UAA Assembly
Agenda

November 14, 2014
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Dean’s Conference Room - LIB 302A

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      - FAQ [http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/chancellor/](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/chancellor/)
      - Chancellor Case visited the Prince William Sound Community College (PWSCC) and discussed the transition and accreditation process
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      *No report*
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      *Written report only*
   C. Staff Alliance – Liz Winfree and Kathleen McCoy
   D. APT Council – Kathleen McCoy
      *Discussed the proposed new incentives for HealthyRoads; the timeline has not been finalized*
   E. Classified Council – Liz Winfree and Chris Triplett
      *Kathy Lardner joined the committee and will be heading the social and retreat committee*
   F. Union of Students/ Coalition of Students – Stacey Lucason
      *No representative*
G. Alumni Association - Rachel Morse
   Green and Gold Gala raised $80,000 for student scholarships
   Alumni Association has added a new Veteran chapter
   A celebration will be held on November 12th to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the pendulum
   that resides in the UAA/APU Consortium Library
   Alumni can now get a Wolfcard to receive discount tickets for UAA events
   The Alumni Taskforce is still determining a time to begin meeting

VIII. Old Business
   Discussed the common MAU calendar

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Adjourned 9:43
**UAA**

**Student Achievement and Faculty Excellence**: UAA Career Services Center is hosting a series of workshops to support students, including a salary negotiation workshop and an interactive discussion with UAA alumni on careers for socially minded students.

**UAA Partnerships with Alaska’s Schools**: Beginning in FY15 the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) is expanding its Middle School Academy to reach an additional 650 middle school students each year for the next three years with support from a $1M pledge from Alaska Airlines to transport Alaska students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades to Anchorage. ANSEP is partnering with the following school districts: Kenai Peninsula Borough, Mat-Su Borough, Lower Kuskokwim, Anchorage, Northwest Arctic Borough, Lower Yukon, and Fairbanks North Star Borough to draw the additional 650 students. ANSEP continues its formal partnership with Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka and with Alaska Native Cultural Charter School (branch of Anchorage School District). ANSEP pays for a portion of one of their math teachers and recruits their students for various ANSEP components.

**Research in Support of Alaskans**: UAA is a partner in an NIH-funded Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD) collaborative that received an award of nearly $31 million in fiscal year 2014 funds to develop new approaches that engage researchers, including those from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical sciences, and prepare them to thrive in the NIH-funded workforce.

**UAA Accountability to Alaskans**: On Oct. 29 and 30, UAA hosted two Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) peer evaluators for a mid-cycle accreditation site visit. This report and visit are intended to help UAA prepare for our more comprehensive year seven evaluation in 2017. We expect the visit will focus on how UAA uses assessment to adapt and improve in support of student achievement and mission fulfillment.

UAA’s Medical Laboratory Scientist program received the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences official accreditation award based on the review process that included a site visit in spring 2014. Accreditation will continue until October 31, 2021.

Kenai Peninsula College’s Process Technology Program and the Process Technology Program at UAF Community and Technical College have received endorsement as meeting the highest standards from the North American Process Technology Alliance (NAPTA). The endorsement is for a three-year period. NAPTA has endorsed 22 colleges across North America to teach process technology programs.

UAA’s Volleyball team is in the running for the GNAC title and yet another playoff appearance with a 17-4 overall record as of Oct. 26. The Seawolves have set attendance records in the new Alaska Airlines Center this year, with two crowds topping 1,100. The Seawolf Men’s Basketball team successfully hosted its first-ever Green & Gold Madness event and afterwards invited dozens of youngsters down to the court to shoot around with the team.
Congressman Don Young’s legislative assistant, Paul Milotte, is receiving a briefing regarding research at UAA and a tour of the new Engineering and Industry Building and Alaska Airlines Center on Oct. 31.

**UAF**

The U.S. Department of State has announced that scholars at Dartmouth College and UAF will be partners in leading a new Fulbright Arctic Initiative. Mike Sfraga of UAF and Ross Virginia of Dartmouth will serve as distinguished scholar leaders of the program, which will fund interdisciplinary work for 16 scholars from the countries that sit on the Arctic Council, an intergovernmental forum of eight nations, including the United States, that addresses issues faced by Arctic governments and peoples.

UAF will join a $6 million, multi-institutional research effort to expand understanding of the Arctic Ocean's marine ecosystem. The Arctic Marine Biodiversity Observing Network researchers, led by UAF professor of marine biology Katrin Iken, will add new information about the biological diversity of the Arctic system, from microbes to whales, and will work to integrate it with already existing information and data from other ongoing studies. The initial phase of the project will focus on the Chukchi Sea.

State Seismologist and UAF Professor Michael West, with the Alaska Earthquake Information Center, held a press briefing about a recent swarm of earthquakes in the Minto Flats area. Since Labor Day weekend, three earthquakes of magnitude 5 or greater occurred in the area east of Minto. West noted that the Minto region demonstrated in 1995 that it is capable of at least magnitude-6.5 earthquakes, which are 100 times more energetic than recent temblors. Scientists believe the recent activity is occurring on a different fault than 1995. Nevertheless, West said it is a reminder of the potential for stronger quakes.

Natalia Shakhova, research associate professor at UAF’s International Arctic Research Center, wrote the foreword for “Climate Change: The New Economy,” a publication presented at the G7 Summit in Brussels, Belgium, in June. The editor in chief also noted Shakhova’s article saying "This year's foreword by Dr. Natalia Shakhova is compelling and should be read with great trepidation and foresight."

John Eichelberger, UAF Graduate School dean and UArctic dean of graduate studies, received this year’s Sergey Soloviev Medal from the European Geophysical Union. The medal, established by the Division on Natural Hazards in recognition of Soloviev’s scientific achievements, is awarded for outstanding scientific contributions.

Warmer than normal waters in the Gulf of Alaska surprised scientists who have studied the offshore shelf south of Seward for the past 17 years. During a September cruise, the team found the upper 300 feet to be 1 to 5 degrees warmer than the September averages of 55-57°F. They also found warm-water species of plankton, a vital food for fish and other marine life, farther north than usual. Chief scientist Russell Hopcroft said this year was more than 1°F warmer than any other year studied.

KUAC raised more than $465,000 during the fall fundraiser— $83,000 more than the previous year.

The School of Management awarded more than $25,000 in cash prizes after the final round of presentations in the 2014 Arctic Innovation Competition. The competition, in its sixth year, launched a
new Cub division for ages 12 and under. Also new this year were $2,000 prize incentives for the best
Arctic-related idea and best idea from an Alaska university student. The competition was funded by
private donations from Kinross Fort Knox, Design Alaska, BP, Robinson and Associates, and others.

For additional highlights, visit [www.uaf.edu/chancellor/highlights/](http://www.uaf.edu/chancellor/highlights/).

### UAS

Chancellor Pugh has announced his retirement, set for May 29, 2015. Pugh has been at the helm of the
state public university with campuses in Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka since 1999. The announcement
marks the completion of a 28-year career at UAS that began in 1987, including service as the Dean of the
School of Arts and Sciences and the Dean of Faculty. Many significant changes have occurred under
Chancellor Pugh's leadership, including major building projects such as the Egan Classroom Wing,
Recreation Facility and recently completed Freshman Residence Hall on the Juneau campus. He is most
proud of the quality academic and workforce programs developed during his tenure. In a memo to
employees, Pugh thanked staff and faculty for their service and encouraged them “to stay engaged and
work together with the administration to provide a smooth transition in UAS leadership.” UA President
Pat Gamble anticipates a successful changeover to a new UAS Chancellor. He intends to travel to
Juneau in the coming weeks to discuss with Pugh and members of the UAS community the next steps in
finding a successor.

A $23.8 million grant to boost the undergraduate study of biomedical research and health sciences by
rural Alaska students will offer new education opportunities at 10 campuses from Kotzebue to
Ketchikan. The National Institutes of Health announced the five-year grant, one of 10 programs funded
townwide as a means of fostering interest in biomedical and health careers. The Biomedical Learning
and Student Training (BLaST) program is to be led by UAF faculty Barbara Taylor, an associate professor
of neurobiology; Karsten Hueffer, an associate professor of veterinary microbiology; and Arleigh
Reynolds, associate dean of the Department of Veterinary Medicine. In a letter of support for the grant
application, UAS Chancellor John Pugh wrote, “The BUILD BLaST grant support will provide resources for
UAS to enhance and provide greater access to relevant science education and biomedical research
opportunities for UAS undergraduate students. BLaST’s aim to enhance diversity of the biomedical
workforce by engaging rural Alaskan students in science education and biomedical training is an
endeavor we whole-heartedly support.” Pugh also said it "gives us the opportunity to transform science
education in Alaska."

As part of October’s Filipino-American History Month, Filipino Community Inc. (FCI) held a celebration at
the Filipino Community Center to commend Honorary Consul General Jennifer Gomez Strickler for her
service to the community. Chancellor John Pugh presented Strickler with the UAS Meritorious Service
Award for her dedication to strengthening relations between Filipinos and the state of Alaska. Under
Strickler’s leadership, the Filipino Community has enhanced its scholarship program. Nominated for the
award by the President of FCI, Strickler has worked as consul for the Republic of the Philippines in Alaska
since 2002.

At the 2014 Alaska Federation of Natives conference about 200 people crammed into a small conference
room at the Dena’ina Center to witness the Alaska Native Languages bill signing ceremony. Alaska
Native languages program head Lance Twitchell praised the work of Sitka representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins and other lawmakers and stakeholders who advocated for recognition of the 20 Native languages as official languages of the State of Alaska. “We do this for our grandchildren, we do this for our ancestors,” said Twitchell.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

**Academic:**
- An introductory meeting at UAF with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities’ (NWCCU) visiting accreditation team included Chancellor Rogers, Provost Henrichs, and me. The NWCCU team commented positively on the alignment between UAF’s Master Plan and Shaping Alaska’s Future.

**Administrative:**
- President’s Cabinet continued discussions on the FY16 budget. A tentative decision was reached on how to treat weather-related absences. Regulation will be drafted and processed.

- I adopted the following emergency travel restriction regulation today. Concern for lack of such a UA regulation stems from recent international Ebola advice.

**Travel Emergency Regulation 05.02.060 A. 1. b. (9)**
The President of the University of Alaska shall have the authority to issue an emergency travel restriction in the event of a CDC warning level 3 or U.S. State Department warning. If the President issues an emergency travel restriction University of Alaska students, volunteers, and employees, and anyone authorized to travel at University of Alaska expense, shall not travel for University of Alaska study, research or business to areas of countries (and/or countries) referenced in the President’s emergency travel restriction. The President may also issue an emergency travel restriction if a similar authority issues a travel warning of a similar nature. If such travel is necessary for University study, research or business, it must be approved through the appropriate university Chancellor, and the UA Chief Risk Officer.

** Governance:**
- Monthly meeting with Staff Alliance Chair Monique Musick.
# UA Grant Proposals Awarded

**October 17, 2014 - October 30, 2014**

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**STATEWIDE**

**Academic Affairs**

VP Thomas presented at the Alaska Council of School Administrators on Oct. 3 in a meeting that also included a joint session with the UA Teacher Education Consortium. VP Thomas shared the results of a brief survey sent to superintendents on the efficacy and current state of teacher preparation in Alaska.

VP Thomas took part in a panel at the Northwest Association of Education Opportunity Programs annual meeting of TRiO professionals on Oct. 7. The panel focused on college access and completion, rising costs of higher education, and policy changes that would benefit underserved populations.

**Human Resources**

The University of Alaska was invited to present at the Annual CUPA-HR Conference and Expo in San Antonio, TX in September. They gave a presentation titled, “Frenemies? Management and Union are Better Together!” The presentation was targeted toward institutions of higher education with one or more faculty unions and faculty governance organizations. UA participants shared their experiences from recent contract negotiations and voiced how to establish, build and maintain a collaborative union-management working relationship. Discussion included how each party prepared for negotiations, maintained their relationship during difficult dialog, set and established faculty performance expectations, and developed a schedule for contract training (shared resources). The panel took a broad and thorough view of administrative and union positions. The presentation was well received.

**UAA**

Prince William Sound College and UAA are working collaboratively on the accreditation substantive change process with the goal to have NWCCU approval by June 2015. President Gamble and Vice President Thomas have endorsed this approach. Throughout this process the current partnership between PWSC and UAA will continue.

The Alaska Kidney Foundation Scholarship, the largest single private scholarship at UAA, is nearing its 300th scholarship, with an average of 35 scholarships each year between 2002–2014. Cumulatively, the Foundation has donated $563,000 in scholarship assistance to students in UAA’s School of Nursing. The Kidney Foundation has also funded development and delivery of an upper-division nursing elective focused on kidney care. Fourteen nursing students at UAA completed that renal care course in 2013; 16 students completed the course this year.

Associate Professor of Social Work Kathi Trawver is receiving a Health Resources and Services Administration G02 Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training award to increase the number of trained social work professionals to meet the behavioral health needs of Alaska’s youth. The grant awards UAA $300,000 over three years to expand MSW practicum internships in settings providing integrated health and behavioral healthcare to youth and transitional age youth who are at risk of developing, or have developed, a serious behavioral health disorder, and their families.
W. Dean and Ana Weidner contributed $500,000 toward their $3 million pledge to support the Weidner Property Management and Real Estate Professorship. The professorship was established to bring to UAA distinction and leadership in the study of property management and real estate and its relevance to Alaska’s future. The goals of the professorship are to advance property management and real estate teaching and research.

The Alaska Center for Rural Health/Alaska’s AHEC signed the Alaska Forget Me Not Coalition for Service Members, Veterans and Families on September 11. The agreement includes a coalition of agencies to better coordinate housing, education and health-related services for our service members, veterans and their families. AHEC’s new director, Gloria Burnett, is the former dean of students at Ilisagvik College.

The Alaska Health Workforce Coalition began this month to update its Action Agenda for 2016–2019. The agenda includes tracking six priority health occupations (primary care providers; behavioral health clinicians; direct care workers; nurses; pharmacists; physical therapists) and six systems change and capacity building initiatives (health professional loan repayment and incentives program; aligning regulatory policies that impact health workforce; training and professional development; engaging and preparing Alaska youth for health careers; health workforce recruiting; health workforce data).

UAA staff and faculty members (439 and 313 respectively) completed a survey of their views on a smoke-free campus. More than 80 percent of UAA faculty and staff who responded to the survey support having a comprehensive smoke-free policy on campus.

http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/chancellor/smoke-free-policy-survey-results.cfm

UAF

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights staff visited UAF Oct. 6–7 and met with a number of students and staff before heading to Anchorage, Juneau and Bethel. When the team arrived, a robust educational campaign on Title IX rights and responsibilities was in progress and included an extensive training initiative. As of Oct. 6, nearly 95 percent of staff and faculty, nearly 80 percent of student employees and nearly 50 percent of temporary/adjunct employees had completed training.

UAF will host an Arctic Technology Engagement Workshop on Nov. 11 to assist the National Petroleum Council’s Arctic Research Study. This is the third of three planned workshops within the research and technology component of the NPC study for the Department of Energy. The study will provide perspective on research and technology to support prudent development of Arctic oil and gas resources.

UAF will kick off a celebration of the Arctic with a talk from Alice Rogoff, publisher of the Alaska Dispatch News on Nov. 12. Rogoff, whose Alaska Dispatch Publishing LLC bought the Anchorage Daily News in April, also chairs the advisory council for the international Arctic Circle organization. Other events on the Fairbanks campus Nov. 12–13 include an international flag dedication, poster session, a resource fair for students and a town hall-style presentation.

A new contest offered by UAF will give students from across the country a chance to collaborate on ways to produce Alaska’s heavy oil. Participants in UAF’s Petroleum Engineering Challenge will solve the problem of producing heavy oil from a typical North Slope reservoir. The thick, dense oil isn’t easily extracted with traditional production wells. The winning team will be awarded a minimum of $2,000. More details can be found at cem.uaf.edu/petroleumchallenge.
Delegates from Jilin Agricultural University, in Changchun, China, visited Fairbanks in October to work with the School of Natural Resources and Extension. The visit is a follow-up to a memorandum of understanding signed in July 2013 and included a presentation on JAU scholarships from the Chinese government and the exchange program.

The School of Management will award more than $25,000 in cash prizes Saturday, Oct. 18 after the final round of presentations in the 2014 Arctic Innovation Competition. The competition, in its sixth year, launched a new division for ages 12 and under. Entrants were asked to propose new, feasible and potentially profitable ideas for solving real-life problems and challenges.

The University of Alaska Museum of the North received the 2014 Award for Excellence in the Museum Field from Museums Alaska for *Denali Legacy: 100 Years on the Mountain*, which was on exhibit from May 2013 through April 2014. This installation explored the first ascent of North America's tallest mountain by four ordinary people — Walter Harper, Harry Karstens, Hudson Stuck, and Robert Tatum. Guest Curator Angela Linn, discovered an original artifact, a flag made along the trail by one of the climbers and flown at the summit. She also tracked down the climbers' journals from archives and libraries across the country. They were displayed together for the first time in a century.

The Chancellor’s State of the University Address delivered Sept. 26 is available online.

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

**UAS**

The Ketchikan campus will receive $6,620,500 over the next five years from federal Title III funds to increase the number of Alaska Natives and rural Alaskans who complete courses and training programs. The funding will also be used to renovate classroom and lab space for current workforce training programs and expand technological capabilities. Included in the plan will be transformation of the UAS Ketchikan Technical Center into the UAS Regional Maritime Technical Training Center — a goal that aligns with expansion of shipyard and maritime services in Ketchikan and southern Southeast Alaska.

Writer and Juneau campus English faculty Ernestine Hayes is one of five recipients of the 2014 Alaska Literary Awards. Hayes' books include her American Book Award winning memoir “Blond Indian,” as well as a book on Juneau’s early history called “Juneau,” and a children’s book called “The Story of Town Bear and Forest Bear,” the first-ever children’s book written entirely in Tlingit (with a companion volume in English). Hayes was also one of two poets honored through the Poetry in Place project in 2013, which placed poems by Hayes and fellow UAS English faculty Emily Wall on permanent signage in Totem Bight State Historical Park in Ketchikan. Five literary artists were selected from a pool of nearly 100 applications. Each will receive a $5,000 fellowship. The annual awards are made possible by Peggy Shumaker and Joe Usibelli through their donation to the Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation and administration by the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

The Southeast Alaska Shellfish Farming Workshop is presenting a comprehensive look at this growing industry through lectures in Ketchikan and four other Southeast Alaska communities during the month of October. Ray RaLonde, aquaculture specialist for the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, presented a three-day beginning shellfish farming workshop on the
Ketchikan campus Oct. 9–11. Evening lectures on shellfish farming are being held in Metlakatla, Petersburg, Juneau and Yakutat.

Assistant Professor of Social Sciences Lora Vess published “The Role of the PSA in Graduate Student Training and Professional Development” in *The American Sociologist*. This was part of a special issue on the Self-Examination of a Regional Association. In May, Vess presented “Integrating Sociological and Health Research” at the Universitat de Vic in Vic, Spain.

The Juneau campus hosted the Empty Chair Project Oct. 17 and 18. On Oct. 17, Seattle-based arts group, Living Voices, presented *Within the Silence*, the story of Juneau teenager John Tanaka’s internment experience. Living Voices is known for their historical presentations throughout the US. A special screening of *The Empty Chair* produced by Juneau filmmaker Greg Chaney was offered on Oct. 18. *The Empty Chair* is the story of how the Juneau community stood in quiet defiance against the internment of American citizens.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

Academic Affairs and Research:

- Met with Coalition of Student Leaders on Friday, Oct. 10.

Administrative:

- Continued to work on the November FY16 draft budget proposal to the BOR with President’s Cabinet including chancellors and provosts. The half-day long meeting was very productive.

University Relations:

- Attended Denali Commission board meeting on October 6.
- Spoke at Fairbanks Rotary on October 9.
- Addressed UA Statewide staff questions on October 16 at the fall edition of “Conversations with the President.”
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 beginning in mid-October.

*Reminder for faculty to please RSVP - http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/commencement/faculty.cfm - to assure there is sufficient seating at the event.

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.

*Reminder for faculty to please RSVP - http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/commencement/faculty.cfm - to assure there is sufficient seating at the event.

Chancellor’s Holiday Party – Dec. 4, Alaska Airlines Center

Alumni Relations
Alumni Events in the Lower 48
Alumni Relations hosted two events in the Lower 48 in October. Rachel Morse met with alumni for lunch in Phoenix on October 19. Earlier that week, Dean John Stalvey joined Alumni Relations in Chicago at an event hosted in the downtown Loop district. The Chicago alumni in attendance expressed their interest in starting a regional chapter, which would bring the UAA Alumni Association to 14 chapters overall.

System Governance Council
Rachel Morse, assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations, was elected System Governance Council Chair.

UAA Alumni Spirit
The second issue of UAA Alumni Spirit—the biannual magazine written directly for UAA alumni—is now at the printers and will arrive in alumni mailboxes across the country in early November.

Development
Corporate and Foundation Gifts
  • The Rasmuson Foundation donated $1,250,000 to the Alaska Native Science Engineering Program General Support fund for Institutional Sustainability.
Holland America Line contributed $165,000 toward its pledge to support the Cuddy Hall Renovation Project and the Center for Economic Development General Support fund.

Cornerstone General Contractors gave a gift of $150,000 to name the Gymnastics Training Center at the Alaska Airlines Center.

Providence Health System in Alaska contributed $75,000 toward its pledge to support the School of Nursing Expansion.

Wells Fargo donated $60,000 to the Building Futures fund.

Anchorage Fracture & Orthopedic Clinic contributed $40,000 toward its pledge to support the Building Futures fund.

Council of Alaska Producers contributed more than $39,000 toward its pledge to support the Visiting Professor of Public Policy.

KTUU-TV has committed $15,000 in-kind support of the Seawolf Debate Program’s hosting of the 2015 US Universities Debating Championship.

SaltChuk donated $15,000 to support the Alaska Women’s Summit.

BP contributed $14,000 toward its pledge to support Excellence in Engineering and donated $10,000 toward the Alaska Women’s Summit.

The Atwood Foundation renewed its support of the Elaine Atwood Journalism Scholarship with a $10,000 gift.

ConocoPhillips Alaska donated $10,000 to support the Alaska Women’s Summit.

ExxonMobil has committed to providing the ExxonMobil Innovation Advancement Scholarship at the $10,000 level in honor of the Alaska Women’s Summit.

Skinny Raven Sports contributed $10,000 toward its pledge for the Building Futures fund.

Individual Gifts

Harold R. Casey made a planned gift at the Leadership Circle ($20,000 or greater) to support the School of Nursing.

Ted B. Trueblood pledged at the Leadership Circle ($20,000 or greater) to the Ted and Gloria Trueblood Arctic Engineering Endowment and the Engineering Facilities fund.

An anonymous donor made a planned gift at the Leadership Circle ($20,000 or greater) to help make possible faculty and student research in northern anthropology.

Maynard Nuss donated a Cessna 140 to the Aviation Technology Division.

University Relations

New Public Relations and Marketing Manager to start Nov. 17
University Relations has hired Sarah Henning as the university’s new Public Relations and Marketing Manager. For the past six years, Sarah has served as the Marketing and PR Manager for the Anchorage Museum. While there, she helped institute a new brand, secured several local and national media stories, and oversaw print and electronic communications. Sarah will join the University Relations staff on Nov. 17.

UAA Social Media Presence Continues to Grow
The university’s presence on various social media channels continues to grow, thanks to the efforts of Social Media Specialist Catalina Myers. The institution’s Facebook page has grown to 10,718 “likes.” UAA’s Twitter following is at 3,771. LinkedIn is at 26,737 followers, and Instagram is at 677 followers. All numbers are as of Monday, Nov. 3, 2014.
• **Commencement Advertising Partnership with *Alaska Dispatch News***
For the past several years, UAA and the *Anchorage Daily News* have had a partnership to advertise the annual commencement celebration with large ads in the print and online *ADN* publications. With the recent transition of the *Anchorage Daily News* to *Alaska Dispatch News*, and the university’s decision to have two ceremonies each year, University Relations has been in conversation with the newspaper on how to continue this partnership. The newspaper has recently agreed to continue this arrangement moving forward.

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Office of Student Affairs & Assessment
In a continued commitment to supporting student learning, success, and degree completion, Student Affairs is spearheading a pilot of the Student Success Collaborative (SSC). An implementation team of academic affairs and student affairs partners has begun the project planning process. SSC is a tool developed by the Education Advisory Board (EAB) that combines technology, research, and predictive analytics to gain insight into the factors driving student attrition, enabling systematic change to improve student success outcomes.

Leveraging historical academic data and predictive modeling, UAA will be able to detect obstacles to degree completion, calculate the likelihood of a student to graduate based upon their academic history, and identify and support students who are at risk of failing to complete a program.

Key ways this initiative will benefit UAA include:
• informing academic leaders regarding course combinations and academic pathways which slow student progress or cause students to experience barriers to completion;
• presenting high level benchmarks assessing overall health, distribution of risk, and student success indicators across each program;
• providing actionable data to reveal target areas for improvement and to optimize return on investment within individual colleges, majors, and specific populations; and
• helping at-risk, off-path, undeclared or in-transition students evaluate and compare alternative majors based on their predicted academic performance through data-driven advising.

Military & Veteran Students Resource Center (MVSRC)
In celebration of Veterans Appreciation week, MVSRC coordinated a variety of events and opportunities for the UAA community to engage in. This included:
• 11/7 - Veterans Job Fair
• 11/8 - Veterans Memorial Run
• 11/10 - Military to College with guest speaker Andrew O’Brien
• 11/11 - Helping our Military and Veteran Students Transition into College with guest speaker Andrew O’Brien
• 11/11 - Veterans: An Enduring Story of Service, lecture and open forum with Chancellor Case
• 11/12 - Resource Fair
• 11/13 - Comedy Warriors/Healing Through Humor
• 11/14 - Federal Resume Workshop

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 thirty students, faculty and staff attended.

In collaboration with the Student Health & Counseling Center, MCC provides a weekly opportunity to learn about health issues that affect students based on their family health history, current lifestyles and habits. Students learn health risks and ways to live a healthier life while in college. MCC hosts these informational sessions every Tuesday from 1 - 1:20 pm at the Multicultural Center throughout November and December.

The AHAINA graduation ceremony will take place on December 13, 2014 to recognize AHAINA students who completed their undergraduate or graduate degree during the Fall 2014.

Native Student Services (NSS)
On October 16, NSS hosted 48 prospective students from the Bering Straits School District (BSSD). These high school juniors and seniors “experienced college” by attending a classroom lecture on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). Following the lecture, the students met in NSS for an overview of the services offered at UAA and the steps needed to enroll in college.

NSS will be partnering with the Alaska Native Council (ANC) and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (ASES) student clubs to host the Giving Thanks Dance Celebration on Friday November 21 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm in the Lucy Cuddy Center.
This fall, every department in Enrollment Services (ES) is actively engaging students in conversations about spring registration. Student Information Advisors contacted approximately 1,500 students to help them resolve holds or other barriers to spring registration, while the Office of Admission made individual contact with all students still missing required documents. Housing, Residence Life, Accounting Services, and Enrollment Services staff made a special effort to contact students living in University housing with unpaid accounts.

Office of the Registrar
The Office of the Registrar hosted its annual DegreeWorks Pizza parties. More than 500 students attended. Attendees were surveyed about their knowledge and use of DegreeWorks: 79% of students surveyed were aware of DegreeWorks, with 42% of those using it at least monthly. The office also hosted a Schedule Planner Ice Cream Social with more than 100 students stopping by to learn more about Schedule Planner and their registration day.

The Office of the Registrar and University Advancement are in the last stages of planning for UAA's first Fall Commencement Ceremony, which will be the first ceremony held in the Alaska Airlines Center. The 964 students who are eligible to graduate (about 100 more than last year) are invited to participate in the ceremony. The Office of the Registrar and University Advancement contacted all students who appear to have completed their program this semester but have not applied for graduation.

Office of Student Financial Assistance (OFSA)
The $avvy $eawolf Financial Literacy Series expanded to include sessions on investing and homeownership to prepare Seawolves for life after UAA.

OFSA has launched brown bag lunch workshops to increase staff and faculty knowledge of financial aid:

- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) - November 13, 1-2pm, Lyla Richards Room, Student Union
- Financial Aid 101: Introduction to the Application and Awarding Process - January 23, Noon-1pm, Lyla Richards Room, Student Union
- Determining Student Eligibility - February 27, Noon-1pm, Lyla Richards Room, Student Union
- VA Educational Benefits - March 27, Noon-1pm, Lyla Richards Room, Student Union

It is not too early for students to start thinking about scholarships and financial aid for next school year. Scholarship workshops for students began this month and continue through the scholarship deadline on February 15.

Office of Student Information
The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Customer Relationship Management software (CRM) has been released and vendor proposals are due November 13. A team from UAA and UAF will review the proposals with the goal of selecting a vendor by year-end. Both universities plan to purchase the same product, but separate instances to allow for local customization. Implementation will commence with a “go-live” goal of late summer 2015.

Students contacting the Enrollment Services one stop will experience a change in how their calls or visits are handled. The new customer services software, written in-house by Electronic Student Services, is up-and-running. For issues that cannot be resolved during the first contact a ticket will be created, similar to the ITS call center. The system will route tickets to appropriate expert staff or directors to resolve the issue and follow up with the student. Meanwhile, the student will receive an email confirming the creation of a ticket and the issue to be resolved. ES will use the data collected from the system to identify common issues that might be addressed proactively, staff training needs, and for planning staff levels.
In collaboration with the Alaska Court System, SAAT staff New Student Recruiter Andrea Jones and Senior Professional Academic Advisor Kristin Bogue participated in the “Success Inside & Out” Conference on October 25. The event was a professional pre-release conference for women at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center. Andrea and Kristin served on a panel to discuss higher educational opportunities available for the women upon release.

Career Services Center (CSC)
The CSC held the Fall Career Fair on Thursday, October 16 at the UAA Student Union. More than 90 companies and 182 employers attended the Career Fair.

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)
The EOC hosted the 33rd Annual Anchorage Alaska College and Career Fair 2014 at the Egan Civic and Convention Center on October 19 and 20. More than 100 representatives from colleges, universities, and employers from around the country were present to offer Alaskan students and adults access to a postsecondary education experience and career exploration. This year 20 public and private high schools attended from local and rural Alaska. More than 2,000 individuals attended the Fair.

Educational Talent Search (ETS)
The TRiO ETS program hosted career exploration field trips for their students in October. During the high school students’ trip on October 17, 26 students toured the Culinary Arts program, the Nursing simulation lab, WWAMI’s gross anatomy lab, the Fine Arts Building, and the Alaska Airlines Center’s sports medicine and rehabilitation center. University Housing and Dining Services graciously provided lunch to the students.

During the middle school career exploration field trip on October 24, 30 students toured the Allied Health Sciences degree programs, the Culinary Arts program and facilities, the Alaska Airlines Center’s sports medicine and rehabilitation center. Student surveys showed that 90% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed that they have a better understanding as to whether or not one of these careers would be a good match for them.

New Student Recruitment
The Office of New Student Recruitment welcomed two new members to the Recruitment team: Craig Mead and Sarah Hill. Filling the newly created Transfer Coordinator position, Craig will focus on recruiting transfer students and will work with other key offices on campus to build a transfer-friendly process that will more effectively attract this important market. In her new role as a traditional student recruiter, Sarah will be concentrating efforts on the recruitment of out-of-state students, primarily on the East Coast and Texas.

UA Scholars & Alaska Performance Scholars Program
Students of Excellence Meet and Greet for UA Scholars and Alaska Performance Scholars was held on October 24 in the Wolf Den. Forty-five faculty, staff, advisors, deans, university administrators, and students were in attendance and made meaningful connections. Representatives from the Honors College, Multicultural Center, College of Engineering, and Legal Studies Program also attended to promote their programs, giving students the opportunity to learn more about each program.
Dean of Students Office
The Dean of Students Office hosted National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week during the week of October 20 - 24. Departments collaborated to offer a series of programs to educate members of the UAA community about alcohol.

The Faculty Senate Academic Honesty and Integrity Committee has published a Faculty Guide to Academic Integrity that was written in collaboration with the Dean of Students Office. The new publication outlines examples of academic misconduct, strategies for prevention and intervention, a flow chart of the student conduct process, and frequently asked questions.

The Care Team joined the National Behavioral Intervention Team Association's BIT Core Q-10 Guide for Policy Beta Test Group to assist in the development of UAA's Care Team Policy and Procedure Manual. The Care Team Coordinator is supervising a doctoral intern from the clinical and community psychology Ph.D. program at UAA to assist with the development and promulgation of organizational and procedural documents.

The Care Team has experienced a 68% increase in referrals for the same time period as last year. This is an additional 88 reports for July 1 – November 6.

Department of Residence Life (DRL)
In collaborating with the Student Health & Counseling Center, DRL has reduced the number of students out of compliance with Board of Regents Policy on immunization records by 360.

In collaboration with the Office of the Registrar, DRL reduced the number of students with past due bills from 760 to 180.

Main Apartment Complex (MAC) staff held their annual MAC-O-Lantern Mania on October 24. MAC staff provided over 40 pumpkins for carving and a lot of treats for hungry carvers.

Student Health & Counseling Center (SHCC)
SHCC was awarded the “Preceptor of the Year” designation by the Alaska Association of Nurse Practitioners at the Alaska Nurse Practitioner Conference on September 18. This is an annual award given to a healthcare provider or providers who have exemplified outstanding contributions in the areas of mentoring and supporting student nurse practitioners.

Through a fiscal partnership with UAA Housing, the SHCC obtained immunization management software. This software system allows for an unprecedented level of support for assuring immunization compliance of students living in the UAA Residence Halls.

Student Life & Leadership (SL&L)
A night with “Bill Nye, the Science Guy” was an incredible success with a sell-out crowd of 1,950 people. SL&L collaborated with West Anchorage HS and Anchorage School District to present this event, strengthening the bonds between local educational institutions. KRUA and The Northern Light collaborated on a multimedia interview with Nye who discussed science education, space exploration, and climate change.

USUAA passed a resolution supporting designated smoking areas on campus. They plan to present this to the Chancellor along with an implementation plan. USUAA and Dining Services Annual Thanksgiving Day Feast will be Thursday, November 27 from 11 am to 1 pm.

Student Union & Commuter Student Services (SU&CSS)
In support of the midterm elections and students having the opportunity to exercise their right to vote on important Alaskan issues, SU&CSS set up mobile commuter tables on November 3 and 4 to inform students with candidate, ballot measure, and voting information.

SU&CSS is planning Late Nights for December 1 through 11. SU&CSS will provide food, relaxation and other wellness programs to support students through finals. SU&CSS is currently seeking donations from departments as well as faculty and staff to help support these programs. Monetary donations, in-kind support and volunteers are required to make this event success. Please contact Dana Sample at 786-1896 or dlsample@uaa.alaska.edu to assist with Late Nights program.
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Report of the President

NWCCU mid-cycle accreditation site visit
Last week I participated in the NWCCU accreditation visit to UAA. While the official written report won’t be sent to UAA for a few weeks, the feedback we received was generally positive and very useful. I believe the feedback will not only help us have a successful re-accreditation process in 2017, but also allow us to communicate with the UA Board of Regents and others the meaning and purpose of independent accreditation for our university.

Community campus coordination
There are two efforts underway to clarify the relationship between community campuses and main campuses, in particular around the authority to make decisions around faculty hiring and who teaches particular courses. One of these is a UAA-specific discussion, chaired by Bonnie Nygard, and another is a UA system-wide discussion being led by Vice President for Academic Affairs Dana Thomas. The UAA group is developing guidelines around the hiring of faculty to teach courses on community campuses and is looking at the UAF “Red Book” that specifies how that happens at UAF community campuses. The statewide discussion is around a statement of the role and mission of community campuses, which VP Thomas hopes to bring forward to the UA Regents in December. The latest draft of that statement, and a response and alternative from community campus directors, is attached to the senate agenda. I will share more information on both efforts when it is available.

Space Management Policy
Per the recommendation of the Faculty Senate Budget, Planning and Facilities Advisory Board, the Faculty Senate passed a motion in support of the Space Management Policy draft submitted to the Faculty Senate E-board by Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities & Campus Services Chris Turletes on October 13, 2014. A copy of the draft policy is included in the November Faculty Senate Agenda.

Provost Search
The national search for a new UAA provost is underway. The position has been posted to a broad array of national sites and publications, and committee members have also been engaging in targeted outreach and recruitment efforts. All applications are going through the search firm consultant and not through UAKJobs. A copy of the search announcement is attached as an information item, and we hope that you will reach out to your colleagues and friends across the nation. We want a strong pool of candidates! I can also connect interested applicants directly with the search consultant.
Faculty Alliance
As mentioned last month, the Faculty Alliance proposed a Common Calendar Task Force and strategy to President Gamble; this has been implemented. The task force consists of 4 faculty (including 1 rural rep), 3 Registrars, 1 administrator, and 1 technical representative (staff). Members were sought based on their familiarity with a variety of course delivery methods, student needs, accreditation requirements, needs and constraints of rural and urban campuses, and familiarity with space needs and constraints. Faculty Alliance has since requested that 3 students be added to the task force, and has solicited nominations from the Coalition of Student Leaders. The task force charge was included in the October 2014 Faculty Senate report, but as a reminder, the task force will provide a brief preliminary report by December 1, 2014 to the President, Faculty Alliance, and university leadership. The final report will be due by February 16, 2015 and will include both a summary and set of recommendations and/or options for implementation of the calendar alignment mandate.

UNAC meeting
The three faculty senate presidents and the Faculty Alliance chair were invited to meet with the UNAC Representative Assembly on October 25. While there were a number of items on the agenda, the major topic of discussion was the UA Board of Regents. A video of the interaction between Faculty Alliance Chair Dave Valentine and the BoR was shared at the meeting.

Visit to Mat-Su campus
Tara Smith and I met with faculty members at the Mat-Su College on October 14. We had a good (if too short) conversation after which I toured the campus with college director Talis Colberg. Everyone in Anchorage should plan on going to a show at the new Glenn Massay Theater when it opens later this fall – it’s a beautiful facility!

UA Statewide Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research Search
The search for a new UA VPAA is also underway. That search is being led by Dr. Ashok Roy, Vice President for Finance & Administration/ CFO, University of Alaska System. Information on the search is as follows:

The University of Alaska System (UA) invites letters of interest for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs & Research (VPAA & R). UA seeks a visionary, collaborative and innovative leader who will identify synergies to build strong teams to support large, transformative academic and research initiatives.

Vice President for Academic Affairs & Research
Reporting to the UA President, the VPAA & R is the Chief Academic Officer of UA and directs the development and implementation of comprehensive strategies in keeping with the mission; represents the university to external funding organizations, school districts, partners and governmental departments/agencies; advises the President and Board of Regents on matters of academic policy, vision, and strategic planning; and helps implement "Shaping Alaska's Future." The position will work closely and collaboratively with the three chancellors, provosts, other vice presidents and faculty governance, as well key external stakeholders, including K-12 partners, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, the Northwest
Commission on Colleges and Universities (the regional accrediting body for seven states, including Alaska) and many others.

**University**
The University of Alaska System consists of three separately accredited universities encompassing 16 campuses across Alaska. In Fall 2013 the University System enrolled 32,696 students for credit, and employed 4,502 full-time employees. The University has a rich tradition of supporting excellence in academics and research and service.

**Qualifications**
- Earned doctorate
- Distinguished record of academic research, teaching, and administrative leadership
- Exceptional leadership qualities
- Ability to create a vision, develop a strategic plan, and collaboratively lead its implementation across the UA System
- Understanding and knowledge of multicultural and diversity issues and their importance to the Alaskan community and the UA mission
- Experience with unionized faculty preferred

**Application Process**
The search committee invites letters of interest to be submitted to the University of Alaska President, Patrick Gamble, electronically to the following address: ua.president@alaska.edu, with a copy to the CHRO, Erik Seastedt, eseastedt@alaska.edu.

Priority consideration will be given to letters of interest submitted by December 31, 2014. Letters of interest received after this date may be considered at the discretion of the search committee and/or hiring authority.

The University of Alaska is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer and educational institution. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other status protected by law. Applicants needing reasonable accommodation to participate in the application and screening process should contact the local Human Resources office.

More information is at: [www.uakjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=85727](http://www.uakjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=85727)
UAA Alumni Association

The alumni association is continuing to work on building the alumni association board of directors and request that UAA assembly members forward names of qualified alumni to Rachel Morse. Nine in the Spine, the alumni association spring semester event has been set for Thursday, February 26th. That is the Thursday of Winterfest. Alumni form 4 person teams that play a mini putt-putt course through the spine. Student clubs design the holes and can have one student play on an alumni team. If you know of interested alumni or student clubs please contact Jennifer Wisel in the alumni relations office (786-1701 or jawisel@uaa.alaska.edu)
Student Employment Task Force

**Scope:** the student employment task force was authorized by the president of the UAA assembly at September 2014 meeting to look into issues raised by the USUAA student government representative about the availability and accessibility of student jobs, partnered with concern expressed by classified council members that plenty of student jobs exist but remain unfilled. **Members:** Rachel Morse, Stacey Lucason, Chris Triplett, and Ryan Bucholdt.

The task force met on 10/31. Attendees: Rachel Morse, Ryan Bucholdt, Chris Triplett, and invited guests Joanne von Pronay (Career Services), Danica Bryant (Career Services) and Catalina Meyers (University Relations, social media).

The task force members agreed that the task force has the following three objectives:

**Task Force Objectives:**
1. Provide recommendations to make sure student jobs are advertised where students look.
2. Provide recommendations for how to add value to the student employment opportunity for students and the University.
3. Identify issues with student employment and bring back to the assembly for further discussion

The task force discussed the issues around how students find out about jobs on campus, how students navigate the process and how students utilize career services, what role career services has, and could have in promoting jobs on campus, the virtues of a social medial campaign to promote jobs to students. Rachel has a meeting with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bruce Schultz this week to discuss the role of the task force and opportunities for participation/input from Student Services.