame inductions will take place on Sunday
Kendall Classic hockey tournament is taking place this Friday and Saturday: UAF, Quinnipiac, and the Air Force Academy will be on campus for the tournament

D. Vice Chancellor of Advancement Megan Olson

The fourth annual Green and Gold Gala was the most successful ever, raising approximately $95,000 for alumni scholarships.
The phonathon has reached the $25,000 mark.
The Alumni Association is hosting a dessert reception prior to the Accapella Festivella.
The new Alumni Center will break ground next week on the first floor of the Consortium Library.
Alaska Executive Search has been hired to assist with the AVC of Development search.

E. Vice Chancellor for Student Services Bruce Schultz (pg. 15-19)

UAA Homecoming kicks off today (a schedule of activities was distributed to the Assembly)
Distributed the Campus Security Report to the Assembly: report identifies safety and security policies on campus as well as a list of the crime statistics
Diversity Action Council will meet the second Friday of every month and members are welcome to attend. Student Diversity Award is given away every semester in which students receive tuition waivers based on committee review. December 2nd is the deadline for the spring semester.
Student Access, Advising, and Transition is unveiling a new program titled My Major Discovery. The program is designed to help undeclared students determine the right major for them; the term undeclared will now be labeled as exploratory.

VII. Governance Reports
   A. System Governance Council (pg. 20)
      Discussed the college savings plan and the smoke free campus policy: Bill Spindle addressed the future of the smoke free campus.
   B. Staff Alliance
      Staff Health Care Committee chair for this year is Monique Musick
      Discussed having a staff compensation committee
      President Gamble attended the meeting
      SDI survey is online for stakeholders to provide feedback
   C. Classified Council
      Tamah Haynes was sworn in as the new council president
      Louise Kempker and Kathy Smith were nominated and accepted as co-vice presidents
      Jamey Cordery is the new Diversity Action Council representative
      Had a joint meeting with the APT Council in October in which joint council goals were voted upon
      Top goals:
      - APT/Classified Council management to align and focus on strategic mission
      - Bring Suggestions to the Chancellor
      - Council booths for any event that will accommodate one
      - Evaluating and expanding new employee orientation
      - Have one cabinet member meet with the councils every month
      - Increased collaboration between councils
      - Develop a marketing/communications committee
   D. APT Council
      See Classified Council’s report for joint council goals
      Developed a marketing/communications and orientation committee
   E. Union of Students/ Coalition of Students
      No report
   F. Alumni Association
      No report
   G. Faculty Senate/ Faculty Alliance
      Discussed the program prioritization process; concerns were raised regarding the staff voice not being heard, that the majority of the support task-force are supervisors, and that non-tenured faculty are less willing to speak up
      Discussed the inaccuracies in the Alaska Dispatch article regarding minimum requirements for baccalaureate degrees

VIII. Old Business
   A. Assembly Meeting Time
      The Doodle Poll showed that members preferred meeting Friday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 or 9:30 to 12:00
      Meeting times will not be changed for this academic year

IX. New Business
   A. UA President Patrick Gamble 1:30
      BOR discussed differential tuition, but referred the decision to President Gamble. Saichi Oba is currently writing a draft.
Discussed the capital and operating budget:
  - The largest deferred maintenance project is the power plant at UAF
  - The top academic priority is the completion of both engineering buildings

Discussed the position of the wellness contract stating that it is still being worked out in the court system

Discussed the grievance policy for staff:
The policy is currently being handled by legal in which they are determining a formal resolution process. The process gives staff a route for court review at the highest level. A preface will clearly explain the rights that you have as a staff member.

Discussed faculty and staff bullying
Reviewed the State of Washington’s bullying policy and modeled a UAA policy based on the findings
A bullying briefing has been assembled in which President Gamble required statewide staff to attend; the Chancellors of all three MAUs may decide to offer mandatory training for faculty and staff

B. University Assembly Constitution and By-law Revisions (pg. 21-28)
Motion to approve changes to the Assembly Constitution and By-laws
Unanimously Approved

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STATEWIDE

Academic Affairs
The UA Corporate Programs (UCAP) unit is successfully closing down as an auxiliary operating unit and has transferred all work orders to the clients’ preferred education and training providers. UACP staff is mentoring the new providers in the activities associated with each of the client’s needs. Records management and budget close-out activity is expected to be completed by December 31.

UAA

UAA is celebrating Homecoming week (Oct. 10-18) with special events including Homecoming, lectures, and the Kendall Classic which UAA Seawolves won under new hockey coach Matt Thomas.

It will take time after the federal government is online and running to understand the full impacts of the shutdown. Federal contacts have been unavailable. UAA’s Grants and Contracts Office is responding on a case-by-case basis to Principal Investigator questions and maintaining 100% compliance with effort reporting, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act reporting, monthly billing, and contract and state funding. All should be straightened out soon, we hope.

Results of the 2013 Alaska Victimization Survey for the Kenai Peninsula Borough (compiled by the UAA Justice Center) were released on Oct. 10 in Kenai and showed over half of adult women in Kenai Peninsula Borough have experienced intimate partner violence or sexual violence. The results are part of an ongoing project begun in 2010 to provide reliable and valid estimates of intimate partner and sexual violence against women to be used for policy planning and prevention.

The College of Health and the Alaska WWAMI hosted a workshop for UAA faculty and staff on recruiting and retraining diverse faculty. UAF and the UAF-Kuskokwim campus at Bethel attended by video.

The UA Center for Economic Development’s AKSourceLink conducted direct outreach presentations and trainings across Bristol Bay with a $15,000 grant from The Pebble Fund last year. When comparing the grant period this year with the same period last year, AKSourceLink experienced a 260% increase in website traffic from the Bristol Bay region, showing outreach efforts to be very impactful. Because key personnel were trained in 11 villages participating in the project, the impact of the trainings will outlast the trainings themselves as knowledge is shared among village members. AKSourceLink plans to sustain and continue outreach efforts across the state through projects, partnerships, and grants strengthening the entrepreneurial capacity of Alaska.

Michael Hawfield, associate professor of history and political science at the Kachemak Bay Campus of Kenai Peninsula College (KPC), received the “President's Award” at the annual Alaska Historical Society.
Terri Cowart, KPC Learning Center adult basic education instructor, received the Alaska Adult Education Association's (AAEA) Educator Award at the statewide AAEA meeting in Anchorage.

The New Yorker Magazine published on its website a major excerpt (16 pages) from Alaska Quarterly Review’s (AQR) fall and winter 2013 edition.

The UAA Integrated Suicide Prevention Initiative offers suicide prevention training for students focusing on warning signs of suicide, how to effectively interact with someone who may be at risk and campus and community resources. The trainings are in October, November and December.

**UAF**

A team led by UAF scientists was awarded a $1.7 million National Science Foundation grant to study long-term and ongoing population trends in the Pacific walrus. The project brings together scientists from the U.S. and Canada with expertise in genetics, archaeology, chemistry, ecology and ethnohistory to study the marine mammals, whose sea-ice habitat has been markedly receding in recent years.

KUAC has added "First Nations Experience" to UATV and KUAC's 9.4 channel. The programming, available in Fairbanks on KUAC 9.4 or GCI cable channel 6 and other places in the state on GCI cable where UATV is carried, illustrates the healthy, positive, and real lives and cultures of Native American and indigenous people around the world. FNX adds to the diverse content available to Alaska viewers and supports UAF's core mission values.

Inside Out preview day Oct. 11 saw a record number of nearly 250 prospective students and their parents attend, more than triple last year's fall numbers. Aimed at high school juniors and seniors and their parents, this year's event included waiving application fees for attendees and offering on-site admission for the first time. Another Inside Out preview day will be held March 14.

Pat Pitney, vice chancellor for Administrative Services, vice president of UArctic and 1984 Olympic gold medalist, will participate in the North Pole leg of the Olympic Torch Relay for the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games. She is one of 14,000 people who have been selected to carry the torch during its 35,000-mile, 123-day journey across Russia. In addition to promoting the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, the North Pole torch run leg will highlight the Arctic and cooperation among eight arctic nations.

The fifth annual Arctic Innovation Competition Oct. 18 had a record-breaking 327 entries. The top 20 compete for cash prizes from $100 - $10,000. For the second year youth ages 17 years old and younger compete in a junior division. Ideas include wheelchair retractable studs, GPS hat, fluoridated beeswax, roller skate mops and an inhaler holster. The top ideas can be viewed at www.arcticinno.com/.

UAF and the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital are hosting the second annual Alaska Interior Medical Education Summit Oct. 26. Students and members of the community can explore career options, funding and education in a wide range of health fields from holistic and traditional medicine to allied health, pharmacy and veterinary medicine.
The Charles Koch Foundation made a $15,000 gift to the School of Management.

For additional highlights visit www.uaf.edu/chancellor/highlights/.

**UAS**

The Juneau World Affairs Council held its annual Fall Forum on the Juneau campus Thursday-Saturday October 17-19. The event began with a keynote presentation by Bill Morrison, emeritus Professor from the University of Northern British Columbia Thursday evening. Daytime presentations on Friday October 18 included topical panel discussions on climate change impacts and policy, opportunities for renewable energy exchanges between Alaska, B.C. and the Yukon, Alaska and western Canadian energy issues, and the impact of Arctic issues such as loss of sea ice to the indigenous people of the Arctic. UAS faculty members Eran Hood, Sanjay Pyare, Glenn Wright, and Brian Vander Naald made up the majority of a panel on climate change. Vice Chancellor Joe Nelson joined Canadian counterpart Tosh Southwick from Yukon College in speaking about First Nations issues.

For the Evening at Egan Friday, Morrison presented “The Sinking of the Princess Sophia: a Canadian-American Disaster.” Morrison co-authored the book, The Sinking of the Princess Sophia: Taking the North Down with Her. The tragedy of the Canadian ship near Juneau in 1918 was truly international. The disaster killed all 354 passengers and crew. Their stories show how interconnected the two northern territories were in the early days of their settled history.

Yukon College President Dr. Karen Barnes visited the Juneau campus to participate in the Juneau World Affairs Council/UAS Alaska-Canada relations forum. While in Juneau, she and Chancellor John Pugh signed a new memorandum of agreement about collaboration between their two institutions. That MOA will serve as an ‘umbrella’ agreement and will allow for attachment of program-specific collaboration agreements involving UAS and Yukon College students and faculty.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

- Visited with Governor Parnell about FY15 Budget and Capital projects.
- Campus Visit to PWSCC. Met with newly arrived President Ng and Valdez Mayor.
- Met with President Tilden of Alaska Airlines.
- Met with Senator Pete Kelly on budget matters, along with SW Staff.
- Met with APU President Bantz regarding ‘First Right of Offer’ and road project.
- Held a SW (all staff) employee coffee to discuss current events of mutual interest.
# UA Grant Proposals Awarded

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Administration

• **Upcoming Events**
  - Chancellor’s Holiday Party – December 17 from 3-5 p.m. in the Commons
  - Advisory Board Breakfast – February 12

Alumni Relations

• **4th Annual Green & Gold Gala a Howling Success Update**
  On September 28, the UAA Alumni Association and the Office of Advancement hosted the 4th annual Green & Gold Gala. The event raised more than $100,000 in gifts and pledges and had the highest alumni participation ever.

• **Alumni Relations and UAA Homecoming 2013**
  In October, the UAA Office of Alumni Relations and the UAA Alumni Association built on homecoming traditions, celebrating students and inviting alumni back to campus for UAA Homecoming 2013. Activities included involvement in the UAA Homecoming Shopping Cart Parade, a Good Afternoon Seawolves pizza lunch for students, an Alumni Desert Reception at A Cappella Festivella and the continued sponsorship of photo booths at the annual UAA Homecoming Dance.

• **Bringing Alumni “Home” to UAA**
  In the spirit of bringing alumni “home” for homecoming the Office of Alumni Relations also was able to bring up honored alumnus, Andrew Israel-Swenson, a founding member of the UAA Concert board and the individual who coined the phrase A Capella Festivella. Andrew acted as an ambassador for alumni and alumni relations. He greeted students and worked the alumni association sponsored Good Afternoon Seawolves pizza party, he was interviewed on the student run campus radio station, he met with local alumni, he attended A Capella Festivella and spoke during the opening remarks.

• **Groundbreaking of the UAA Alumni Center**
  Fitting for homecoming, on October 17, UAA celebrated the groundbreaking of the new “home” for UAA alumni, the UAA Alumni Center. The center will house the UAA Office of Alumni Relations and be the home for the UAA Alumni Association as well as gathering place for students and alumni. The center is set to be completed in the middle of February.

Development

• **Annual Giving – Phonathon**
  Now entering our eighth week, Phonathon callers have raised over $70,000 from our alum, including our single largest gift ever of $20,000. We are currently less than $20,000 from reaching our benchmark of $1,000,000 total raised by UAA student callers.

• **Recent Major Gifts**
  - ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. made their final $2.2 million payment on their 5-year, $11 million pledge to establish the ConocoPhillips Arctic Science and Engineering Endowment.
  - The Pebble Limited Partnership made a $75,000 gift for general support of the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP).
  - BP Exploration made a $60,000 gift for general support of the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP).
o Shell Exploration and Production Company made their final $50,000 payment on their 5-year $250,000 pledge to support the Herbert P. Schroeder Chair of ANSEP.
o Rebecca Patterson Bunde donated $25,000 to establish the Patterson/Murphy Endowed Scholarship to benefit non-traditional students.
o Eugene Alston made a $30,000 pledge to support the Building Futures fund for outfitting the new Alaska Airlines Center with important functional enhancements.
o John & Jeannie Snodgrass, Jalmar & Joyce Kerttula, and Alan & Bernice Linn donated a 110-acre parcel of undeveloped land to the Matanuska-Susitna College.
o Paul and Joan Landis reached endowment level on the Paul G. Landis Art Endowed Scholarship, which they created to provide an annual scholarship to art majors at UAA.
o The Rasmuson Foundation made several generous gifts to support totaling $30,000 to support the ISER Center for Alaska Education Policy Research, Culinary Arts Hospitality Scholarships, and furnishings for the new Alumni Center at UAA.
o Janet Faulkner responded to one of our Phonathon callers with a generous gift of $20,000, to be split to support Excellence in Accounting and UAA’s School of Nursing.
o Siemens Industry, Inc. generously donated $25,000 for General Support of the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP).

University Relations

• New Social Media Campaign
  UAA launched a new social media campaign at Campus Kick-Off. In just a little over a month, we’ve seen an increase in all of our social media channels. Numbers of note include:
o 3% increase in Facebook likes in 30 days
o 33% increase in people talking about UAA in 30 days
o Before the campaign, UAA was reaching an average of 2,083 Facebook users per day. During the campaign, the average more than doubled to 5,150 users per day.
o 10% increase in Twitter followers in 30 days.
o 75% increase in Instagram followers in 30 days.

• Amazing Stories
  Amazing Stories television commercials have once again started running on statewide cable. These will be running through November, again over the Olympics, and again in March and April.

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In alignment with the findings from the recent Staff Development Needs & Interest Inventory, the Office of Student Affairs offered three staff development programs during October: “Utilizing MAP-Works Data to Better Understand & Serve UAA Students,” “Introduction to Using Development Theory in Student Affairs Practice,” and “A Synergistic Approach to Higher Education: Academic and Student Affairs.” To view presentation materials and/or recordings of these sessions, please visit the Advancing Staff Excellence website: http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/studentaffairs/advancingstaffexcellence/past-webinars-presentations.cfm.

The next Student Affairs New Staff Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, December 5 and is open to all staff who are new to the Division of Student Affairs as of May 2013.

The Student Affairs Assessment Team (A-Team) has begun hosting Prioritization Prep Sessions and will continue to do so throughout the month of November. The prep sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Friday, November 1: 12 – 1 pm in UC101A
- Friday, November 8: 12 – 1 pm in Student Union: Lyla Richards Conference Room
- Friday, November 15: 12 – 1 pm in UC 101A
- Friday, November 22: 12 – 1 pm in Student Union: Leadership Lab

These prep sessions are designed to provide Student Affairs staff an opportunity to get organized for prioritization. At each session the A-Team is available to help brainstorm and discuss with departments strategies for approaching the template questions, identify information and metrics that can assist in completing the template, and answer questions about the process. This initiative encourages engagement of staff at all levels within each department, as it is recommended that the prioritization templates be discussed and completed together as a group within each functional area. Each department is being supported by an A-Team member who has volunteered to serve as a personal “Prioritization Prepper.” They provide mentoring support, guidance in completing your template with measurable evidence, and suggest strategies for evaluating data and information.

This month, Military & Veteran Student Resource Center (MVSRC) staff attended training at the annual conference for the National Association for Veterans Program Administrators. Staff also conducted one-on-one counseling/coaching sessions for 54 students.

The first half of October was consumed by identifying and communicating how the federal shutdown would affect our students.

MVSRC staff conducted two presentations on diversity in the military and how veteran students on campus present traditional students with a unique mutually beneficial opportunity to both learn from veterans and be a part of the successful transition from the military to civilian life.

Finally, the MVSRC finalized preparations for the Veterans Job Fair with the Department of Labor.
The Multicultural Center co-sponsors Community Cinema Series with the department of Student Activities. On October 29, 25 students viewed and discussed the film *Graduates/Los Graduados*, which is a documentary that explores the pressing issues in education for six Latino/Latina adolescents across the U.S. and how they overcame barriers to realize their dreams.

Multicultural Center Director Andre Thorn accepted the invitation by Chancellor Case and the department of Athletics to serve as a member on the Intercollegiate Athletic Board through June 2016. Director Thorn also met with the visiting University of Washington Physical Therapy Team regarding a potential partnership on November 7.

Student Support Services (SSS) partnered with the Multicultural Center and Educational Talent Search to host a Cultural Celebration on the university campus. Students brought food dishes that are important to their cultural heritage; 35 students participated in the event held on October 25.

SSS held a scholarship information workshop on October 29 for first-year SSS students. The 34 students who participated learned how to access scholarships while SSS staff provided tips on how to successfully apply.

SSS is assisting students with registration by encouraging early registration for spring 2014, identifying barriers, and providing guidance. Students can receive registration assistance by meeting with SSS staff at either the Student Union Lyla Richards room or the Consortium Library during November 11 – 14.

SSS Director Kim Patterson currently serves as a member-at-large on the College Preparatory and Developmental Studies Advisory Board.

Academic and Multicultural Student Services (AMSS) staff are attending the NCBI Conference I in Corvallis, Oregon during November 13-16.

AMSS departments are hosting the following upcoming events:

- November 13: *The State of Arizona* Film Showing and Discussion
- November 14: Camp Fire Champions of Children Breakfast
- November 16: SSS National Day of Service at Covenant House
- November 26: Center for Behavioral Health, Research, and Services
- December 13: SSS Annual Performance Report
Enrollment Services, in conjunction with Student Access, Advising and Transition, is engaged in a comprehensive campaign, “Registration Ready,” to help all students register for spring 2014. Over 3,000 UAA students will be contacted in-person, by phone or email (or all three) before November 11 to help them remove any barriers they have to registering for spring. Related to this effort, the Office of the Registrar hosted four brown bag lunches on campus for staff and faculty on topics related to registration, successful degree completion, and ways to assist students:

- September 19: DegreeWorks: Introduction and review of the latest upgrade
- October 10: Scheduling 101: From class schedule forms to special room requests
- October 24: Gearing up for Registration: Everything you need to know to assist students with a smooth registration process
- November 14: Making the Most of Transfer Work: Learn more about both the traditional and non-traditional transfer credit process, the Transfer Equivalency System, and the academic petition process

A DegreeWorks pizza party in the Student Union on October 31 exceeded expectations with 242 students attending, consuming 39 pizzas in an hour. Feedback was also great, with students reporting the following:

- 34 students have never heard of DegreeWorks
- 44 students have logged in before
- 59 students use DegreeWorks one or two times per semester, usually before registration
- 105 students use DegreeWorks regularly

As one participant said when asked how often she uses it: “Every time my mama calls and wants to know when I’m graduating!” Students were also excited about the new feature that allows them to click on a needed class and see when it is intended to be offered over the next three terms. This was also described as “critical” and “really helpful.”

Enrollment Services is looking ahead to the December/January campus closure and the very short time between the University re-opening on January 6 and the first day of class on January 13. Most Student Financial Assistance and Accounting staff will be working during the closure days to ensure financial aid is processed and the first disbursement on January 3 happens as scheduled, with the maximum number of students possible receiving their aid. All UAA staff and faculty can lend a hand by encouraging students to take care of any business they can before the holiday closure on December 24.
STUDENT ACCESS, ADVISING and TRANSITION

The MAP-Works Fall Transition Survey reached a 78.4% response rate for first-year cohort and 41.2% sophomore cohort for residential students (the highest response rate since the UAA MAP-Works program started at UAA). The North Hall First-Year Experience Living Learning Community reached a 96.7% first-year cohort and 100% sophomore cohort response rate.

During the beginning of November the MAP-Works Peer Mentors are reaching out to all MAP-Works responders who stated they were interested in being paired with a student mentor.

The UAA UA Scholars ceremony and reception to recognize their considerable academic achievement was held on Friday, November 1 with 487 scholars and guests attending. Vice President of Academic Affairs Dana Thomas and Chancellor Case both welcomed the scholars and gave them some words of advice and encouragement. After the ceremony, the UAA Jazz Ensemble entertained as the crowd made their way to the Student Union to mingle with staff and faculty and browse the program information tables.

The Office of New Student Recruitment will offer Application Days at 20 high schools throughout the state, including Anchorage, Chugiak, Eagle River, North Pole, Fairbanks, Nikiski, Bethel, Kodiak, Seward, Kenai, Wasilla, Palmer, and Talkeetna. Application days were implemented last year to support the goal of providing highly personalized service to prospective students as they navigate the path to UAA. Recruiters help students to determine their educational goals, complete the application process, and establish next steps.

Advising and Testing held launch previews of the new “My Major Discovery” program on October 25 and November 1. “My Major Discovery” will become a key tool to help faculty and professional staff provide the guidance necessary to improve students’ ability to make better and timely choices about their academic major.

Advising and Testing held a workshop entitled “How to Create an Academic Plan” at the Commons on October 22. The workshop was promoted to all residential students. This event is one of several upcoming collaborative activities with Residential Life in support of the “Registration Ready” campaign.

The NSO Team participated in the “Registration Ready” campaign and contacted 844 students via email to encourage priority registration. The team checked student statuses to identify barriers to registration and identified 222 students with holds for the following reasons: balance on accounts, needs to meet with an advisor, athletic holds, charges at the Health Center, library, and parking holds.

New Student Orientation in partnership with Multicultural Center hosted a “Stay On Track” Ice Cream Social on October 28 to promote a statewide photo contest; over 150 students attended.
The Career Services Center coordinated a successful 2013 Fall Career Fair with more than 80 companies in attendance and hundreds of job seekers. The Career Services Center was featured in a news article in the UAA newspaper, The Northern Light. The article is on the Professional Clothes Closet service and can be read at: http://www.thenorthernlight.org/2013/10/11/uaa-service-offers-advice-professional-clothing/. The Career Services Center is holding National Career Development Month activities in November.

The Dean of Students Office coordinated a meeting on the Anchorage campus on October 15 to continue work on proposed revisions to the University of Alaska Student Code of Conduct. Representatives from across the University of Alaska system participated in the meeting.

The Dean of Students Office sponsored a series of 12 programs on campus during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week during the week of October 21 – 25.

The Dean of Students Office is in the process of writing the Biannual Students of Concern and Their Behavior Report. The report is meant to inform members of the UAA community about trends in student behavior on campus and the programs in place to support students of concern.

Homecoming Week 2013 was a fabulous successful collaboration lead by Student Life and Leadership students and staff.

Renowned artist, designer, TED talk speaker, and urban planner Candy Chang selected 44 pieces from 164 submissions for the 28th Annual "No Big Heads" national self-portrait competition.

KRUA, 88.1 FM won three Goldie Awards from the Alaska Broadcasters Association for best PSA (on suicide prevention), best show (international Latin beats), and best promotional announcement.

The Student Health and Counseling Center (SHCC) hosted its Health Fair on October 16 that 112 students attended. The Health Fair included 22 information booths as well as a flu clinic. The SHCC also held flu shot clinics for faculty, staff and students October 21-28 and hosted a National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Outreach Booth on October 22.

Phillip Charette, an employee at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, will be a guest artist in the Cama-i Room during the month of November, helping students construct Yupik style clay masks.

West Hall implemented a new desk system that will ultimately enhance the safety and security of UAA residents by accurately tracking guests in the building.

Student Union and Commuter Student Services successfully organized Commuter Student Appreciation Week in which 1400 students participated.
I. Events: Fall Convocation
A conversation will be starting in November about how to improve the beginning of semester events in the fall semester. Concurrent goals are reducing the amount of time spent at events and maintaining necessary functions.

II. Events: Future Commencements
A discussion is underway about changing commencement. If the Alaska Airlines Center is used for commencement there must be more than one graduation per year. Fall and spring graduations as well as multiple spring graduations are being considered. Other changes to commencement may also occur such as changing the day of commencement and changing who speaks.

III. Student Success
The Faculty Senate executive board is continuing to research first year retention and student success work in light of a motion from SAC about minimum entry requirements for baccalaureate degrees. Faculty Alliance has not yet forwarded a motion.

IV. Program Prioritization
Faculty Senate is awaiting formal responses on the October motions. The reconsideration of the quintile system is reported to be ongoing. The open meetings request is reported to be under discussion. The provost did not approve this. The template due date was not met though later deadlines were given. The provost did not approve this. A new motion regarding a future, recurrent process is under discussion at Faculty Senate. This work would require collaboration with staff.