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XI. Adjourn
May 8, 2014
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
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III. Approval of Agenda (pg. 1)
Approved as amended

IV. Approval of Summary (pg. 2-4)
Will receive revisions from Susan Kalina for the Accreditation piece under New Business.
Approved as amended

V. President’s Report

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B. Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Bear Baker
   Thank you for all of the hard work and contributions this year to the mission of the university.

C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Bill Spindle

D. Vice Chancellor of Advancement Megan Olson (pg. 11-13)
   Development Day is coming up on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

E. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bruce Schultz (pg. 14-18)

VII. Governance Reports
A. System Governance Council
   Passed the new Constitution.

B. Staff Alliance
   Will meet on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.
C. Classified Council
   Finalized new members and assigned committee work.
   Elizabeth Winfree will be the 2014-2015 Classified Council President.
   Chris Triplett and Janelle North will serve as the 2014-2015 Co-Vice Presidents

   Created three joint APT/Classified Council summer task forces which include: Dean’s Survey, Social/Retreat Planning Committee, as well as the APT/Classified Council Consolidation (Constitution and Bylaws) Review Committee.

D. APT Council
   Focused on finalizing committee positions.
   Kathleen McCoy will be the 2014-2015 APT Council President.
   Betty Hernandez and John Moore will continue to serve as the 2014-2015 Co-Vice Presidents.
   Took volunteers for the three joint APT/Classified Council summer taskforces.

E. Union of Students/ Coalition of Students
   Stacey Lucason is the new USUAA President.
   Working on training new senators and preparing resolutions for the Board of Regents meeting in June.

F. Alumni Association

G. Faculty Senate/ Faculty Alliance (pg. 19)
   The final Faculty Senate meeting was held on Friday, May 2, 2014 and did not require new actions. The main items of discussion were focused on the Board of Regents unified calendar and general education requirements.
   A survey concerning the academic calendar that was sent to faculty, students, and staff, currently reveals that faculty would like to see as little change as possible, whereas students are open to seeing a change.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
   A. Election of Assembly President and Vice President
      Elizabeth Winfree will continue to serve as President for the 2014-2015 term.
      Stacey Lucason will serve as the Vice-President for the 2014-2015 term.

   B. University Assembly Meeting Time and Date Change Discussion
      The 1:00-3:30pm time slot is difficult for faculty to meet due to set course schedules. Due to this, research on best timing and a potential new location should be conducted before the fall so the new schedule can be provided to members for the entire 2014-2015 academic year.

      **Motion:** University Assembly will meet every month in the morning on the second or third Friday pending schedules beginning in September 2014.
      2nd: Mark Fitch
      Unanimously approved

   C. Recognition of Members

X. Information/Attachments
   A. Upcoming Governance Events (recurring item)

XI. Adjourn: 1:46pm
STATEWIDE

Finance & Administration
A new risk management information system (RMIS) is replacing end-of-life technology at Statewide Risk Services. The project team was a collaboration between Risk Services and the universities. The new software will better manage workers’ compensation and insurance claims, provide OSHA reporting compliance and metrics, and replace two separate software applications with a single system, Origami Risk. The first stage of implementation was completed in August with a successful conversion of all existing claims data from the legacy system. Later this year, an online reporting portal accessible to employees and students will replace paper incident and accident forms system-wide. This is a significant accomplishment that will ensure future metrics for claims, safety and risk at UA.

UAA

Student Achievement and Faculty Excellence
Mr. Erick Romig, 2012 B.A. Languages, Emphasis Spanish and AY 2012-13 Fulbright Teaching Assistant in Spain, will commence his pursuit of a Ph.D. in Medieval Spanish Literature at the University of Virginia as a Jefferson Scholars Foundation Fellow. Mr. Romig’s UAA academic advisor, Fulbright scholarship and Post-Graduate Studies mentor was Dr. Patricia Fagan, Associate Professor of Spanish.

Dr. Joshua Swift, assistant professor of psychology, is the co-author of *Premature Termination in Psychotherapy: Strategies for Engaging Clients and Improving Outcomes*, scheduled to be published by the American Psychological Association this September.

Mike Hawfield, Kenai Peninsula College Kachemak Bay Campus associate professor of history and political science, has been appointed by Governor Parnell to the Alaska Historical Commission.

UAA Partnerships with Alaska’s Schools
UAA’s Chugiak-Eagle River Campus and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District partnered to fund the construction and opening of the Eagle Center Café, which will serve the needs of UAA and Alaska Middle College School students. Designed with students in mind, the café, managed by Nana Management Services, features multiple electronic ports and free Wi-Fi.

UAA Accountability to Alaskans
ScholarWorks@UA is developing into a UAA resource including more than 200 reports from UAA’s Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) and the Justice Center, student graduate projects, and the open access textbook, *Monty’s Bridge to Tomorrow*. The textbook is aimed at intermediate and advanced Japanese language learners and dedicated to Monty Dickson, a UAA 2009 graduate who perished during Japan’s earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. In his memory, UAA Professor Hiroko Harada and colleagues from UAF, University of California San Diego, Sacramento State University,
California State University Long Beach, and Memphis University collaborated to produce the open access textbook with funding from the Japan Foundation and Center for Global Partnership.

The Consortium Library has added new databases in the sciences, linguistics, and languages and also developed a new webpage and search services for SLED, the statewide library program. Upon closure of the National Archives facility in Anchorage, the library received the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Matanuska Colonization Project collection, now housed in Archives and Special Collections.

The most recent issue of the Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center Fact Sheet presents data for 1982–2012 on state and local law enforcement personnel in Alaska, including size of law enforcement agencies by number of employed personnel, police-citizen ratio, ratio of sworn officers to civilian employees and employment of women as sworn officers.

**UAF**

NATO’s Parliamentary Assembly Science and Technology Committee visited UAF Sept. 4. Several UAF arctic leaders and scientists presented arctic security issues to the delegation (which included two committee members who also serve in Congress). The meeting included an overview of UAF’s abilities to address needs through innovative research and applied science.

In celebration of the Troth Yeddha’ Legacy initiative, UAF Vice Chancellor Evon Peter, with Tanana Chiefs Conference President Victor Joseph, Doyon Limited CEO Aaron Schutt, and Fairbanks Native Association Executive Director Steve Ginnis, gathered Sept. 4 to honor Alaska Native leadership at UAF. They unveiled the new sign marking the site of the Troth Yeddha’ Park and future indigenous studies building.

Contractors placed 340 yards of concrete for a new strong floor, and another 20 yards into a footing adjacent to the floor, at the engineering facility on Aug. 29. The strong floor is one of the unique features and only one of its kind in the state of Alaska. The floor is feet-foot thick and has embedded anchors every four feet on center that allow engineers to push or pull on large beams and bridge girders to simulate lateral loads such as those experienced in an earthquake. When completed, the engineering facility will have several 14 kilowatt solar photovoltaic panels on the south side of the building funded with a $100,000 grant from the Review of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Energy Board. In the spring of 2009 UAF students voted to establish a $20 per semester fee to fund programs and projects to make UAF a more sustainable and energy-efficient campus. The solar panel installation is one the major projects for 2014.

Nine visiting students and an instructor from the Sami Institute in Finland at the Northwest Campus are currently participating in an exchange program. Students in the High Latitude Range Management (HLRM) program from the region also came to Nome to work with them.

Bill Streever will visit the Fairbanks campus to discuss technological needs related to ecological stewardship in the oil and gas industry Sept. 16. Streever, author of the books *Cold and Heat*, lives in Anchorage and runs an applied research program for BP in Alaska’s North Slope oil fields. He’ll discuss the diverse trajectories of inventions and innovations from conception to commercialization. The talk is sponsored by the Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization.
UAF welcomed more than 700 new students last weekend at the kickoff of new student orientation activities. The four-day event includes workshops and activities for new students and their families, as well as opportunities for students to connect with the Fairbanks community. Classes began Sept. 4.

Two UA Press books received 2014 WILLA literary awards from Women Writing the West, a nonprofit association of writers and other professionals. *Gaining Daylight*, by Sara Loewen, won the creative non-fiction award, and *Upriver* by Carolyn Kremers was selected as a finalist in the poetry category.

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

**UAS**

About 100 freshmen have settled into the first residence hall ever built on the Juneau main campus. The facility opened on move-in day August 27. The residence hall can house up to 120 students. The new hall includes picture windows with views of Auke Lake and the surrounding mountains. A common area, closed-off study spaces, and a meeting room offer different environments within the building. The rooms are suite-style, with two sets of two roommates sharing a bathroom and a kitchen.

Chancellor Pugh appointed Michael Ciri to the permanent position of Vice Chancellor for Administration. Ciri was a finalist in the previous recruitment, and since March 2013 has served as the acting, then interim vice chancellor. He’s held various positions on the Juneau campus for 30 years and has three UA degrees, including a Master of Public Administration degree from UAS in 2007.

The Ketchikan campus welcomes two new faculty – recent Ph.D.s Dr. Brandon Chapman and Dr. Ali Ziegler. Dr. Chapman is the new Assistant Professor of Anthropology at UAS Ketchikan. He has taught undergraduate courses the past seven years at various universities including the UAF Chukchi Campus, Washington State University, University of Idaho, and Portland Community College. He teaches Introduction to Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, and various upper-division classes. Dr. Ziegler completed her PhD in Psychology and Women’s Studies at the University of Michigan and has taught a number of courses related to psychology and Women’s Studies.

Outdoor Studies program head Forest Wagner and student climbers Chelsea Bomba and Ariel Svetlik-McCarthy climbed the West Ridge of Shot Tower in the Arrigetch Region of the Central Brooks Range. The climb took place over a period of 24 hours and consisted of 12 pitches over 1,300 feet. To approach Shot Tower, the group flew from Coldfoot 100 miles west to the Alatna River, then backpacked with 90-pound packs into the Arrigetch peaks. The expedition was the focus of the Expedition Rock Climbing class, offered as an upper division elective for students in the BLA program’s Outdoor and Adventure Studies emphasis.
PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Academic Affairs and Research:
- Chancellor Case, Provost Baker, Vice President Thomas and I met with the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) staff to discuss a potential innovation within the ANSEP program.
- Faculty Alliance Chair David Valentine and I met in preparation for next week’s Faculty Alliance meeting. We also discussed how to fill the big kayak of retiring Vice President Dana Thomas.

Administrative:
- The Summit Team met August 26 with academic deans and directors to review their growing role in “Shaping.” We discussed what was on the table with the Summit Team and likely discussions we could all expect to have with the BOR regarding “Shaping” policy. There was resounding acclimation that collaboration had new and significant potential.

University Relations:
- The chancellors, Associate Vice President Development Megan Riebe, and I met with Exxon executives to share UA priorities that have potential for Exxon corporate interest. We discussed workforce needs and ways to recruit and retain students and teachers in STEM areas.
- Met in Anchorage with Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Executive Director Diane Barrans; Vice President Thomas participated by video. We discussed the ANSWERS project (Alaska’s P-20W Statewide Longitudinal Data System) and its future for use in Alaska and by UA.
- Chaired an Alaska Aerospace Corporation board meeting in Kodiak, one day after a test rocket blew up upon clearing the launch pad.
- Spoke at the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce on September 2.
### UA Grant Proposals Awarded
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| UAF | New Non-competitive | Institutional Support | CC Administrative Support | Harvey, Pauline Fannie | Chukchi Campus Consortium Library | 1-Jul-14 | 30-Jun-15 | Northwest Arctic Borough | 29-Aug-14 | 100.0        |
|     | New Competitive     | Basic Research       | SFOS IMS Faculty and PI's | Konar, Brenda Helene    | Growth and production of the dominant Alaskan Beaufort Sea brittle stars: Ophiura sarsii and Ophiocten sericeum | 1-Sep-14 | 31-Aug-15 | North Pacific Research Board | 25-Aug-14 | 25.0         |
|     |                     |                    | SFOS IMS Faculty and PI's | Kruse, Gordon H          | Graduate Studies Agreement between Kevin McNeel and ADFG             | 1-Jul-14 | 30-Jun-17 | AK Department of Fish & Games | 26-Aug-14 | 50.0         |

| UAF Total |                     |                    |                |                             |                                                                      |                    |                       |                                                  |              | **175.0**     |

**Grand Total**

**314.2**
Administration

- **Alaska Airlines Center Grand Opening** – Friday, September 5 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.
  Be among the first to enter the doors of the Alaska Airlines Center on Friday, September 5, 2014. Join UAA as the ribbon is cut and the new center is dedicated and opened for our students and community. Come see the new 5,000-plus seat facility, enjoy light refreshments and learn about the exciting things happening at UAA.

- **SpringHill Suites Volleyball Tournament** – Friday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m.
  Be sure to stick around for the SpringHill Suites Volleyball Tournament at 7:00p.m. to cheer on the Seawolves as they take on LIU Post.

- **First Commencement in the Alaska Airlines Center** – Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Alumni Relations

- **2014 Alumni of Distinction Award Recipients**
  The recipients of the 2014 Alumni of Distinction awards have been announced. These three distinguished UAA alumni will be honored for their outstanding contributions to their chosen fields and community at the *fifth annual Green & Gold Gala on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Alaska Airlines Center*. Reserve your seat online today and join the UAA Alumni Association as we celebrate this year's Alumni of Distinction and raise funds to support student scholarships.

  **Ted Trueblood** — Alumni of Achievement Award
  - M.S. Civil Engineering ’80
  - President, Tryck Nyman Hayes Inc. (Retired)
  - Past president, UAA Alumni Association

  **Cristy Hickel** — Alumni Humanitarian Award
  - B.Ed. Physical Education ‘86, M.S. Interdisciplinary Studies ’89
  - Program Director, SPYDER (Sports Programs for Youth Development, Education & Recreation)
  - Member, Seawolf Athlete Alumni Chapter

  **Virginia Groeschel** — Alumni Emerging Leader Award
  - B.S. Civil Engineering ’06
  - Aviation Design Engineer, State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
  - President, College of Engineering Alumni Chapter

Development

- **Corporate and Foundation Gifts**
  - **W. Dean and Ana Weidner** contributed $500,000 toward their $3 million pledge to support the Weidner Property Management and Real Estate Professorship. The professorship was established to bring to UAA distinction and leadership in the study of Property Management and Real Estate and its relevance to Alaska’s future. The goals of the professorship are to advance Property Management and Real Estate teaching and research.
- **Pepsi-Cola** contributed $100,000 toward their $266,000 pledge to support Seawolf Athletics Building Futures fund which provides support for capital and operating expenses associated with any existing and future Athletics facilities on the UAA campus.

- The **Atwood Foundation** contributed $50,000 toward their $150,000 pledge for the Robert B. Atwood Chair of Journalism.

- **Bartlett Regional Hospital** fulfilled their $150,000 pledge to support the School of Nursing Expansion with their recent gift of $50,000.

- **ConocoPhillips Alaska** donated $36,000 to support ANSEP.

- **BP** pledged $25,000 to support Excellence in Engineering.

- **Rasmuson Foundation** donated $25,000 to support the CBPP Experimental Economics Laboratory.

- **Evergreen Business Capital** donated $10,000 to support UAA’s Small Business Development Center.

### Individual Gifts

- **Barbara Ellen Clinton** contributed toward her Leadership Circle pledge ($20,000+) to support the Edward Rollin Clinton Memorial Endowment which provides funding for a visiting guest pianist to play at public performances for students, faculty and the general public.

- **Cecilia C. Doak** donated at the Aurora Circle level ($10,000-$19,999) to establish the Leonard G. Doak Health Literacy Scholarship which provides financial assistance to one student each year who is accepted to participate in the Leonard G. Doak Health Literacy Fellowship while enrolled in the graduate Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program.

- **John and Madge Oswald** donated at the Aurora Circle level to support the Excellence in Geomatics and Geospatial Studies Endowed Scholarship which benefits students currently enrolled in a degree program, including but not limited to the GIS emphasis, remote sensing, geospatial, hydrographic surveying, and ocean mapping.

### UAA Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign

In FY14, 403 employees, committed over $167,000 to 85 funds. Of those employee donors, 99 made their first gift this year. Thanks to everyone who showed their Seawolf Spirit at work, making the university a better place for all of us.

### Student Phonathon

Now entering its 11th year, the UAA Student Phonathon will start calling alumni the week of Sept. 15, with a fundraising goal for fall semester of $98,000. To date, student callers have raised over $1,100,000 from our dedicated alumni.

### University Relations

#### UAA Alumni Spirit Magazine

The UR team is working to publish the second edition of the UAA Alumni Spirit magazine, scheduled to hit mailboxes later this month.

#### Alaska Airlines Center Grand Opening Festivities

The Alaska Airlines Center grand opening festivities kick off on Friday, Sept. 5, and several events to celebrate the new "communiversity" facility will take place through Sept. 14. Events include the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Service Before Self, Taste of Alaska, Alabama Shakes Concert, Faculty Research and Creative Activity Showcase, Drive-In Move and Food Truck Rodeo, and Howlapalooza. More info at [www.alaskaairlinescenter.com](http://www.alaskaairlinescenter.com).
• **Seawolf Weekly**
  A special edition of the Seawolf Weekly on Sept. 3 focuses all stories on the Alaska Airlines Center and its benefits to UAA students and the community. Read about the new sports medicine facility, gymnastics training facility, renovations to the Wells Fargo Sports Complex for the hockey program, and an update on the new Varsity Sports Grill, scheduled to open Oct. 1.

• **2014 Green & Gold Gala**
  The UR team is helping Alumni Relations prepare for the 2014 Green & Gold Gala on Sept. 27, the first formal event in the new Alaska Airlines Center.

• **UAA Facebook Page**
  Thanks to the efforts of UAA Social Media Specialist Catalina Myers, the UAA: University of Alaska Anchorage Facebook page hit the 10,000 "Likes" mark last week.

  # # #
The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) shared an engaging presence at Campus Kick-Off with the “Before I Graduate” wall. Students wrote their hopes and dreams for their time at UAA, including aspirations to “join Greek life,” “study abroad,” “win a National Championship,” and “figure out who I am.”

**Student Affairs Assessment Team (A-Team)**
The A-Team will convene for a half-day planning retreat on September 26 during which they will hear from industry leaders on the future of student affairs assessment, share and celebrate best practices in assessment at UAA, evaluate A-Team accomplishments and areas for growth, establish specialized work-groups and goals, and self-appraise assessment competencies for development.

**Military & Veteran Students Resource Center (MVSRC)**
This summer, MVSRC staff held multiple Veteran Affairs (VA) Education workshops to help students learn how to use their benefits at UAA.

Beginning September 5, MVSRC will hold weekly meetings of the Veterans and Military Art Therapy Group, a free and confidential supportive expressive arts group for healing, support and comradery in a safe environment to promote creative self-expression and healing. The meetings are held every Friday from 1-3 pm in the Leadership Lab in the Student Union.

On the evening of September 11, MVSRC coordinated a “Service Before Self” art auction at the Alaska Airlines Center. The event included a silent auction in honor of those who we lost from 9/11 forward and those that have served, featuring the art of our first responders and military. Proceeds from the auction benefit the charity of the artist’s choice.

On October 8 from 5-7 pm, MVSRC will host UAA Alumnus Kenneth Bracewell for a book signing of his recent book, *A Veteran’s Road to College Success*, on how to successfully progress through college as a veteran with a family.

**The Multicultural Center (MCC)**
In August, MCC staff assisted with the “Call Back” initiative, making phone calls to continuing first- and second-year students who were in good standing, yet who were not enrolled. The impact of this initiative was that 52.7% who were contacted eventually enrolled. The overall impact was an 18% increase over last year.

MCC staff participated in the Residence Life Resource Fair on August 20, providing training and information to over 60 Residence Life staff members. On August 21-22, MCC also assisted Residence Life and on-campus students with the residential community move-in process.

MCC participated in Campus Kick-Off and made contact with over 100 students and family members visiting the table.

MCC also hosted its first annual Open House on Saturday, August 23. Over 100 participants from the campus and community stopped by and heard words of encouragement from the guest speaker, Preston Pollard. A professional skateboarder, model and public speaker, Mr. Pollard was a former Upward Bound student from Bartlett High School who now resides in Southern California.

In the next few weeks, MCC staff will finalize interviews for both the office manager and student transition advisor positions.
A clear picture of Fall 2014 enrollment has come in with the close of registration on September 5. The official count, known as the census, occurs September 19 and will reflect the official tally of fall enrollment.

From data reported on September 9, UAA university-wide enrollment is 3.7% lower than the same date last fall with 17,066 students enrolled compared to 17,724 one year ago. This is a continuation of the trend that began in 2012 as the number of high school graduates decline statewide and population growth remains relatively flat. UA Fairbanks is in a similar situation. Enrollment there is 5.5% lower than last year with 8,496 students enrolled this semester compared to 8,989 students enrolled in Fall 2013. UA Southeast in Juneau is faring a bit better with 0.3% lower enrollment with 2,941 students now enrolled compared to 2,949 last year.

While enrollment on the Anchorage campus is down 4.7% (13,732 students compared to 14,412 last year), Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) is experiencing enrollment growth compared to last year. KPC currently has 5.4% more students registered with 2,607 student enrolled this semester compared to 2,474 enrolled in Fall 2013.

There was an interesting change in student enrollment behavior this year. Historically UAA loses headcount in the last week of registration, when some students drop all of their courses and leave the University. This year UAA gained headcount with one student registering in Anchorage and seven registering university-wide. Although the number of additional students is few, this is a tremendous gain from last year when UAA lost 149 university-wide and 125 from the Anchorage campus.

The cooperative summer outreach program to unregistered students between Student Affairs and UAA’s schools and colleges was more successful this year. Last summer 28.7% of students contacted registered for Fall 2013. This year, 48.35% of those contacted registered for Fall 2014.
Office of New Student Recruitment (NSR)
NSR is excited to announce the creation of two new positions: a traditional student recruiter who will focus attention on the recruitment of out-of-state prospective students and a transfer coordinator who will work with other key offices on campus to build a transfer-friendly process that will more effectively attract this important market. The additional staffing will allow for a more robust recruitment effort of two key demographics.

UAA Application Days are getting underway. NSR will offer the opportunity for prospective students to join a UAA recruiter in their high school to receive one-on-one assistance as they complete their application for admission. This year 21 high schools throughout Alaska are participating in this successful program.

New Student Orientation (NSO)
NSO has partnered with the UAA student club Simple Truth to host “Strong Service” on Saturday, September 27 at the Student Union from 1-4 pm. Keynote speaker will be former Seattle Seahawk, Mack Strong. Both the university and Anchorage communities will be invited to participate in the Volunteer Fair that connects volunteers with service opportunities.

NSO will host UAA FUSION (For Unity and Service in Our Neighborhoods) September 29 - October 3. This event creates an opportunity for UAA students to volunteer services hours to local non-profits in the Anchorage area.

Educational Talent Search (ETS)
On Wednesday, September 24, ETS is hosting a screening of the documentary “First Generation,” which shows high school seniors from disadvantaged backgrounds preparing for college. The evening will include a resource fair of UAA programs and facilitated discussion.

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)
Educational Opportunity Center will host the 33rd Annual Anchorage Alaska College and Career Fair 2014 at the Egan Civic and Convention Center on October 19 and 20. Representatives from colleges, universities, and vocational schools from around the country, as well as private and public employers, will be available to Alaska’s students and community.

Student Support Services (SSS)
Of the SSS students who completed classes last spring, 74% re-enrolled in classes for Fall 2014.

UA Scholars & Alaska Performance Scholars Program
The UA Scholars Program presented at Howl Days in which a total of 187 first-time freshman UA Scholars and Alaska Performance Scholars were in attendance. This is a 3% increase from last year in which 182 scholars participated in Howl Days. The one-day orientations were developed to specifically targets UA Scholars, Alaska Performance Scholars and Honors students.
Student Life & Leadership (SL&L)
Campus Kick-Off was a success this year with 168 booths, a successful comedy show, the outdoor movie with over 300 attendees, and a packed shopping night at Fred Meyers.

Student Activities supported the grand opening of the Alaska Airlines Center by coordinating a variety of events including the Spirit Run, the Concert Board’s upcoming Alabama Shakes show on September 13 and HowlPalooza, a local music program on September 14.

USUAA had its fall retreat and is gearing up for the year. Club Council presented the Involvement Fair on September 10 that featured clubs and programs for student involvement.

Department of Residence Life (DRL)
All of the residential GUID150 classes are at 100% capacity.

DRL hosted a successful First-Year Faculty Social September 3. The Residence Hall Association (RHA) hosted the first-ever RHA Week following Residence Life’s Welcome Week to raise awareness of the association’s mission and role on campus.

Alaska Native & Rural Outreach Program (ANROP) and Alaska Native Studies are working together to host a weekly Southeast Alaska Regalia Sewing program every Wednesday in the Cama-i Room, 5:30-8 pm.

Student Conduct and Alcohol, Drug, & Wellness Education
In summer 2013, the Dean of Students Office (DOS) collaborated with the Office of Campus Diversity & Compliance (OCDC) to compile thousands of pages of information for the US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights in fulfillment of a Title IX compliance review.

In collaboration with OCDC and many other stakeholders, DOS wrote new policies about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that will be included in the 2014 Campus Security & Fire Safety Report. DOS is coordinating Safety Awareness Month in September. DOS will publish the 2014 Campus Security and Fire Safety Report this month and will email a link to the report to all UAA community members by September 30, 2014, in compliance with the Clery Act.

Student Health & Counseling Center (SHCC)
During the month of August the SHCC participated in educational outreach with students, parents, and staff, at the following events: Howl Days, Campus Kick-Off, Residence Halls Resource Fair, Residence Life Welcome Week and various classroom presentations.

During the week of September 8-12, SHCC recognized and offered events for Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week.

Beginning September 17, SHCC will lead a “Help for Test Anxiety” workshop every Wednesday from 1-2pm in the Student Learning Lab in the Student Union.

Career Services Center (CSC)
CSC heightened its presence on Twitter and Facebook during August in anticipation of the Fall semester with daily social media postings. CSC offered free coffee to students the first week of classes to welcome them to the UAA campus. This bumped up how many people signed in to CSC during August to 118.

CSC opened up registration for the Fall Career Fair that CSC will host on October 16. Currently, 60 organizations are already registered for the fair. CSC and the CBPP Accounting Department are partnering again this year to host Accounting Week during September 23-27.

Student Union & Commuter Student Services (SU&CSS)
SU&CSS completed the two-week Fall 2014 Student Manager training. SU&CSS collaborated with Residence Life for approximately 26 hours of the two-week training to expand programming opportunities and better utilize campus and community resources. SU&CSS student managers developed and implemented a two-day training for the resource assistants and baristas.

SU&CSS participated in Campus Kick-Off with two booths this year and won honorable mention.
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Faculty Alliance
On August 21-23 the UA Faculty Alliance held its annual fall retreat. The Faculty Alliance is comprised of the current faculty senate presidents, the past presidents and the presidents-elect from the three universities.

The Alliance met with the “Summit Team,” comprised of the three UA Chancellors, the three Provosts, President Gamble, and Vice President Dana Thomas. The topics of discussion included the UA Board of Regents (BOR) resolutions on a common calendar and GER courses, along with building a productive relationship between the Summit and Alliance. The discussion was cordial and productive, and the faculty members were pleased at the statewide administrations’ responsiveness to some of our concerns.

The outcomes of the Alliance meeting included draft proposals for how we recommend UA respond to the common calendar and GER motions. For the calendar, we are proposing a committee that will begin looking at the constraints and costs around implementing a common calendar as well as calendar issues that UA should focus on in order to address the areas of greatest concern, in particular online synchronous classes. It seems that if we address problems with scheduling those, a lot of the other concerns might be diminished. The calendar committee will include all three registrars as well as faculty from the three universities and from one or two community campuses, to make sure we include a broad perspective on the challenges and costs.

The proposal around common GER courses and learning outcomes includes the following:

a. building on the work of the GELO task force and probably constituting a GELO2 to further examine innovation in the GER, such as the proposal developed by UAF faculty.

b. Reconvening the English Community of Practice and ask them to address the further items in the BOR resolution for developmental and GER English courses, and

c. Convening a statewide group of developmental and GER mathematics faculty to review and recommend alignment of the appropriate mathematics courses

The language on both proposals will be finalized September 12 and I will make sure everyone sees a copy.
We also learned that Vice President of Academic Affairs Dana Thomas is retiring as of December 31, 2014. Faculty Alliance sent a note to President Gamble expressing our interesting in seeing this position filled via a national, competitive search rather than direct appointment. A national search is being set up, and I have been invited to serve on the search committee.

**UA Board of Regents – forthcoming changes**
The terms of four members of the UA Board of Regents will expire in January 2015. We do not know whether any of these may be reappointed, but many anticipate significant turnover. If you know someone who would be a good regent, please urge them to apply. Information is at: [http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell/services/boards-commissions/board-factsheets.html?i=091](http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell/services/boards-commissions/board-factsheets.html?i=091) and [http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell/services/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-process.html](http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell/services/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-process.html)
In addition, Faculty Alliance is going to propose meeting with both major candidates for governor to discuss what we’d like to see in future UA Regents appointments.

**Smoking Ban Vote Update**
As of Friday September 5, 491 staff and 301 faculty have filled out the survey, with about 44% response rate for staff and 51% response rate for faculty. More than 80% support UAA having a comprehensive smoke-free policy. Final survey results will be made available next week, along with the names of the raffle winners. Thank you to Gabe Garcia and Joy Mapaye for developing and managing the survey!

**Provost Search**
The Chancellor is in the process of convening a Provost search committee. The consultant for the search will be on campus September 16 and 17, and will meet with faculty and staff members in open forums. If you are available, please attend to share your perspective on what we should be looking for in a new Provost. A faculty forum has also been set up for feedback for those who cannot make the session. The faculty forums site is at: [https://teams.uaa.alaska.edu/faculty-senate/](https://teams.uaa.alaska.edu/faculty-senate/)