UAA Assembly
Agenda

April 10, 2014
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
ADM 204

I. Call to Order
II. Introduction of Members

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President – Liz Winfree  Vice President – Lori Hart

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   B. Board of Regents Unified Calendar and Unified GER Programs Discussion
      i. Calendar Reference 8; Regents' Policy Revisions 10.04.100
      ii. General Education Requirement Programs; Board of Regents Policy 10.04.040
      iii. Board of Regents Motions Page http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2014/apr-3-4/

X. Information/Attachments
   A. Upcoming Governance Events (recurring item)
   B. University Assembly will next meet on Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 1:00-3:30pm in ADM 2004

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B. Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Bear Baker
   The President is testifying on the Senate Bill 176, Guns on Campus provision.
   Board of Regents will be meeting in Kodiak from April 3-4, 2014. Reviewing only one program;
   Marriage and Family Therapy, this has been brought forward by CAS/COH/COE and is
   sponsored by the Alaskan Mental Health Trust.
   Tuition will prospectively increase 5% considering budget cuts will likely take effect next year.
   The number of high school graduates will decrease through 2018 which will affect retention rates
   and revenue.

C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Bill Spindle

D. Vice Chancellor of Advancement Megan Olson (pg.18-19)
   Reminder to participate in Click.Pick.Give, the filing deadline is Monday, March 31, 2014. Exxon
   Mobile will double donation to university. There is also an opportunity to double dividend.
   Employee Giving Campaign has begun. Click.Pick.Give or Payroll Deduct are options to
   participate in giving back to and growing UAA.
   UAA versus Yale Debate will take place Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:30pm.
   Seawolf hockey is in the WCHA Final Five for the third time in history.
   Rachel Morse is in Washington DC to connect with eleven UAA Alumni. She is connecting with
   Kit Knutsen who works as the DC Office Lead for Governor Parnell.
   Scholarship Celebration will take place on April 11, 2014.
   Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Selkregg Community Engagement and Service Learning
   Award next week.
   In the last month UAA has been graced with a $500,000 cash-gift to support Seawolf athletics and
   the Alaska Airlines Center as well as a $400,000 gift for ANSEP.
E. **Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bruce Schultz (pg. 20-24)**

Senate Bill 176 has been introduced to permit guns and knives on campus. Submitted a letter to the Senate Judiciary committee expressing concerns and opposition over the bill. Encouraged to connect with the representative leaders for your district or the Senate Judiciary Committee.

*UAA First-Time Degree Seeking Students – Dr. Lacy Karpillo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Students Access, Advising, and Transition is happy to attend the April Assembly meeting to further discuss this process.*

VII. **Governance Reports**

A. **System Governance Council**

Discussed changes to the constitution and bylaws for the governance groups. There is concern over reduction from original recommendation that these changes will not fully represent the MAU’s.

B. **Staff Alliance**

Discussed concern over wanting to make sure all MAU’s are effectively represented on System Governance Council.

Staff Alliance retreat was held in Fairbanks on March 11th and 12th. Compliance and Ethics Hotline is in the beginning stages of creation by Statewide.

The Retirement Committee will expand to become Human Resources. Staff Development and Career Development Planning Committee was created. Created a resolution in support of the University’s position for Weapons on Campus.

C. **Classified Council**

Discussed drafting a statement for the weapons on campus resolution.

Discussed combining APT and Classified Councils.

At the joint meeting in April Dr. Larry Foster will discuss the Staff Dean Survey.

Development Day will be held on May 15th and is being worked on.

Skillsoft demonstration will be held on March 28th at 10am and May 1st at 9am. This will be available until January 30, 2015.

Discussed Shaping Alaska’s Future.

A committee was created for Staff Makes Students Count in February.

D. **APT Council**

Had a presentation from the Smoke Free Initiative with Joy Mapaye, Valeria Delgado, Audra Henderson, and Betty Bang.

Discussed the list of 15 suggestions that came from the PBAC subcommittee.

E. **Union of Students/ Coalition of Students**

Elections will be held on April 8th and 9th. On the ballot for student vote:

i. the removal of the Sustainability Committee which would require a change to the Constitution

ii. whether or not they support a smoke free campus for future policy changes

iii. support for an outdoor recreation $8 fee which would help fund an Outdoor Recreation Program in terms of funding a coordinator and part time administrative support member. The program would encompass classes, events, trips, leadership events, etc.

Concerning SB 176, the Student Coalition of Leaders sent a letter of support for the University’s position. USAA may have a resolution at their meeting on Friday, March 21, 2014.
F. Alumni Association
The Nine in the Spine Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014. The Association is continually working on expanding alumni chapters. The Green and Gold Gala is in process and will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014 in either the Captain Cook or the new Alaska Airlines Center. The Alumni Association supports the University’s position on the SB 176.

G. Faculty Senate/ Faculty Alliance (pg. 25)
There is difficulty with routine cancellation of classes due to weather which violates accreditation. Two main ideas to remedy this that have come forward include:

- Reverting to an old mechanism which is referred to as, “Dead week.” Classes would start a week earlier with the final week holding no classes unless they are needed for cancelled classes due to weather. If there are no canceled classes then this time is utilized for studying and final exam preparation.

- UAA is the only one out of three MAU’s that uses 50 instead of 60 minute hours. If UAA switches to 60 minute hours there would be more minutes accruing, adding up to 4 days throughout the semester which would match UAS and UAF. This could potentially cut the semester down to 13 weeks, which could allow time for a January term to encompass a 2-3 week intensive course, study abroad opportunities, or provide prep courses for 1 credit courses. It would also match the School of Nursing’s current 13 week semester schedule. Additionally, this would provide workload flexibility for faculty under their current contracts.

Ideas and recommendations are welcome; please email Mark Fitch at mafitch@UAAlaska.edu.

As a follow up to the Board of Regents adopting a policy to report financial fraud, a memo was sent from Ashok Roy in January on the proposed regulation R05.02.090 Financial Fraud, Waste, and Abuse. This memo requests feedback by February 28, 2014; however, the memo had not been received. It is encouraged that Assembly members review the memo so an extension can be requested from Ashok Roy and a reply by drafted.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Alaska Airlines Center Progress Update, Rick Nerland (pg. 26-43) 1:30
The new Alaska Airlines Center will bring 600 new parking spaces to the UAA campus. Events will be able to host large events on campus, including the Great Alaska Shootout, commencement ceremonies, and other events. Another first is gymnastics athletes will be able to practice on campus for the first time policy to allow for beer and wine sales in the arena restaurant which should seat 90-100 people. Five suites will be open to the performance gym and court which will seat about 12 people. Multiple concessions and kiosks will be available throughout the main walkway.
The Packer Family Pavilion will represent the athletic and university legacy in terms of trophy cases, championships won, etc.
The Alaska Airlines Center is intended to be a gathering place of celebration. It will be an opportunity to demonstrate Seawolf excellence in both athletics and academics. The Center will be considered the front porch of campus by bringing a lot of community members and engaging future students and parents through high school graduations, the Alaska School Facility Association, and other events.
The mission is to run a world class, multi-use sports and entertainment arena which will inspire athletes, attract crowds for games, performance, recreation and other large gatherings. Engages and retains students, faculty, and staff, as well as strengthens UAA’s connections within the community.
The Alaska Airlines Center is a physical representation of UAA’s brand and will be the center of excellence, creative performance, and entertainment and event production, thereby enhancing the university’s role in Anchorage and Alaska. For events, 100 feet of pipe and drape will be available initially with additional footage purchased each year.
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STATEWIDE
On Sunday, March 9, Bill Bieber, UA Mining and Petroleum Training Service (MAPTS) executive director, hosted the first graduation ceremony for the joint underground mining training program developed through a cooperative agreement with the Yukon Territory. President Gamble gave remarks and in attendance were Regents Enright and Heckman, other UA administrators, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Dianne Blumer, Yukon Minister of Education Elaine Taylor, and Yukon College President Diane Barnes. Following a tour of the facility led by the students, a ceremony highlighting the skills of the students and recognizing the early success of this partnership between the Yukon College and UA was held 800 feet underground.

UAA
UAA’s curriculum proposal, selected out of 13 submitted, will become the basis for a new curriculum structure for the Foundations Phase at the University of Washington School of Medicine, and the entire WWAMI system, beginning fall 2015.


Seawolf hockey has an 18-15-4 record, after beating rival Alaska Fairbanks in a thrilling 3-game series. Senior Matt Bailey, who leads the nation with seven game-winning goals, also became just the second Seawolf to earn 1st Team All-WCHA honors.

UAA’s track and field team was named GNAC team of the week after producing nine total All-Americans at the NCAA Indoor Championships. UAA senior Micah Chelimo won the men’s 3,000 meters by .01 seconds, his second NCAA individual title and 12th All-America award. The men’s team tied for ninth place in final team standings and women’s team tied for 13th — both tops among GNAC teams.

The Seawolf women’s basketball team returned to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh time in the last eight seasons, finishing with a 19-9 overall record and a 12-6 mark (3rd place) in GNAC.

The Seawolf men’s basketball team earned its ninth straight winning season, finishing with a 17-13 overall record and placing 4th in the GNAC. Under 10th-year head coach Rusty Osborne, the Seawolves broke or tied 39 school or GNAC records this year.

CNN reporter John Sutter interviewed Dr. André Rosay, Justice Center director, and highlighted research from the Alaska Victimization Survey and other Justice Center reports for a CNN report that explores the issue of violence against women in Alaska.

The Kodiak high school team coached by Kodiak College (KoC) faculty Jane Eisemann and Switgard Duesterloh, placed first in oral presentation, third in the research paper category and received overall
the bronze medal in the 2014 National Ocean Sciences Tsunami Bowl. Hannah Christian, a high school student who has obtained 17 college-level credits at KoC, was awarded one $5,000 Icicle Seafoods scholarship for her performance in the competition.

Mat-Su College offered an intensive course on Ammonia Refrigeration for Seafood Processing during spring break. Until now students have had to leave the state for this training, which has been identified as one of the main needs in the industry.

UAA received two Higher Education Marketing Awards – competing against 1000 other colleges and universities – for brand advertising work including our social media hub -- The Howl -- developed by advertising agency Travis Michel and Spawn, and a suite of Amazing Stories television commercials developed by Spawn.

**UAF**

Steel work is expected to resume on the new engineering facility on the Fairbanks campus in March. It will take approximately three months to complete the steel work.

UAF’s Northwest Campus (NWC) in Nome will celebrate the grand opening of the Emily Ivanoff Brown Student Resource Center, the new academic/student center of the campus, with a dedication ceremony March 27.

The Fairbanks campus hosted four Arctic Winter Games events: ice hockey at Patty Ice Arena, basketball at Patty Center, soccer at the Student Recreation Center, and snowboarding at the Hulbert Nanook Terrain Park.

Sophomore skier Michael Fehrenbach (Saint Märgen, Germany/mechanical engineering) received the NCAA’s Elite 89 Award. Less than two weeks later, junior shooter Mats Eriksson (Malung, Sweden/business administration) became the second UAF student-athlete to ever receive the award. The award recognizes an athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average among competitors in his or her sport at the NCAA’s 89 men’s and women’s national championship finals across all three divisions.

Alaska’s seafood industry has invested in the search for new uses of pollock byproducts and the development of a seafood processing quality-control training program. The work will be done at the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center (KSMSC), the state’s only research processing plant. Faculty at KSMSC will receive more than $350,000 from the Pollock Conservation Cooperative’s Research Center. The consortium includes fishing companies that operate pollock catcher-processor boats in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

UAF’s Cooperative Extension Service will offer a weekend workshop series in Homer for vegetable gardeners March 21-April 19.

The Alaska Center for Energy and Power hosts a community lecture April 15 in Fairbanks. Antony Scott, a former employee of the Alaska Division of Oil and Gas and senior economist and energy analyst at the UAF-based center, will discuss the proposed trans-Alaska natural gas line.
The Chukchi Campus will host the 7th Western Alaska Interdisciplinary Science Conference and Forum April 24-25 in Kotzebue. The conference will focus on the impact of global warming on the lives of the residents of arctic Alaska. The two-day event will highlight scientific studies in the Northwest Arctic Borough region.

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

**UAS**

The weekly Fireside Lecture at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center March 14 featured Cathy Connor, Professor of Geology. Connor spoke on the recently discovered ancient trees that melted out of the ice as the Mendenhall Glacier receded. The lecture took listeners back to a time before the temperate rainforest existed, when First Alaskans were making the area their own.

Professor of Biology Sherry Tamone was awarded a Fulbright Research Award through the United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF) to study at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel February 1-May 31, 2015. The award includes an $18,000 stipend to support her research on crustacean molecular endocrinology. Tamone will be working with Dr. Amir Sagi. Dr. Sagi is the leading expert on the hormonal regulation of development and sex determination and has won multiple prestigious awards for his research.


X’unei Lance Twitchell asked: “How do we reform this entire system?” at the second annual UA hosted Alaska Native Studies Conference March 15-16 on the Juneau campus. The Alaska Native Studies and Languages faculty and program head was referring to Alaska’s education system. Growing Our Own: Indigenous Research, Scholars, & Education was the theme of this year’s conference. At the final session, Twitchell facilitated an informal discussion on incorporating “tradition bearers into academia.” Goldbelt Inc. and the Center for Research and Alaska Native Education have teamed up to create a new certification program for Alaska Native teachers. The initiative is to get more Alaska Native language-speaking teachers in K-12 schools.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

Governance:

- Regular meeting with Faculty Alliance Chair Robert Boeckmann, over the phone.
University Relations:

- The Statewide Administration Assembly (SAA) hosted its annual longevity and outstanding employee and department awards ice cream social at the Bragaw and Butrovich Buildings. I handed out awards alongside SAA President Dory Straight.

- Contacted by the White House Office of Public Engagement relative to its efforts to further educate the public on the opportunities currently available in the marketplaces for those without health insurance.

- Chaired Alaska Aerospace Corporation’s board meeting in Juneau.

- Pete Slaiby, vice president Shell Alaska, introduced Shell’s new Vice President of Alaska Operations Dale Snyder to Chancellor Rogers, Vice Chancellor Sfraga, and myself, followed by a most informative discussion regarding Shell’s future in Alaska.

- Participate from Juneau in an Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team (AMFAST) teleconference in preparation for our meeting with Governor Parnell next week.

- Wrote an Op-ed piece regarding SB176 – regulation of firearms/knives by UA – which was published last weekend in the Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks papers.

- Testified on March 19 for the second time in opposition to SB176 – this time the Committee Substitute. The companion house bill (HB335) remains unheard so far.
## UA Grant Proposals Awarded
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**UAA Total**

**Grand Total**

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**Administration**

- **Commencement**
  Commencement could not happen without volunteers who contribute their time and energy to make this day a success. Graduation signifies the culmination of years of hard work, growth, and effort by UAA students. The planning committee is eager to celebrate the students’ achievements. It is our hope that you will volunteer to be a part of the celebration.

To view volunteer duties and sign up to be a part of this special day at [http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/commencement/volunteer/index.cfm](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/commencement/volunteer/index.cfm)

- **Development Day**
  Save the date: May 15
  Registration Opens: April 28

Development Day is the one day of the year the university sets aside for employee development, enrichment, enlightenment, and to just say ‘Thank-you for what you do’ here at UAA. It offers employees an opportunity to network with their peers, explore university venues outside their general location, improve and enhance work skills through lectures and workshops, while providing a fun yet purposeful event toward the development of our employees.

For more information, visit the Development Day website - [www.uaa.alaska.edu/developmentday/](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/developmentday/). Mark your calendars and watch for your email to register. Workshops fill up fast.

*We encourage all faculty and staff to attend!*

**Alumni Relations**

- **Alumni ParTee: Nine in the Spine**
  On Thursday, Apr. 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m., the UAA Alumni Association will host Alumni ParTee: Nine in the Spine. A golf tournament of sorts in which alumni and community teams of four play mini golf through the skybridges network at UAA on a nine hole course with obstacles designed by student organizations. Each participating student organization gets a student spot on a golf team.

  The purpose of the event is to bring alumni back (and through campus), enhance alumni connections with student leaders (future alumni leaders) and to raise funds for the alumni scholarship endowment.

  Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend this engaging event.

**Development**

- **Corporate and Foundation Gifts**
  - ExxonMobil Alaska and Udelhoven donated a total of $400,000 to Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program.
• **The Alaska Cardiovascular Research Foundation, Inc.** donated $25,000 to establish the OURS Summer REU in Health and Wellness fund which supports the Honors College Office of Undergraduate Research (OURS) Summer Research for Undergraduates (REU).

• **Wells Fargo** provided support for Lemonade Day 2014 with a gift of $25,000.

• **Alyeska Pipeline Service Company** contributed $8,000 to support the Last Frontier Theatre Conference.

• **Individual Gifts**
  
  o **Roger Highland and Marsha Burns** pledged at the Aurora Circle level ($10,000 - $19,999) to support the UAA Commit to Success Scholarship.
  
  o **Gloria M. Okeson** donated at the Aurora Circle level ($10,000 - $19,999) to support the Alvin S. and Gloria M. Okeson Endowed Scholarship.
  
  o **Arliss Sturgulewski** donated more than thirty paintings and posters. She provided additional funding for framing the artwork to be hung in the Consortium Library.
  
  o **The Estate of Pauline Therese Carpenter** donated at the Gold Circle level ($5,000 - $9,999) to the Excellence in Nursing fund.

• **Annual Giving**
  
  o **UAA Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign**
  
    The UAA Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign is in full swing! So far this year, nearly 300 UAA employees have given to the university. Join your colleagues in showing your Seawolf spirit at work and help us reach our goal of 375 faculty and staff donors who give where they live.

    If you have already made a contribution this year, thank you! Your support makes new opportunities possible at UAA.

    Look for more information in the weeks ahead.

  
  o **Pick. Click. Give.**
  
    It’s not too late to Pick. Click. Give. to UAA student scholarships! If you applied for your PFD but forgot to make your contribution to UAA, don’t worry. You have until Aug. 31 to designate your gift. And when you give to higher education in Alaska, ExxonMobil will match your PFD contribution 1-to-1.

    Plus, if you donate $500 or more from your dividend, you can designate which UAA fund to benefit. Contact Matt Morse at (907) 786-1010, mtmorse@uaa.alaska.edu, for details.

    If you already made a Pick. Click. Give. donation to UAA, please let us know. We would love to thank you personally.

• **Student Phonathon**

  Now entering our seventh week of calling, the UAA Phonathon program has raised more than $39,000 from dedicated alumni. This puts us well on our way to achieving our spring semester goal of $45,000. Thank you!

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Whitney Brown, Coordinator of Student Affairs Research, Assessment, and Staff Development represented Student Affairs’ culture of evidence at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators’ (NASPA) Annual Conference. Whitney showcased UAA assessment practices as a panelist in the session, “Where’s Your Proof? Demonstrating Impact with Purposeful Assessment.” This panel was recognized by NASPA as a featured session sponsored by the Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Knowledge Community.

Michael Worth began as the Student Affairs Data Analyst in February. He has been meeting with leadership and staff in Student Affairs to assess how data is currently being used and where there is a need for access to more meaningful data. Also, Michael has been coordinating with other UAA research professionals through participation in the recently formed UAA Institutional Research Council.

The Office of Student Affairs is pleased to announce that Nichole Grunwald, formerly Nichole Tovar, has accepted the position as the new Military and Veteran Student Services Assistant. Nichole graduated from UAA in December of 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality and Restaurant Management. While attending UAA, she served as the president of the Student Veterans of UAA from May 2011 – May 2013. As president, she assisted the development of the Military and Veteran Student Resource Center (MVSRC) and helped coordinate Veterans Awareness week.

Nichole currently serves in the US Army Reserves as an Staff Sergeant, where she serves both as the Unit Wardmaster and the Equal Opportunity Leader. Throughout her time with the Army Reserves, she has mentored soldiers pursuing a college education, helping them to utilize their educational benefits through the GI Bill. With her experience advising military students, collaborating between UAA and military constituencies, and coordinating events to promote the military and veteran experience, Nichole is an excellent choice to lead the MVSRC. Thank you to Dion Crommarty, Terry Jackson, Ann Marie Moquete, and Robert “Sully” Sullivan, for their time and diligence while serving on the search committee.
The Multicultural Center (MCC) announced the 2014 Men & Women of Excellence Award winners as Political Science major Duke Kahumoku and Legal Studies with a Psychology minor Erin Leaders, respectively. The keynote speaker was Dr. Terry Nelson, Assistant Professor for Business Administration. The event was held Saturday March 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. This recognition and award program highlighted the academic achievement of students of color who earned junior status and maintains a 3.0 grade point average or higher. Eleven students were honored and a total of 65 participants attended the awards event, including Vice Chancellor Schultz, Associate Vice Chancellors Lee and Karpilo, Assistant Vice Chancellor Morse, Directors Watson, Route, DeKeyser, and Lyons.

Student Support Services (SSS) hosted a social event in the Multicultural Center on March 28 to engage students and encourage academic excellence and leadership. Jon Bittner, Vice President of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, was the guest speaker for the event.
Registration for fall 2014 opened on April 7. This is the first semester College Schedule is available to UA students. The first night (for seniors) went well and the system handled the traffic without any major problem. Within the first 20 minutes 701 students registered for a total of 2,817 courses system-wide.

As of the afternoon of the April 7, 1,837 UAA students were registered for 19,826 credit hours with 76% enrolled in 12 credits or more. Comparative data will become available next week when the fall enrollment reports (Early Semester Reports) begin. They can be viewed on the SW Institutional Research website.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance and the Financial Literacy Coordinator Laura Zamborsky have branded their campaign and launched a series of workshops called the “$avvy $eawolf $eries: Stretching Your Dollar; Credit...the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly; and The Loan Zone.” These workshops are designed to stand-alone or be used concurrently. Anyone wishing to book a workshop for students in their office or department should call Laura at 786-6149.

Over 4,000 scholarship applications and essays are being read and scored for the upcoming school year. The Standing Scholarship Committee chair was able to recruit 69 volunteers from across the campus, starting with a kick-off breakfast at The Gorsuch Commons. Each essay is read and scored at least twice against an established rubric focused on the student's goals, extracurricular involvement, community involvement, extenuating circumstances and presentation of the application. Once scored, they are reviewed by the committee and matched to specific scholarships.

Associate Director of Student Financial Assistance Shauna Grant was selected as one of 80 panelists to read scholarship applications at the Institute of International Education (IIE) headquarters in Houston, Texas. IIE administers over 200 programs in 185 countries to promote international exchange. Over 2,300 Gilman scholarship awards of up to $5,000 were awarded this academic year to US students participating in study abroad programs.

The Enrollment Services and the Student Access, Advising and Transition divisions are embarking on an effort to inventory and map communications sent by the University to new students. The initial goal is to gain an understanding of what’s happening now so the divisions can become more efficient and purposeful in what goes out to students. The long-term goal is to align and streamline UAA communication to new students so they receive a cohesive message that supports a successful transition into UAA, persistence and on-time graduation.
Student Access, Advising and Transition (SAAT) will host an end of the year celebration for all Alaska Performance Scholars and UA Scholars on the Anchorage campus Friday, April 25 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Student Union.

MAP-Works, Advising and Testing Center, the Department of Residence Life and UAA’s Stay on Track Campaign partnered with numerous areas on campus to host a “Stay on Track for Summer” panel discussion event on March 26 in the Gorsuch Commons from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Students asked the following areas/departments questions about how they could take full advantage of opportunities available to students during the summer sessions: Student Life & Leadership, Advising & Testing Center, Student Union & Commuter Student Services, Career Services, and the Office of the Registrar. Students were also informed that summer sessions were a great opportunity to take courses, in order to graduate sooner.

SAAT will host the first annual faculty appreciation luncheon on April 25 from noon to 1:00 pm in the Den. Students nominated faculty on the MAP-Works survey that have made a positive impact on their transition and success at UAA.

Over the past four years, students that take a GUID 150 class in the fall are 12% more likely to persist into spring when compared to their peers that did not take the class.

New Student Recruitment in partnership with Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) will host at UAA the Kids2College event. Kids2college is an early college awareness program that promotes a college-going culture. Fifth and six graders from local Anchorage schools will visit campus, participate in special classes taught by UAA instructors, and learn about being a college student.

The MAP-Works Mentor program is planning their end of semester gathering, where the ELP and Multicultural Center MAP-Works mentors and their mentees have the opportunity to meet as a large group, share their experiences and celebrate the campus connections they have made through the mentorship program.
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The “We’re Hiring! Career Fair” on March 27 was a huge success with 40 companies in attendance.

Fifty students and nine company representatives attended the Career Services Center Spring Etiquette Lunch on April 4. The guest speaker was CBPP professor Frank Jeffries.

The UA Student Code of Conduct Review Committee will be holding open forums across the UA statewide system in April to solicit feedback about revisions proposed to the UA Student Code of Conduct.

Alcohol, Drug, and Wellness Educator (ADWE) Amanda Murdock and Director of Student Conduct & Ethical Development Michael Votava have formed a committee to review the sanctions assigned to students for alcohol/drug violations.

ADWE Amanda Murdock is coordinating Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (DVSA) Awareness Month. A new event planned for 2014 is the DVSA Month Resource Fair on April 17, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Student Union. Over ten community partners will participate in the fair.

SafeZone Celebration week is April 10-18 with the launch on April 10, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union.

The Residence Hall Association general assembly and executive board have drafted a letter opposing Senate Bill 176 regarding concealed weapons on campus. The letter was sent to Senator Coghill and all Senators currently considering the bill.

The Everyday Leadership conference was well attended with over 100 participants learning skills and being challenged to put leadership into action. TED-X speaker Drew Dudley, presented a dynamic luncheon keynote address, and gave two other presentations while on campus.

Leadership Honors were awarded to eight students and the Commencement Speaker process was completed with four finalists reviewed.

Student Union & Commuter Student Services (SU&CSS) held the 3rd annual UAA Talent Show on March 20. The show featured 10 acts including dance, singing, and impersonations. Over 120 students attended the event.

Commuter Student Appreciation Week (CSAW) was held March 17-20 and included workshops on test anxiety and major discovery. SU&CSS staff rode the shuttle to connect with students and pass out discounted coffee cards. CSAW events connected with 1,000 students.

Integrated Suicide Prevention Initiative GateKeeper training was completed by 15 of the Student Health & Counseling Center (SHCC) staff.

Margaret Fitzgerald, ANP, was hired as SHCC Assistant Director, Physical Health Operations.
Report Faculty Senate and Faculty Alliance
10th April 2014

I. Events: Future Convocation
   The Chancellor’s office is working on revising the faculty and staff convocation for the fall.

II. University College
   The provost has invited nominations for a committee to consider UAA organizing a University College with the primary goals of increasing retention and success of underprepared and exploratory (undeclared) students.

III. Budget
   The April Faculty Senate agenda has budget saving ideas from UA statewide and UAF. The BOR is considering not travelling as much next year to reduce expenses.

IV. BOR Motions
   The BOR changed policy that requires UAF, UAA, and UAS to have the same academic calendars including holidays and the same daily class schedules.
   The BOR also passed a motion ordering faculty to generate a single GER program for the three universities. They are attempting to control everything down to the course numbering and names. An implausibly short timeline is given.
   No evidence that there is a problem was provided with either motion. No governance was consulted. There is no evidence they discussed the cost of implementing either idea.
   Faculty Senate discussed what can be done to stop these changes. Initial ideas include talking with regents directly to inform them of the impact (cost/benefit analysis). Faculty Senate will also craft a motion opposing these changes and also opposing changes without consulting governance.
Accreditation Update – University Assembly
April 10, 2014

Fall 2014 Mid-Cycle Review
UAA is scheduled for an accreditation evaluation in Fall 2014. The NWCCU is in the process of making a major revision to the process, replacing the Year Three Evaluation with a Mid-Cycle Review. The new report is intended to prepare institutions for the Year Seven Evaluation, and to reduce the old format’s focus on inputs.

- **Report – Due in September. New format reduced from about 200 pages to 15.**
  - **Part I:** Significant changes and events within our Resources and Capacity.
  - **Part II:** Progress on assessing institutional, program, and student learning outcomes; improvements based on those evaluations; and plans to consider changes and prepare for our 2017 report.
  - **Guidelines:** NWCCU is developing guidelines for the new report format. UAA is serving on the task force for the guidelines.

- **Visit –** Two peer-evaluators will visit on October 29th and 30th. UAA will determine the itinerary.

Accreditation Steering Committee
UAA is in the process of establishing an Accreditation Steering Committee. We are working with the leaders of the Faculty Senate, APT Council, and Classified Council to seek nominations for the committee’s faculty and staff representatives.

Preparations for the Evaluation
For the report and visit, UAA will be asked to provide a few excellent models of programs which have used assessment to inform improvements. If you have ideas for what we might include, please let us know.
Mid-Cycle Review Report Content – Fall 2014

Part I: Brief Narrative on Standard Two (Resources and Capacity)

Summarizing any significant changes or events related to each of the major Standard Two components, with an inventory of policies included in Standard Two. No more than five pages.

1. Governance
2. Human Resources
3. Education Resources
4. Student Support Resources
5. Library and Information Resources
6. Financial Resources
7. Physical and Technological Resources

Part II: Description of Progress and Lessons Learned from Assessing Institutional, Program, and Student Learning Outcomes

Summarizing what we’ve learned so far and how we plan to progress toward the Year 7 Report in 2017. No more than ten pages.

1. Satisfaction with mission, core themes, objectives, and indicators; assessment and evaluation processes; and plans to approach changes if needed
2. Description of what the institution has learned through assessment so far, and what changes are contemplated
3. Examples of how assessment data was evaluated and used to make improvements and assess mission progress
UAA Accreditation Overview

Institutional Accreditation is overseen by the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, and the Assistant Vice Provost/ALO is responsible for the ongoing communications and reporting to the NWCCU. OAA reviewed this structure in fall 2013, and, because much of the ongoing work with the NWCCU relates to academic programs, it was decided that accreditation should remain where it is currently housed. However, the new accreditation process, which focuses on mission fulfillment, also relies heavily on the work of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and the institution as a whole.

To ensure broad institutional participation and sustainability of the accreditation process, UAA will create an advisory group, co-chaired by the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs and the Senior Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness.

The Accreditation Steering Committee is advisory and will:

1. Provide oversight and guidance regarding the institution’s overall approach to accreditation.
2. Ensure and guide internal and external communication to keep the campuses and communities informed of and engaged in the accreditation processes.
3. Review the Core Themes and indicators in the context of the standards for accreditation and ensure their alignment with UAA goals and objectives.
4. Review progress toward mission fulfillment and report areas of success and of concern.
5. Meet 3-4 times per year.

Accreditation Steering Committee Membership

1. Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Co-Chair
2. Senior Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, Co-Chair
3. Faculty Representative
4. Faculty Representative
5. Faculty Representative (Community Campus)
6. Staff Representative
7. Student Representative
8. Research Representative
9. Academic Dean or Associate Dean Representative
10. Community Campus Director or Assistant Director Representative
11. Student Affairs Representative
12. Administrative Services Representative
13. University Advancement Representative
14. Under discussion—Alumni Representative

Senior Consultants to the Committee: Assistant Vice Provost and Accreditation Liaison Officer
Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Research