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Recognized the merging of the APT and Classified Council into the Staff Council

VI. Administrative Reports

A. Chancellor, Tom Case

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Engineering and Industry Building was held on September 10th. Well attended by many community leaders including the Governor, Mayor, and multiple legislators.

Had three faculty members visit the campus from Norway to learn more about experimental economics as they prepare to start their own program.

Discussed BOR agenda items.

Continuing to work on the Title IX organizational approach. Focusing on how the community campuses are covered and served.

B. Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor, Sam Gingerich

Discussed international enrollments and recruitment strategies

C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, Bill Spindle

Discussed budget – showed a portion of the presentation that was provided to Statewide and PBAC
D. **Vice Chancellor of Advancement, Megan Olson** (pg. 6-8)

Highlighted upcoming events:
- Atwood Foundation celebration is being held next week
- Green and Gold Gala is scheduled for September 26th
- Phonathon begins next week and they are looking to hire students
- Celebrity Chef Invitational (fundraiser to support Culinary Arts) is being held next week

E. **Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Bruce Schultz** (pg. 9-12)

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services, Eric Pedersen, attended on behalf of Student Affairs
- Hired a new Director of Disability Support Services
- At the close of the add/drop deadline, UAA is at 2.1 percent behind last year’s credit hour production and 1.6 behind last year’s headcount

VII. **New Business**

VIII. **Old Business**

A. Transition and Continuance
   i. Meeting Protocol
      - Encourages reports to better serve the committee
   ii. Meeting Schedule (pg. 13)
      - February date may change

B. Constitution and Bylaws
   - Formed a committee to review and update the Constitution and Bylaws
   - Members include: Ryan Hill, Toby Long, Audrey Malone

C. Shared Governance Committee Update/Charge
   - Conversation are beginning to happen regarding governance practices – with new leadership at Statewide, now is a prime time to begin having these conversations

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      Staff Alliance retreat was held in August
      UAKJobs is in the process of being replaced with a new software called PageUp

D. **Staff Council** – John Moore and Chris Triplett
   - Annual fall retreat was held on September 3rd in which they discussed yearly goals and committee assignments. First regularly scheduled meeting will be held the first Thursday of October.
E. **Union of Students/ Coalition of Students** – Jonathan Taylor and Matthieu Ostrander (pg. 14)
   *Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws were approved at the beginning of the semester*

F. **Alumni Association** - Rachel Morse
   *Gave out 24 scholarships this academic year*

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Administration

- **Fall Hooding and Commencement Ceremonies – Dec. 12 and Dec. 13**
  Save the date for the fall Hooding and Commencement ceremonies! Hooding will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m. in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium. Commencement will take place Sunday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. in the Alaska Airlines Center. For details and to RSVP, please visit – https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/commencement/faculty/index.cfm.

Alumni Relations

- **Alumni Night at the UAA-UAF Volleyball Game – Oct. 13**
  Two alumni chapters met on campus for the UAA-UAF volleyball game on Oct. 13. The College of Arts & Sciences chapter hosted their first official event, grabbing green foam fingers in the Varsity Sports Grill before filling their block in the alumni section. The Seawolf Athlete chapter caught the first of four home games against UAF, and will return for women’s basketball, men’s basketball and ice hockey this season.

  If you’re interested in connecting with alumni for an event like this, please let us know. Alumni Relations can get you in touch with former students and generate ideas for a future event. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 907-786-1942 or alumnirelations@uaa.alaska.edu.

- **Alumni ParTee: 9 in the Spine Now Seeking Student Clubs – Feb. 24**
  Alumni Relations’ annual indoor mini-golf event is coming up on Wednesday February 24. As in previous years, alumni teams will return to campus to putt their way through the Spine on a course designed by student clubs. If you advise a student club, encourage them to design a hole and participate in this fun, creative networking opportunity.

  Interested clubs can contact Alumni Relations at 907-786-1942 or alumnirelations@uaa.alaska.edu to get involved.

- **Alumni Spirit Magazine**
  The latest issue of Alumni Spirit magazine flew out to more than 44,000 alumni addresses around the world in October. The fall issue featured alumni stories from Anchorage and Koyukuk to Burkina Faso and Mongolia. Read through the digital edition of the magazine at the Alumni Spirit website.

Development

- **GCI** donated $50,000, **UBS Financial Services** donated $40,000 and **Pepsi-Cola** donated $30,000 to the Building Futures for Seawolf Athletics.

- **EHD Enterprises** donated $10,000 to support the BAJA student project.

- **GCI** sponsored the Alaska Women’s Summit. UAA is pleased to have served as event host and partner of this incredible Alaska event. Sponsor support helped create a high-quality, unique experience for hundreds of attendees in October.
• **Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska** donated $34,000 to the WWAMI Clinical Faculty Development fund.

• **Frontier Precision, Inc.** donated a Virtual Reference Station to the College of Engineering.

• **ExxonMobil** donated $20,000 to KPC for a Process Technology Program in Kenai.

• **The Mixsell Piccard Family** gave a major gift to the Engineering Facilities fund.

• **Phonathon**
  Phonathon has raised over $45,000 to date for scholarships and programs with 485 donors. We have three weeks of calling left before the break and hope to reach our goal of $81,500 for the fall calling semester.

**University Relations**

• **Hashtags**
  - Share photos, posts, thoughts and school spirit via social media - #UAA, #UAAmazing, #SeawolfNation and #Seawolfinit

• **Social Media Updates**
  - UAA’s announcement of the new in-state advanced pharmacy degree collaboration with Idaho State University’s College of Pharmacy dominated likes, clicks and shares for this month’s top Facebook story, while Alaska becoming the first state to declare Indigenous People’s Day was Twitter’s top news.
  - While tagging a page has always been popular on Facebook, students are now “checking in” when they come to UAA to attend class, study or meet with friends, averaging about 60 check-ins per week.
  - UAA’s Facebook and Twitter continue to be a vehicle of customer service for students and community members and we are working with UAA’s Parking Services to help promote their student, faculty and staff survey on how to improve the on-campus parking experience.

• **#AmazingStories**
  - Six Years Strong for Green & Gold Gala, 1,024 views [http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/37269/six-years-strong-for-green-gold-gala_jdh/](http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/37269/six-years-strong-for-green-gold-gala_jdh/)
  - UAA Burnishes Skills of Young Leaders, 746 views [http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/37485/uaa-burnishes-skills-of-young-leaders/](http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/37485/uaa-burnishes-skills-of-young-leaders/)
  - I AM UAA: Rachel Bedsworth, 710 views [http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/37524/i-am-uaa-rachel-bedsworth/](http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/37524/i-am-uaa-rachel-bedsworth/)
- **Project 49: Rage City Rollergirls, 607 views**  
  [http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/37961/project-49-rage-city-rollergirls/](http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/blog/37961/project-49-rage-city-rollergirls/)
• ADAC Ribbon Cutting Media Coverage
  o Alaska Dispatch News
    (Photo and cutline also ran on October 22)
  o Seapower – Official publication of the Navy League
    http://www.seapowermagazine.org/stories/20151022-adac.html
  o GCN
  o Alaska Business Monthly (magazine)
    http://www.akbizmag.com/Arctic/Arctic-Domain-Awareness-Center-Opens-at-University-of-Alaska-Anchorage/
  o RadioResource International / MissionCritical Communications
    http://mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13547
  o Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz – YouTube
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPPD-dDYXYk
  o KTVA – Channel 11 Anchorage – CBS
  o AOOS Alaska Ocean Observing System
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  o Homeland Security Website
  o Cruise Industry News

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Office of Student Affairs (OSA) & Assessment

As of July 17, 2015, there were 1,744 individuals who applied and were admitted into the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Anchorage campus in either Fall 2014 or Spring 2015 and never enrolled in UAA courses. Why haven’t they come to UAA? Did they enroll elsewhere? Do they still plan to enroll at UAA? What can UAA do to support their student success? The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions launched a UAA Admitted Non-enrolled Student Outreach pilot to further investigate.

Findings are based on the UAA Admitted Non-enrolled Student questionnaire completed electronically by 239 individuals (response rate = 14%) between July 21 and August 14, 2015. This questionnaire allows students to get started in reactivating their application or letting Enrollment Services know that they have made other plans. Questionnaire findings reveal information about factors that influence students’ decision to not enroll at UAA. Findings reports can be viewed on the Student Affairs Assessment website:

• Complete Executive Summary: https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/studentaffairs/assessment/upload/UAA-Admitted-Non-Enrolled-Student-Outreach-Pilot-Executive-Summary.pdf
• Pilot Highlights: https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/studentaffairs/assessment/upload/UAA-Admitted-Non-Enrolled-Pilot-Presentation.pdf

Student Affairs staff also contacted respondents with personalized follow-up based on their respective answers. Students were able to receive support postponing their applications, registering for classes, applying for financial aid, and more. The pilot instrument was reviewed and refined; a Fall 2015 iteration of the questionnaire and student outreach is currently in progress. Student Affairs departments are currently reviewing the data and opportunities presented to strategize for positive action.

The Office of Student’s Affairs released the first edition of the Student Affairs Staff Development Newsletter. Coming each month, this newsletter will provide resources to support professional growth and personal wellness, including upcoming workshops and events, self-directed professional development opportunities, and highlights from Student Affairs publications. The October 2015 Edition can be viewed here: http://eepurl.com/bCBVaP.

This newsletter kicked off in October with Careers in Student Affairs Month (CSAM). CSAM is a month-long initiative dedicated to the celebration of a career in student affairs, education and awareness in the profession, and engagement with professional associations and peers in the field.

Student Affairs staff engaged in workshops and sessions on topics including “FERPA and Email Writing in the Educational Context,” “Current and Future Commuter Student Trends and Practices,” “Developing and Recording One’s Career through Professional Use of ePortfolios,” and “SafeZone Ally Training.”

On Friday, December 4, the OSA, in collaboration with Military & Veteran Student Services, will conduct a “Military & Veteran Student Survey Findings Discussion.” The discussion will focus on the outcomes of the recent military and veteran student survey, what these results say about the military and veteran student population, and how these insights can help better serve this group of students. The discussion is from 12 - 1 pm in the Lyla Richards Conference Room int he Student Union.
Registration for Spring 2016 opened on November 6 for graduate students, followed by November 8 for seniors. Enrollment Services (ES) and Student Affairs are engaged in a major effort to increase the number of students registered for spring semester before they leave for winter break. Between last spring and this fall only 41% of students had registered for Fall 2015 before the end of the term.

Admissions Office
The Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system is in the final stage before going live for New Student Recruitment (NSR) communication. Beginning the second week of November, prospective students for Spring, Summer and Fall 2016 will receive e-mail communication from NSR through the system in a high-quality HTML format. This is the first milestone in the implementation and was reached through excellent cooperation and teamwork among the project manager, Cathy Ewing; UAA Electronic Student Services; UAA ITS; UAA New Student Recruitment; and Statewide OIT. The next milestone, completing phase I of the implementation, is the new application for admission and application processing, comes in February 2016.

Office of the Registrar
The end of the fall 2015 term is rapidly approaching. Some dates and deadlines related to the end of the term:

- Fall Commencement: December 13
- Grades Due: December 16
- Grades available to students through UAOnline: December 17
- Satisfactory Academic Progress Calculated: December 17

On December 13 UAA will hold its second fall semester commencement ceremony at 1 pm in the Alaska Airlines Center. As of October 28, 906 students are eligible to graduate. This number may grow as the deadline to apply for fall graduation is December 4 (December 1 to be included in the program).

Staff from the Office of the Registrar recently presented information to Residence Life staff on Schedule Planner. This was just one of five different presentations and outreach efforts on Schedule Planner this month.

The first set of courses fully approved through the new electronic curriculum system came in the week of October 19. As of October 28, the Office of the Registrar has presented 17 different trainings for the electronic curriculum system.

Kudos to Shannon McClear, Transfer Evaluation Specialist. A student recently made the effort to call the Office of the Registrar from Spain to say how helpful Shannon was and what great service she provided.

Office of Student Information
Using software developed in-house, the Office of Student Information has reviewed data since July 1, 2015 and found that 95% of all issues presented to front line staff are resolved without assistance from other offices. This means faster processing times and less run around for students.

Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)
As of October 28, OSFA processed 14,995 Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2014-15 academic year.

Institutional federal student loan default rates were announced last month. UAA’s default rate remained the same as last year’s: 12.4%.

OSFA staff are presenting to two different community groups in November: ANCSA Education Consortium and Alaska Family Services, Inc. to build partnerships, resulting in better service to students.

$avvy $eawolf Financial Literacy @ UAA is continuing its successful $avvy $eawolf $eries this fall, encouraging students to take charge of their financial futures. Two-thirds of the 15 workshops have already been presented and have attracted 126 total participants. Data is still being analyzed but students are overwhelmingly self-reporting an increase of their knowledge of budget, credit or loans after attendance. OSFA looks forward to the final five workshops of the semester.
Academic Advising
Academic Advising and Career Development (AACDC) hosted two academic advising events to ensure that students were “Registration Ready.” AACDC advisors provided on-site advising appointments in the Commons for residential students and in the Student Union Den for commuter students.

Career Development (CD)
CD hosted its annual Fall Career Fair on October 8 in the Student Union. A total of 78 employers attended seeking to fill part-time, full-time, seasonal, and internship positions. Of the employers present, 89% provided positive feedback. On average in the past two years, 3,000-4,000 students, alumni, and community members have attended the Fall Career Fair at UAA.

Mapworks @ UAA
The Fall Transition Mapworks survey closed October 11; 1,144 UAA students completed the survey. Mapworks user groups received a Fall Transition Survey Report of their specific student cohort respondent rates and risk/intent to leave and suggestions of how to support high-priority students. A check-up survey started November 9 and will end November 29.

Native Student Services (NSS)
NSS coordinated an outreach/recruitment table during the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Elders and Youth Conference on October 12-13.

On October 16, NSS partnered with the Arigaa Student Club to host “Hope in Hard Times.” This two-hour event focused on the suicide epidemic afflicting the Alaska Native community and featured a candlelight prayer, drumming song, message of hope, and potluck; 20 people attended.

NSS sponsored a community discussion “What is Native Cultural Identity” on October 23. The focus of the conversation was the development of a culturally congruent approach to the eWolf ePortfolio with a template that reflects the “total” being of Native students by addressing not just the academic and co-curricular aspects, but also the traditional knowledge, physical, spiritual, emotional, social, and provider aspects of the Native student as well.

NSS hosted the Bethel-based Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) on November 5 and 6. Over the course of the two-day visit, AVCP met with the UAA students they provide scholarships to. AVCP will be returning to UAA during the spring semester.

New Student Orientation (NSO)
NSO Director Theresa Lyons and the Steering Committee for UAA NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute) under the leadership of Dr. Jeane Breinig, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Alaska Natives & Diversity, are pleased to announce the addition of three new members: Donna Bozeman, HRS Technician; Bryce Johnson, HRS UAK Jobs Helpdesk Technician; and Mandee Mciek, Compliance Specialist. The new members will join UAA NCBI to continue the work of social inclusion and equity at the university.

New Student Recruitment (NSR)
NSR hit the road in mid-September for fall recruitment travel and has represented UAA at more than 100 out-of-state college fairs in Oregon, Washington, California, Texas, Illinois, and Colorado.

NSR hosted the first Alaska High School Counselor Appreciation Event, which coincides with the Alaska School Counselor’s Conference on November 13. NSR provided an evening of food, fun, and entertainment.

NSR coordinated Fall Preview Day on November 6. This event historically brings more than 500 prospective students, parents, and guests to campus for an experience in what it is like to be a Seawolf.

UAA TRiO Programs
Program directors and staff from all three TRiO Programs attended the NAEOP (National Association of Educational Opportunity Programs) Conference in Spokane, Washington on October 18-21.

EOC hosted the 34th Annual Anchorage Alaska College and Career Fair 2015 on October 18-19 at the Alaska Airlines Center; 107 college and career exhibitors served approximately 4,000 students and community members; 22 high schools participated from across the state. Sessions on admissions, financial aid & scholarships, My Major Discovery, and professional development and career readiness were presented.
Dean of Students Office, Student Conduct; Alcohol, Drug, and Wellness Education; and Care Team

The DOS sponsored National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW) during the week of October 19-24.

The DOS partnered with the Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Honesty and Integrity to host a workshop on academic integrity during Faculty Training and Development Day on October 23. On November 13, the DOS sponsored two workshops for faculty on how to address disruptive student behavior.

The DOS collaborated with the School of Nursing to sponsor a showing of the film titled *Telling Amy’s Story* on November 12. The film focuses on domestic violence. A panel discussion followed the film.

The Statewide Behavior Intervention and Threat Assessment Coalition will participate in a training with Brian Van Brunt, Ed.D., from the National Association for Behavior Intervention Teams (NaBITA). He will present a two-day training on forming, growing, and managing behavior intervention teams and how to conduct a threat assessment in Spring 2016.

**Department of Residential Life (DRL)**

Residence Life completed bi-annual fire drills on October 20. Random rooms were checked in the MAC area and rechecks completed the following week of any violations found.

The Quality of Life Survey closed on October 22 with a total of 128 completed responses. The survey was sent to 828 people, giving DRL a completed response rate of 15.46%.

ANROP Coordinator, Karla Booth, hosted the Cama-i Room 10th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, October 8.

The Residence Hall Association hosted Relaxed Registration on October 26 to help residents plan for registration.

**Disability Support Services (DSS)**

DSS held a Disability Awareness Fair on October 5-6 in the Student Union. The theme was Disability Awareness: Celebrating 25 Years of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Karen Andrews, DSS Director, held a two-day workshop at Kodiak College. There were three workshop sessions that included “Accessibility and Universal Design”; “Accessibility, Academics, and DSS”; and “What’s in a Disability?”.

**Multicultural Center (MCC)**

Makoto Izakura, Japanese Consul of Alaska, visited the Multicultural Center on October 8. Several faculty allowed their students to share their experiences with him in Japanese.

The International Student Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 22.

**Student Health & Counseling Center (SHCC)**

The immunization partnership between Housing, Residential Life, and the SHCC has resulted in 98% of campus residents being immunized per the State of Alaska Board of Regent requirements.

The SHCC has been facilitating outreach clinics to prepare and support individuals on campus who use tobacco products. These outreach clinics are in preparation for the UAA Smoke Free date, November 19.

**Student Life & Leadership (SL&L) and Student Union & Commuter Student Services (SU&CSS)**

The annual Homecoming celebration included USUAA Homecoming Dance, the Shopping Cart Parade, the 22nd Annual A Cappella Festivella, Royalty Court, Dodge Ball Tournament, Kendall Classic Tailgate and Howlgate hockey spirit events.

The Student Union Gallery presented the 30th Annual No Big Heads Self-Portrait Juried Art Exhibit with 40 works selected out of 104 submitted.

The Commuter Student Awareness Week was held October 19-23.

Club Council and over 40 clubs and organizations presented the annual Haunted Halloween Fun Night on Saturday, October 24, in the Student Union.
UAA Staff Council Report
Update for University Assembly 11-20-2015
Provided by Kathleen McCoy

UAA Staff Council is a merger of the APT Council and the Classified Council, with a new constitution and bylaws that provide for leadership succession planning and equal representation on the council between hourly and salaried employees.

UAA Staff Council had a fall retreat and selected two key initiatives for the year: information and wellness.

Information
Because we live in complicated and changing times, we want to make sure we get the best information to staff from university administration, and provide thorough feedback to the administration from staff. This is an ongoing initiative that includes producing a Staff Council Newsletter to all staff to keep them up to speed on events.

Wellness
Our staff council meetings are often the scene of discussions about Healthy Roads. Council leadership was looking to initiate an onsite opportunity to relieve stress. At the same time the UAA Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department was looking for internship opportunities for their students to lead wellness events. Typically the students have to go off campus to earn their hours. Through a collaboration pilot between HPER and UAA Staff Council, we have launched 15-minute fitness breaks, 30-minute fitness breaks, 10-minute chair massages and some lunch and learns on stress reduction. The students have been very well received.

As mentioned, this was a pilot. It is not in conflict with Health Roads because HRoads does not offer any onsite, on-the-ground opportunities at UAA. As representatives of staff, the council felt strongly that some form of stress relief was a great idea. Thank you to HPER and especially Professor Jean Marcey for help. Our hope is to continue with this in the spring, and potentially partner with faculty; we will present a report and evaluation to Faculty Senate at the end of this semester, hoping to grow participation.

125% Medicare allowable charge for out-of-network providers
Staff Council is starting to hear concern over this healthcare strategy as it cost-shifts more financial burden to the employee and away from Premera/UA Choice. We find references to 125% Medicare on the UA Benefits page has a low profile based on the potential impact to plan members. We are advocating for a higher profile for this information. We also are advocating for a Consumer Healthcare 101 course so enrolled employees better understand the health choices and costs they are making. To avoid unexpected problems, they need to be informed health consumers in what is one of the toughest health markets in the country.
USUAA was proud to host Mayor Ethan Berkowitz at our “Meet and Greet” event last week. Well over 60 people attended, and the Mayor was grateful to have the interaction with young members of the Anchorage Community.

Student Government continues to be in the process of reviewing requests for increases of Mandatory Student Life Fees, and will complete the process this week. USUAA representatives are also part of a Task Force examining other potential models for fee collection that balance the provision of services with student needs.

On November 26, USUAA will host our annual Thanksgiving Feast in the Gorsuch Commons from 11:30AM - 1:00PM. In coordination with Residence Life and Nana Management Services, the Thanksgiving Feast provides members of UAA and wider Anchorage Community the warmth and familiarity of a Thanksgiving meal. We will also be accepting canned food donations to help families and community members throughout the holiday season.

Moving into the Spring Semester, USUAA is looking forward to working with Faculty Senate to research and suggest possible alternatives to IDEA Course Surveys. Both students and faculty have indicated strong support for other student-driven, faculty assessment tools.

Fall Semester Student Body General Elections were held on November 10-11. While we continue to pursue ways to increase turnout and raise awareness, USUAA will be welcoming several new members into Delegate positions tied to each of the six colleges.

Finally, members of USUAA Student Government and students-at-large participated in providing public testimony to the Board of Regents during their November 4th budget meeting. Student testimony seemed to be a key factor in the Regents' decision to approve a 5% tuition increase instead of the proposed 9%. USUAA weighed in on the tuition discussion in September with an endorsement of a 5% increase, calling it an effective balance of student affordability and institutional need.