March 20, 2014
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
ADM 204

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II. Introduction of Members

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B. Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Bear Baker
   The Governor’s Budget distribution in the university system is the same as last year. There is a 7% non-base budget cut to be managed by individual colleges and administrative units. This is assuming the Legislature and Senate does not cut or add to the budget, and also decides to continue funding 50% of the universities’ increases, salaries, and benefits as recommended by the Governor.
   UAA will be using the Prioritization results starting in early August to work towards the base cuts that will follow for the FY16 budget review.
   Urged everyone to take time to fully fill out the templates.
   Sixty-six percent of the cuts come to the Academic side; UAA does not have a lot of room to cut back any more on administrative staff, therefore it will be necessary to cut about 18 faculty positions.
   The Governors proposed budget plans for the next 3-5 years sees Alaska’s budget according to the Sustainable Future by Scott Goldsmith which would cause UAA to lose about 180 faculty lines. The colleges are independently working on finishing the Cycle 6 management reports; most have a fair amount of carry forward which will ease next year’s budget. Some of this can be made up by increasing class sizes, scheduling courses every other semester so they are fuller, and looking into other means to utilize resources.
   UAA is down again in head count because enrollment has stayed the same.
C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Bill Spindle

D. Vice Chancellor of Advancement Megan Olson, presented by Rachel Morse (pg. 11-13)
Reached finalization on the decision to hold a fall commencement ceremony: the Alaska Airlines Center will host its first commencement ceremony on December 14, 2014. A survey sent to students was overwhelmingly positive. The May 2015 ceremony will still be held traditionally at the Sullivan Arena. Signed a pledge agreement for $500,000 with the Packer Family Pavilion Future Campaign to be used within the Alaska Airlines Center which will allow for enhancements, equipment, and amenities in the years to come.

E. Vice Chancellor for Student Services Bruce Schultz (pg. 14-18)
There is an updated viewbook for UAA being sent out to potential students, last updated in 1998. 10,000 copies were printed and already sent out. The Office of Student Recruitment has had success in interest in UAA; in the fall of 2013 there were 17,000 inquiries versus 11,000 from the fall of 2012. Reaching out and discussing with departments the areas that Student Affairs is doing well in and what could be improved. Looking into staff concerns and what could be changed about their departments. Themes revealed an emphasis on the importance of being a student empowering center. Feedback revealed that Student Affairs plays a role of transforming UAA’s image and improving student experience. There is concern about the geographic locations of offices and the amount of space available which diminishes ability to be efficient in connecting with students. Discussed concerns in not having enough staff. 87% of expenditures are currently on personnel, will need to look at evaluating and cutting back on term positions which negatively impacts students.

Student Affairs lead the pilot for mandatory orientation; 95-96% of the pilot group met with an academic advisor prior to enrollment. Survey assessment results to this process revealed that 65% believed it was worthwhile. Goal is to come out with a recommendation of holding mandatory orientation and advising for freshman, as well as mandatory advising for all sophomores. A programmer in Enrollment Services is building a new module within UAOnline so advisors and advisees can connect easily. This will assist advisors in keeping track of their advisees, notes made during meetings, conversations, as well as for students to access their advisor – should be up and running by Fall 2014.

VII. Governance Reports

A. System Governance Council
Meeting on Monday, February 24th

B. Staff Alliance (pg. 19-27)
Nothing to add to written report

C. Classified Council
Discussed the marketing plan in relation to university outreach efforts; a new UAA Staff Governance brochure is being created. Also discussed involvement with Development Day.

D. APT Council
Please send any questions and concerns to Christine Lidren at cmlidren@uaa.alaska.edu
Elected John Moore and Betty Hernandez as Co-Vice Presidents. Also elected Kathleen McCoy as the University Assembly Representative and Carey Brown as the University Assembly alternate. Reviewed the UAA Staff Governance brochure and looking at ways to connect with staff and let them know who their representatives are for them to voice their concerns and questions. Waiting to discuss the final brochure costs with the Governance office. Breaking down outreach ideas that will be no-cost and discussed the importance of innovative ways to move forward with budget and fiscal concerns in mind.
E. Union of Students/ Coalition of Students

F. Alumni Association

Met last Monday in the new Alumni center and inducted seven new chapters into the organization. Juneau, AK, Washington, DC, Houston, TX, Honors College, Student Athlete alumni, Justice Center alumni, and Health College Professional alumni. Looking to Seattle for future chapters.

G. Faculty Senate/ Faculty Alliance

There has been a discussion in reworking the Chancellor’s Awards with the intention of making them seem more significant. Looking into new categories, number of awards, and when they would be distributed.

Due to motivation from other campuses, currently in the early stages of looking into how and why BlackBoard is used and how this can be improved. Looking into what user’s expectations are, what features are working, which ones are not. Will compile data, look into what software packages are available, cost research, etc.

Summit Team has been announced by Statewide in an effort to get more work done. It is composed of the three chancellors, three provosts, and System President and Vice President of Academic Affairs. An informational email was sent to all UA staff and faculty on Thursday, February 13th.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Care Team Presentation, Lisa Terwilliger; Care Team Coordinator - Dean of Students, 2:00pm

The three main focus points for the UAA Care Team are:

1. SAFETY
   - Individual Care—Reach out, Offer Solutions
   - Community Safety—Solutions focus on the balance community needs
   - De-escalate situations quickly

2. PREVENTION
   - Address Underlying causes of concerning behavior
   - Catch the problem before it becomes bigger
   - Create a Bystander awareness vs. Big Brother Mentality

3. RESPONSE/RESULTS
   - Increase Reports, Increase response
   - Increase Response, Decrease escalating behaviors
   - “Carefrontation” with lower risk cases = Prevention
   - “Sense Something...Say Something...Do Something”

If you have an informal or direct report or concern about a student please contact:

- Dean of Students office: 786-1214
- Careteam office: 786-6065 in PSB 119 or at care@uaa.alaska.edu
- DOS Counselor: 786-6158

B. Volunteers for Staff Make Students Count (SMSC) Award Review Committee (pg. 28-29)

Liz Winfree, Betty Hernandez, and Kathy Smith. Will discuss Andrew Lemish as a student representative. May look for additional volunteers to assist on the committee.
X. Information/Attachments
   A. Commitments to Action on College Opportunity (pg. 30-117)
   B. The March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th in ADM 204 due to Spring Break. As President Gamble will be in attendance, there may be more participants than usual. Will look for a larger venue.
   C. Upcoming Governance Events (recurring item)

XI. Adjourn 2:50pm
STATEWIDE

Academic Affairs
The Statewide Committee for Research (SCoR), co-chaired by Vice President Thomas and Lt. Governor Treadwell, met on Jan. 30 and approved a final version of the Alaska Science and Technology Plan, including the foreword by the Lt. Governor and the accompanying book on Alaskan innovators. SCoR plans to present the plan to the Board at its February meeting.

Associate Vice President for Workforce Development Fred Villa spent Jan. 28-31 in Juneau advocating for the Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) re-authorization, with coordinated support from Associate Vice President for State Relations Chris Christensen.

UAA
UAA will hold two commencements beginning this year, one in May and another in December. The December commencement will be held in the new Alaska Airlines Center, which opens in August.

The 13 recordable injuries in 2013 were 50 percent less than the 28 in 2012. “Safety is Everybody’s Business” is more than a slogan – it is an important part of our culture.

Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska donated $100,000 to WWAMI to fund coordinated teaching/training and the resources to make it easier for physicians to bring students into their practices.

The UAA Alumni Center’s grand opening is Feb. 12 at 8:30 a.m. Regents are invited!

Hockey is on pace for their first winning season in over 20 years; men’s basketball coach Rusty Osborne became UAA’s winningest coach in program history; women’s basketball is one of the top teams in NCAA West Region; Micah Chelimo set a GNAC record in the 3,000 meters.

Students from all three UA campuses are participating in the legislative session as aides to senators or representatives. Two UAA students are sharing impressions of their semester in weekly reports to the UAA community through Seawolf Weekly.

Three recipients of the Governor’s Awards for Arts and Humanities have ties to UAA: William Hensley, Visiting Distinguished Professor in the College of Business and Public Policy; Eva Saulitis, faculty in UAA’s low residency MFA Creative Writing and faculty at Kenai Peninsula College Kachemak Bay Campus, and UAA alum Aaron Leggett, curator of the recent Dena’ina exhibit and special exhibit curator at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

UAA’s two teams raised a total of $12,903 to take the Polar Bear Plunge for the American Cancer Society and making UAA recognized as the top fund raising organization for this event.
At the invitation of ConnocoPhillips, Prince William Sound Community College Millwright Program students toured ConocoPhillips Alaska’s Colville River Unit for the purpose of better understanding operations.

Welcome signs in Alaska Native languages are going up on the Anchorage campus in an effort to provide a sense of community and belonging to our Alaska Native students and faculty.

Dr. Andre Rosay, Justice Center Director, and Dr. Marny Rivera, Justice faculty, have been selected as co-conveners for the Healthy Alaskans 2020 Strategy Workgroup on child and adolescent issues. Healthy Alaskans 2020 is a joint effort of the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC).

Our University Relations team received a CASE (Council for Advancement and Support Education) silver award and four PRSA (Public Relations Society of America) Alaska Chapter Awards of Excellence/Aurora Awards including: 1st Place, Hometown U; 2nd Place, UAA Master Plan; 2nd Place, Amazing Stories Branding Campaign; and Honorable Mention, The Howl Social Media Hub.

UAA Development Officer Harry Need is a member of the 2014 Top Forty Under 40 announced by the Alaska Journal of Commerce.

**UAF**

Students in four Alaska high schools will learn to use unmanned aircraft as part of a science and education project. The project, dubbed “The Modern Blanket Toss,” is funded by a three-year $750,000 National Science Foundation grant to the Alaska Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and the UAF Upward Bound Program.

At the beginning of the year, UAF Development giving exceeded $9.3 million with more than 3,200 donors.

Beginning March 1, students who plan to take math classes or classes that require math proficiency (such as chemistry) will first need to take online tests to gauge which math courses would be best for them. The Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces (ALEKS) system will give students online practice modules to improve their skills and retake the tests. Students could test into higher-level courses after brushing up on skills. Participants in the ALEKS learning modules will be more likely to succeed in their math courses. There is a fee of $25.

A ribbon-cutting for the Title III funded Applied Sciences Center took place at the Bristol Bay Campus Jan. 28 in Dillingham. The center, housed in a renovated building, includes modern laboratory space for the sustainable energy, nursing, allied health, construction trades technology and environmental science programs.

Jan. 24 marked the opening of the 2014 launch season at Poker Flat Research Range. Scientists are preparing for an experiment to launch a NASA sounding rocket over the aurora while observing with cameras based at a village in northern Alaska.
University researchers released the first digital atlas of historical sea ice concentrations in the Beaufort, Chukchi, and Bering seas. This web-based tool allows users to view and download sea ice concentration data from 1850 to the present. The Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy and the Scenarios Network for Alaska and Arctic Planning, both at UAF, created the sea ice atlas with funding from the Alaska Ocean Observing System.

As part of a strategic realignment within University and Student Advancement, the Development Office and the Alumni Association and Alumni Relations will be integrated. Institutional Events is now housed under Marketing and Communications. The structure will better improve efforts to meet UAF's strategic philanthropic goals, enhance alumni outreach efforts, provide administrative support to Alumni Relations and the Alumni Association, and leverage existing staff and financial resources.

For the third year in a row UAF has earned Tree Campus USA recognition, a program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation honoring universities for promoting healthy trees and engaging students. UAF met the core standards for effective campus forest management: a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated program expenditures, an Arbor Day observance, and student service-learning.

Geophysical Institute Director Robert McCoy has been named a fellow of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) for his work with meteorological and space weather scientists.

Active-duty military personnel and up to four members of their immediate families can visit the UA Museum of the North for free this year, under a new program made possible by Wells Fargo. A $25,000 gift from Wells Fargo will cover the admission costs.

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

**UAS**

UAS, the Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center (ACRC), and the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station are joining with the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and the Hakai Network for Coastal People, Ecosystems and Management at Simon Fraser University in a series of cross-boundary research meetings. The first meetings were held in Juneau in 2011 and 2012 to provide a forum for coordination and integration of data and scientific work across the north coastal temperate rainforest. The program strives to: 1) advance binational research projects that support landscape–level sustainable resource management; 2) promote integration of science and applied management across institutional and jurisdictional boundaries; and 3) facilitate development, communication and dissemination of data among researchers and practitioners. Following this dialogue, a subset of participants will meet at Simon Fraser University to discuss the research plan of the Bog Forest Program at the Hakai Institute and how this can be tied in with similar work in Southeast Alaska.

At the Linguistic Society of America’s annual conference Jan. 2-5 in Minneapolis, Alaska Native Language faculty Alice Taff presented a talk on *Tlingit Conversation Documentation*, part of a panel on *Documenting Conversation* organized by the LSA Committee for Endangered Language Preservation.
Professor of Environmental Science Cathy Connor recently published “Tracking Glacial Landscapes: High School Science Gets Real,” in *Alaska Park Science*, Volume 12, Issue 2. This article about the Design, Discover, Research (DDR) program is available online.

History faculty David Noon travels to Las Vegas February 20-23 to attend the 26th annual meeting of the Far West Popular and American Culture Association. He will present his paper “Barack Obama and the Myth of the superheroic Presidency.” Noon is an Associate Professor of History and Chair of the Social Sciences department.

In late 2013, Vigor Alaska teamed up the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) and the UAS Ketchikan campus to create an industry-led training program. Vigor Industrial is a privately-held shipbuilding and repair company based in Portland, Oregon and investing in training workers for the American shipbuilding industry. Vigor worked with UAS to modify the existing math curriculum to meet the most pressing skills needs at the shipyard, to provide the flexibility to adapt to changing workforce needs, and to allow workers to advance in specific vocational skills. The next classes begin Feb. 25 and will build on the basic math foundation to teach skills including welding, blueprint reading, basic refrigeration (a key component of systems on vessels, including catcher-processor fishing boats), and introduction to marine electrical systems. The classroom portions of the classes will be taught at the UAS Ketchikan Campus and those requiring hands-on practice will take place at the Ketchikan Shipyard. The program was launched with the help of a $54,000 grant from the AWIB designed to support efforts and upgrade knowledge and skills of industrial workers supporting the oil and gas sector in Ketchikan and Southeast Alaska.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

**Academic:**
- Last week Chancellor Rogers and I spent the day in Dillingham touring the Bristol Bay Campus and participating in the open house for the Applied Science Building. We had lunch with faculty, staff, and the advisory group, and toured the Dillingham hospital.

- Chancellor Rogers, Geophysical Institute Director Robert McCoy, Vice President Thomas, and I met to discuss the future of the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) and the upcoming meeting in Washington, DC with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). I asked for this meeting of the science world to resolve once and for all the disposition of this unique national asset. The White House OSTP was interested enough to sponsor the event at their offices.

**Administrative:**
- The Summit Team meets next on 2/19.

- I reconvened the President’s Statewide Initiative Group for an hour this week to brainstorm how to conduct two potential cost avoidance measures at the system office: 1) hiring “chill”; 2) travel reductions. The conversation quickly spread to other measures and was very productive. Follow-on will occur as a result.
I’ve asked Executive Officer Berg to convene a working group to assess needs and make recommendations for process enhancement as it relates to the build of our board books. As a group, they will seek out commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) ways to automate the staff work that goes into the cumbersome, manual submission of agenda materials, the approval process for those materials, enhancing the intuitiveness and navigation of our electronic board document, and improving the search capability of board policies and UA regulations online. The goal, we hope, is to do it all online, as a minimum.

University Relations:

- Earlier this week I met individually with state representatives Mia Costello and Cathy Munoz, and Senators Kevin Meyer and Pete Kelly. On Feb. 4, I presented an overview of UA’s budget before the House Finance Committee, followed the same day with a presentation to the House UA Finance Subcommittee. The presentations were without controversy and went well according to the feedback. My sense is that we have growing support (albeit very low level at this early stage) among a cross-section of legislators for trying to add some modest funding back into our program lines.

- Phil Cochrane and John Ringstad of BP ConocoPhillips asked to meet with me while in Fairbanks. I expressed UA’s deep appreciation for BP’s ongoing support and partnership. We discussed at length how we can work together to deal with the multitude of one-off donation requests that seem to pop up from all corners of UA, despite efforts by the Foundation and chancellors to coordinate requests and speak with one voice to BP. Both gentlemen were most appreciative of this commitment and agreed that BP would not entertain individuals with donor requests that lacked documented coordination from Vice President Beam or the chancellors, as appropriate.
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STATEWIDE

Academic Affairs
The Office of Academic Affairs is recruiting for new leadership at its K12 Outreach Office. The director position, vacant since January, was re-evaluated and upgraded to associate vice president. A search committee has been selected and will begin recruitment in the coming weeks.

UAA

UAA’s first Winter Design Project in the quad was a great success due to the organization and collaboration of 10 faculty (in Art, Public Health, Engineering, Math, and Alaska Native Studies), more than 250 students, more than 30 staff, and community members that included the Anchorage Museum Education Department and 10 international guests from Nesna University College, Norway.

Xavier Mason, a junior in the Bachelor of Business Administration program, is a national finalist for the prestigious Truman Scholar program. Xavier plans to study policy-making as it applies to homelessness.

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UAA qualified a full 12-athlete team to the 61st NCAA Skiing Championships, March 5-8 in Park City and Midway, Utah, as the Seawolves look to capture their seventh straight top-10 result and their 31st overall.

Men’s basketball player Kyle Fossman shot a record 12 three-pointers in one game (breaking both UAA and GNAC records) in the last men’s basketball game in the Wells Fargo Sports Center. Both men’s and women’s basketball teams are competing in the GNAC tournament.

UAA’s Smoke-Free Taskforce organized the Fresh Air Challenge at UAA featuring Alaska’s Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ward Hurlburt and Assistant Surgeon General for our region, Dr. Patrick O’Carrol. Chancellor Case supports the Taskforce’s recommendation that UAA consider the adoption of a comprehensive smoke-free policy and that if a policy is adopted at least a year should be spent on educating the UAA community. A survey of UAA students found that 75% favor a smoke-free campus.

Investigators in the Center for Behavioral Health Research and Services Center received a three-year $943,000 federal grant to implement a training program for students in health profession programs to conduct routine substance-and alcohol-abuse screening with their patients.

Prof. Ryan Fortson, J.D., Justice faculty, has written “A College Student’s Guide to Landlord/Tenant Relations in Alaska” to help UAA students as they get ready to start college or transition out of university housing and are looking to rent an apartment.
UAA students in BIO 490 (neuroanatomy and neurophysiology) and their professor, Caroline Wilson, organized the 3rd Annual Alaska Brain Bee, a competition designed to increase the interest of high school students in studying neuroscience, through a fun and competitive atmosphere.

Senator Lisa Murkowski recently released her 21st "Veteran Spotlight" installment and featured Jane Fuerstenau, Kenai Peninsula College's associate professor of library science, who served in the U.S. Navy for five years as a jet mechanic and then served the U.S. in the reserves.

For insurance purposes, the Consortium Library's onsite collections are evaluated annually, and this year’s total value was set at $173,716,529.

**UAF**

UAF has partnered with UAS Iceland to expand unmanned aircraft operations in Iceland in early 2014. Collaboration with the company, via UAF’s Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration, will support arctic science, including glacier studies, volcano monitoring, marine mammal research and environmental observations.

An Airborne Research and Logistics Task Force was asked to investigate if UAF’s needs for airborne research are currently being met. The task force consists of Jessica Cherry, International Arctic Research Center (IARC) and Institute of Northern Engineering (INE); Nickole Conley, INE; Chris Larsen, Geophysical Institute (GI); Matt Nolan, INE; and Matt Cooper with UA Office of the General Counsel.

Seismologists at the Alaska Earthquake Center captured the seismic signal from a large landslide in southeastern Alaska on Feb. 16. A preliminary estimate created by other scientists examining the event suggest the landslide on the flanks of Mount La Perouse involved 68 million metric tons of material, which potentially makes it the largest known natural landslide on Earth since 2010.

Scientists successfully launched a NASA sounding rocket at Poker Flat Research Range on March 3. The NASA user working group for the Alaska Satellite Facility's Distributed Active Archive Center will hold its annual meeting in Fairbanks May 6-7 to discuss plans for the coming year.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for NASA's new antenna installed on the Fairbanks campus during the summer of 2013, known as AS3, will be this June. The exact date will be announced closer to the event.

Dr. Arleigh Reynolds, associate dean of UAF’s Veterinary Medicine Department, recently won the 2014 Fur Rendezvous Open World Championship Sled Dog Race for the second time. Reynolds holds a doctorate of veterinary medicine and a PhD in veterinary medicine from Cornell University. He specializes in researching the relationship between nutrition and performance in sport dogs.

Keith Mallard is the new police chief at UAF. Mallard, a 19-year law enforcement veteran, replaces Sean McGee who retired last spring.

BestColleges.com has named UAF one of 50 U.S. colleges and universities that have distinguished themselves as the nation’s greenest schools. According to BestColleges.com these schools have
launched the most effective initiatives to reduce their carbon footprints. UAF’s Sustainable Village and Green Bikes program were both mentioned as examples at UAF.

**UAS**

Pacific Peoples: Translocal Identities & Cultural Connections is the theme of the Spring Honors Symposium on the Juneau campus March 5-10. This year’s forum focuses on the experiences of Filipino and Pacific Islander communities in the Pacific, the United States, Alaska, Juneau, and at UAS. The symposium consists of presentations by New York based Ma-Yi Theater Artistic Director and playwright Ralph Peña, University of Washington Anthropology Professor and author Miriam Khan, and Rutgers University Honors college dean and author Matt Masuda.

Growing Our Own: Indigenous Research, Scholars, & Education is the theme of the second annual Alaska Native Studies Conference to be held on the UAS Juneau campus March 14-17. The Alaska Native Studies Council and UA are hosting the event focusing on Alaska Native Studies research and activism of the past, present, and future. Keynote speakers are Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald, associate dean for Indigenous Education at University of British Columbia Vancouver, and Dr. Malia Villegas, director of Research Policy at National Congress of American Indians. The Alaska Native Studies Council promotes a deeper and more sustained commitment to integrating Indigenous perspectives into a variety of educational settings. The mission is to identify, develop, and implement Native-focused curricula, to promote and publish Alaska Native-related research and pedagogical strategies, to reshape UA into an Alaska Native serving institution, and to develop a strategic plan to attain these goals.

UAS’s regional accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). NWCCU President Dr. Sandra Elman commended UAS for effective integration of its mission and core themes throughout the institution. Chancellor Pugh expressed appreciation to the Commission for its action and emphasized that UAS will continue to focus on high quality education that leads to student completion and success. UAS received notification of its reaccreditation following preparation of a report focusing on its resources and capacities in meeting its mission. The chancellor expressed appreciation to UAS faculty and staff who helped prepare the report and who regularly provide quality instruction and advising.

Assistant professor of accounting Julie Hamilton is the recipient of the UA Foundation 2014 Harold T. Caven Professorship. The two-year professorship includes a $20,000 award. Hamilton plans to use the award to provide real-life experiences in tax preparation to her accounting students. Hamilton will teach her students community tax preparation services skills through the Internal Revenue Service’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. UAS students taking a higher-level class on income taxes are required to complete VITA training. They can gain practicum credits for their work at the Juneau site or any remote VITA sites.
PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Academic Affairs:

- March 27 I travel to Valdez to meet with the Prince William Sound Community College (PWSCC) Council, community leaders, and the college’s administration, faculty, staff and students regarding the way ahead for PWSCC.

University Relations:

- Hosted by the White House staff Office of Science and Technology, UA called for the science community to participate in a HAARP Summit (High Frequency Active Auroral Program) in Washington, DC last week. I attended along with UAF Geophysical Institute Director Robert McCoy, who presented a UA concept for the way forward. He was very well-received. NASA, NSF, DARPA, Air Force, and UA have a shared interest in future operation and funding of the one-of-a-kind space physics research facility. The UA goal is to keep HAARP alive and make it self-sustaining.

- This week I testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee at one of the hearings it held on SB176 (regulation of firearms and knives by UA). I met individually with Senators Bob Coghill, Charlie Huggins, Kevin Meyer, Gary Stevens, and Representatives Mark Neuman, Lance Pruitt and Bill Stoltze. Yesterday Rep. Andy Josephson called to discuss the House version of the bill – HB335. Tuesday I presented before the Senate Budget Subcommittee on UA’s operating and capital budgets.

- At the request of the Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team (AMFAST), I participated in its interviews for a military defense promotional video.
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Alumni Relations

- **New Staff Members**
  - **Senior Alumni Relations Specialist**
    Nona Gunn comes to the university with a deep background in State government. She served as legislative director for Alaska DOT&PF, Special Assistant for Communications in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman and legislative staff in the House of Representatives. Her work to create Alaska's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives was recognized by the White House. Nona is a graduate of Gonzaga University where she was a NCAA Division I athlete and also interned for Senator Frank Murkowski in Washington, DC.

  - **Alumni Relations Specialist – Events and Office Manager**
    Jennifer Wisel has been with the university for over 7 ½ years. Previously, with the College of Business and Public Policy as their Outreach and Events Coordinator, Club Liaison, (CBPP) Scholarship Coordinator, and assistant to the CBPP Development Officers. She loves being a part of the university and welcomes this opportunity.

Development

- **New Staff Member**
  Kelly Donnelly has joined the University Advancement Office as a Development Officer. She will be working with a number of colleges/subject areas including the Honors College, College of Education, and the Community Campuses. Kelly has been at the United Way of Anchorage since August of 2011. She began there as Donor Segment and Relationship Manager and was recognized for her skill in major gift solicitation with a promotion to Manager for Individual Giving. Her results are impressive and we all celebrate her joining the UAA team of stellar professionals.

- **Corporate and Foundation Gifts**
  - **ExxonMobil** contributed an additional $200,000 to support ANSEP.
  - **Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association** donated $50,000 and **Doyon, Limited** donated $5,000 to support ANSEP.
  - **Alaska Kidney Foundation** made gifts totaling more than of $49,000 to fund the Alaska Kidney Foundation Scholarship and support the School of Nursing renal care course.
  - **United Way of Valdez** made gifts totaling $20,500.00 to support the PWSCC Adult Basic Education Program and the Health & Fitness Center, as well as the Maxine and Jesse Whitney Museum.
  - **LGL Alaska Research Associates** made a gift of $20,000 to the LGL Alaska Graduate Ecology Research Award.
  - **Chugach Alaska Corporation** donated $15,000 to support Native Student Services.

- **Individual Gifts**
  - **Tom and Vicki Packer** have committed $500,000 to the Building Futures fund in support of UAA Athletics. In recognition of this generous gift, the main gathering space in the Alaska Airlines Center will be name the Packer Family Pavilion.
o Joseph E. Usibelli and Peggy Shumaker donated at the Aurora Circle level ($10,000 - $19,999) to support the Alaska Quarterly Review and Kachemak Bay Writer's Conference.

o James H. Bowers donated at the Gold Circle level ($5,000 - $9,999) to support Kibrik and Bergelson Student Scholarship and the Kibrik and Bergelson Study or Research in Russia Scholarship.

o Mary E. Christopherson contributed to the Alan B. Christopherson Engineering Scholarship at the Gold Circle level ($5,000 - $9,999).

o Gretchen H. Cuddy made a gift at the Gold Circle level ($5,000 - $9,999) to help Culinary Arts purchase a three-door cooler for the bakery lab.

o Angel and Marie Llanes contributed to the Max Llanes Behind the Camera Award at the Gold Circle level ($5,000 - $9,999).

- **Student Phonathon**
  Just three weeks into our calling sessions and the UAA Phonathon program has raised more than $16,000 from our dedicated alumni. This puts us well on our way to achieving our spring semester goal of $45,000. Thank you!

- **Faculty/Staff Giving Campaign**
  The UAA Faculty/Staff Giving Campaign kicks-off the week of March 17. This is the perfect opportunity to join your colleagues in showing your Seawolf Spirit at work by supporting the UAA program or scholarship that inspires you the most. Look for more information in the weeks ahead. If you would like to find out more on how to promote student success with you financial contribution, please contact Matt Morse at 786-1010 or by email at mtmorse@uaa.alaska.edu.

**University Relations**

- **New Staff Member**
  UR/Alumni Relations just welcomed a new member to our staff, Joey Besl. Joey joins the team as our new alumni communications specialist.

- **New Alumni Magazine**
  UR/Alumni Relations is hard at work on the inaugural issue of the new alumni magazine. We expect the magazine to publish in April.

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The Student Affairs Assessment Team hosted a webinar on “Writing Reports and Sharing Assessment Results.” Participants examined the theoretical strategies for creating effective assessment efforts, including traditional methods of reporting and representing quantitative and qualitative data. Resources from this training can be found on the website: http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/studentaffairs/advancingstaffexcellence/past-webinars-presentations.cfm.

February’s second Assessment Brown Bag featured Georgia Dekeyser, Betty Bang, and Andria Cross of the Student Health and Counseling Center (SHCC) who presented the findings of SHCC’s learning outcomes survey and Free Soup Lunch event, their experience developing the assessment project, and the implications the results have for the SHCC. Findings from this survey can be found here: http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/studentaffairs/assessment/past-assessment-projects.cfm.

UAA’s Student Affairs Conversation Café now invites you to share your original ideas and empowering inspirations through Seawolf Howls! These ten-minute talks will provide colleagues an innovative look at topics near and dear to Student Affairs and UAA. Seawolf Howls follow the engaging and dynamic format seen in TED talks (see http://www.ted.com/talks/drew_dudley_everyday_leadership for an example). The Conversation Café planning committee invites you to take meaningful ideas related to the Student Affairs core themes and bring them to the front of the conversation. The only criterion is that your Seawolf Howl must be tied back to at least one of the Student Affairs Core Themes and that you have to be a UAA employee (YES -- Seawolf Howl contributors can be from Student Affairs and beyond!). To apply to share your Seawolf Howl at the Conversation Café simply complete the form online no later than March 26.

To apply for Seawolf Howls and to find more information and videos about Conversation Café please visit our new website: http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/studentaffairs/ConversationCaf%C3%A9/index.cfm.
STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT TO THE UAA UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY          March 2014

ACADEMIC and MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES

The Multicultural Center (MCC) will host the annual Men and Women of Excellence Program on Saturday March 22 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. This is a recognition award program for students of color who have achieved junior status and have earned above a 3.0 grade point average.

On March 10, students representing the Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) visited the MCC. The 15 RAIS students who participated are from various countries including Kenya, Nepal, Bhutan, Somalia and Mexico. The MCC hosted the visit and provided the RAIS students with information on admissions, the Trio Programs, and transitional advising services.

February 18 through 24, MCC Director Andre Thorn traveled to Accra, Ghana to attend the tri-annual international education conference “Study Abroad in the Republic of Ghana: New Directions in Service Learning, Research, Cultural Immersion and Community Development.” This program is funded by AHA International, the UAA Office of International and Intercultural Affairs and the UAA Office of Academic Affairs.

Native Student Services (NSS) hosted students participating in the Southcentral Foundation (SCF) Pathways project on March 12. The SCF Pathways project is a residential program for at-risk Alaska Native high school youth.

Student Support Services (SSS) experienced 83% of its fall 2013 UAA students re-enrolling in classes in spring 2014. This exceeds the 77% mark reported for students that re-enrolled in courses in fall 2013 or that completed degree requirements for graduation.

On February 24, SSS Director, Dr. Kim Patterson, joined Dr. Dewain Lee, Dean of Students and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Development, and Professor Ian van Tets in a Black History panel discussion entitled “Faces of Segregation.” The discussion was held in the campus bookstore and 30 UAA students, faculty, and staff attended.
The Spring Opening Report is the first official report on spring enrollment and can be found at www.alaska.edu/swbir/ir/publications-reports/unit10/Spring_2014_Open_Summary.pdf. Overall, 27,922 students are attending the University of Alaska system this spring, 3.4% fewer than last spring. Each MAU experienced a decline in headcount (the count of total individual students) from last year: Anchorage is down 2.8%, Fairbanks 2.7%, and Southeast 6.6%. The change in student credit hours was similar: down 2.7% for the UA system, down 2.2% on the Anchorage MAU, and down 2.4% and 7.8% on the Fairbanks and Southeast MAUs, respectively.

Over the last five years (from the spring 2010 opening) headcount has declined 4.5%. Full-time Equivalent (FTE) has remained relatively steady, declining only 0.5% over the same period, indicating a trend of students taking a larger credit load.

Pages four and five of the Spring Opening Report includes a good discussion of future enrollment trends. The entire University system will remain challenged by Alaska’s demographics, specifically low numbers of high school graduates, and the improved economy and resulting employment picture drawing students away from UA’s classrooms.

The deadline to apply for scholarships was February 15. A total of 3,952 applications were received, a 37% increase over last year. The Scholarship Committee and volunteers are currently reading the applications and essays but are in need of more volunteers, as about 1,000 applicants are currently not assigned to a reader. Anyone able to help should contact Shauna Grant at 786-6170 immediately.

The new College Scheduler tool for students will be available for use in UAOnline on March 20. The Registrar will present a College Scheduler brown bag luncheon session on March 24 from 11:30 am to 1 pm in the Lyla Richards Conference Room. Faculty, staff, advisors and students are welcome to attend. Also from the Registrar, implementation and migration to the e-catalog system is in full swing. They will be contacting every department with information in the catalog to review layout and process for editing and approving changes in the new system.

Now is a great time for students to review their academic progress and financial situation in advance of fall registration, which opens on April 7. Traffic is light this time of year in the Student Information Office (UAA One Stop) and staff is available to assist any student or their advisor by phone, email or in-person. As part of Registration Ready, the office will begin contacting students with holds on their accounts after spring break and offer assistance in resolving those holds to clear the way for registration.
On February 14, Advising and Testing Center Senior Professional Advisor Kristin Bogue presented to the Foster Youth Conference on the topics of academic advising and UAA’s First-Year Experience course.

During fall 2013, 101 out of 180 (56%) of first-time freshmen Alaska Performance Scholars and UA Scholars submitted academic progress reports on the Anchorage campus. Students who submitted a progress report were 21% more likely than students who did not submit a progress report to persist into spring 2014 (98% compared to 77%) and had a GPA that was one point higher (3.52 compared to 2.52) at the end of the fall semester.

The MAP-Works faculty referral system has been revamped and is now called the Academic Success Alert Program (ASAP). ASAP allows faculty members to provide referrals for any UAA undergraduate student who they feel is struggling academically. The program was piloted in fall 2013 and has been expanded and revised for spring 2014. ASAP promotes timely academic success intervention that enables students to change/adjust their academic strategies for success before they result in unsatisfactory academic performance.

Spring recruitment travel continues in earnest. New Student Recruitment has conducted Application Days at Chugiak, South, Dimond, Bethel, Lathrop, North Pole, Houston, Palmer, Soldotna, Kenai, Nikiski, Skyview, and Kodiak high schools. In the upcoming weeks, Recruitment will visit Wasilla and Colony high schools, as well as Barrow, Sitka, and Yakutat. Out-of-state, Recruitment will be concentrating on national and regional college fairs in Washington, Oregon, California, and Colorado.

The Office of New Student Recruitment will also return to Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka next month to conduct a comprehensive event designed to allow students to apply for admission, register for classes with the aid of an advisor, and receive helpful information about a successful transition to UAA. Over the past three years, approximately 120 students have participated in the “Mt. Edgecumbe Days” project.

The mandatory academic advising pilot has strengthened the existing institutional efforts focused on student retention and degree completion at UAA. For the fall 2013 cohort at UAA, pilot students were 10% more likely to persist into spring semester than students who did not participate (85.5% compared to 76%).
The Career Services Center (CSC) had a very successful Speed Resume Review on Thursday, February 6 and had 15 companies reviewing students’ resumes in the Student Union from 11 am – 1 pm.

CSC hosted a Career Fair Preparation Workshop on Friday, February 7 from 12 -1 pm in the CSC Resource Library that was free and open to the public and UAA students to adequately prepare them for the upcoming career fair.

Courtney Petrosky held a CSC table at the UAA Bookstore Grad Fair on February 12 – 14 and spoke with soon-to-be alumni about the job searching resources offered at CSC.

CSC coordinated the City-Wide Career Fair on February 13, 2014 from 9 am – 3 pm in the UAA Student Union.

CSC held a booth at the Alaska Native Scholarship & Internship Fair in the SU on March 20.

Alcohol, Drug, and Wellness Educator Amanda Murdock teamed up with Stephanie Whaley Title IX investigator to promote Healthy Sexuality week on February 11.

Educator Murdock also helped to raise awareness on February 6 for “Wear Red Day” for women and heart disease. She is working with other UAA staff members to promote Character Day on March 20. She also will present at Native Student Services about Healthy Relationships in April.

On February 21, Director of Student Conduct & Ethical Development Michael Votava gave a presentation at the ACDLITE luncheon on academic integrity in an online setting. Director Votava will travel to Kodiak College on March 29 to present to Kodiak faculty about academic integrity.

Associate Professor of Political Science, Dalee Sambo Dorough, discussed Alaska Native Human Rights with six students in the Cama-i Room on Tuesday, February 25.

Residence Coordinator Ryan J. Hill has joined the Standing Scholarship Committee with the Office of Student Financial Assistance. The Residence Life staff of the Main Apartment Complex (MAC) put on a scavenger hunt to coincide with Fur Rondy’s Running of the Reindeer.

The “Dining with the Deans” event was held on March 11 and will be held again on March 21 in Commons 107.

North Hall Graduation will take place on April 19 in Commons 106.
Report Faculty Senate and Faculty Alliance  
20th March 2014

I. Events: Future Commencements
As announced by Advancement starting with AY2014 there will be two commencement ceremonies each year which will be held in the Alaska Airlines Center.

II. University College
The Faculty Senate will be discussing concepts for improving the success of incoming students who are not prepared to begin study for their chosen career and those who do not yet know what they wish to pursue. The approach requires emphasizing breadth of education including the GER. Formal discussion of the University College is expected to begin soon.

III. UAA schedule
UAA has an accreditation problem caused by weather resulting in cancellation of classes. The Faculty Senate executive board in conjunction with UAFT and UNAC representatives are working to collect faculty input on alternate schedules that would address the accreditation issue and perhaps provide some additional benefits.

IV. Budget
Faculty are concerned about the impact of the budget cuts for next year. In particular there is concern about the long term results of short term cuts including on the ability to deliver programs to current students. The administration have been asked to collect and publicize all the cost savings decisions.

V. Summit Team
Faculty are concerned about the actions of the Summit Team announced by the statewide administration. While the idea of statewide consulting with each university to determine its agenda is a good idea, the initial list of tasks demonstrate a severe lack of understanding of the needs of the universities. None of the issues are problems. None came with any documentation. Meanwhile known problems are not on the list and have not been requested. Statewide has also stated that it wishes to complete all of its goals in a short time frame and will not wait longer than 45 days for any input on any particular goal.
Our Vision:

The Alaska Airlines Center will:

◆ Be a gathering place of celebration for students, faculty, staff, alumni, youth and others in the community.

◆ Be a powerful tool to demonstrate Seawolf excellence in athletics, academics, recreation and performance.

◆ Become a welcoming “front porch” for the UAA campus.

◆ Provide an advantage in recruiting and retaining students, faculty and staff.

◆ Become a UAA center of demonstrable excellence in creative performance, entertainment and event production, thereby enhancing the university’s role in Anchorage and Alaska.
Our Mission:

The Alaska Airlines Center is a world-class multi-use sports and entertainment arena that:

1. Inspires athletes
2. Attracts crowds for games, performances, recreation and other large gatherings
3. Engages and retains students, faculty and staff
4. Strengthens UAA’s connections with community

The Alaska Airlines Center is also a physical representation of UAA’s brand. It is forward looking, remarkable, accessible, and welcoming – a place where “Amazing Stories Are Being Written Every Day.”
The Priority of Use for the Alaska Airlines Center “Performance Arena” will be:

1. UAA Commencements
2. UAA Athletics
3. Alaska School Activities Association Regional and State Championship Competitions
4. Anchorage School District High School Graduations
5. UAA Concert Board
6. UAA Campus Groups
7. Events promoted by outside promoters
8. UAA Intramural/Recreation
9. UAA Athletic Camps
10. Community Events
Schedule of Events

Estimated 250 days of scheduled annual events thus far, including:

- 52 competition events
- 173 practices
- 11 ASAA events
- 4 days of UAA Graduation
- 7 days of Anchorage School District graduations
- Various UAA activities (homecoming, luncheons, etc.)
- UAA athletic camps
- Outside promotion camps
- Outside promotions (concerts, entertainment, etc.)
- Opportunity for much more!
AMENITIES
University of Alaska Anchorage

- 196,000 sq. foot facility
- 5,000 seat performance gym
- Auxiliary gym seating 600-800
- Adequate space for NCAA competitive teams
- Athletics fitness and training facilities
- Indoor running track
- Student fitness/recreation
- State of the art sports medicine facility
- Gymnastics practice space
- Academic support space
- Office and meeting Spaces
University of Alaska Anchorage

- Athletics profiles
- Superior video and monitor equipment
- Excellent acoustic ratings
- State of the art sound system
Enhanced locker rooms for each athletic team as well as guest teams

Parking:
- 600 parking spaces available on site including 100 VIP spaces
- 500 spaces will be available at Providence garages during special events
- 700 spaces available at various other UAA lots
  - Library lot
  - Fine Arts building
  - Parking garages
  - Wendy Williamson
- Multiple concession stands
- Accommodations for catering services
- Quality destination restaurant serving beer and wine
- 5 VIP suites with top level seating
Restaurant Plan
Hall of Champions
Construction Progress:

On schedule and on budget

Occupancy August 2014
GRAND OPENING

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