December 13, 2012
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IX. New Business

A. General Counsel, Michael Hostina 1:30

X. Information/Attachments

A. Upcoming Governance Events (recurring item)

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The Governance session for the first Provost candidate was well attended
Neither Regent Heckman nor Regent Powers accepted the invitation to speak at this Assembly meeting
Mike Hostina will be speaking at our next meeting

VI. Administrative Reports
A. Chancellor Case (pg. 5-8)
President’s Highlights (pg. 9-15)
FAQ http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/chancellor/
Had a successful Board of Regents meeting yesterday on campus
The main topic was the budget; the budget was approved without any amendments
Received positive advocacy for the new engineering building
There will be a number of events and speakers on campus over the next couple of weeks

B. Interim Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Baker
Working hard on policy changes and implementations; would like all policy to be reviewed at least every three to five years
Looking at ways to eliminate paper copies

C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Spindle
No Report

D. Vice Chancellor of Advancement Olson (pg. 16-17)
Beth Rose is receiving the 2012 Outstanding Philanthropy Award
Receiving preliminary numbers for Pick-Click-Give
There is a new column in the Sunday edition of the Anchorage Daily News that highlights activities at UAA
I Am UAA campaign won the Prism Award
The Chancellor’s Implementation Committee has been meeting for six months

E. Vice Chancellor for Student Services Schultz (pg. 18-23)
Introduced Teresa Lyons, the Acting Executive Director of the Multicultural Center, Native Student Services, and New Student Orientation partnered with American Indian Science and Engineering Society
Priority registration begins tomorrow for Graduate students
Contacted 2,200 students who have holds on their accounts to help facilitate enrollment
November 14th Resident Life will be working with MapWorks to help students in the registration process
Hired Caitlin Poindexter as the UAA’s Care Team Coordinator and Chelsea Syales as a Title IX Investigator
21 UA Scholars will graduate in 2013

VII. Governance Reports
A. System Governance Council
B. Staff Alliance
   Has not met since the last Assembly meeting
   BOR approved the staff pay increase as part of the budget
C. Classified Council
   Discussed social events that the council would like to do over the year
D. APT Council
   APT and Classified Council Presidents will be presenting at the HR training to discuss Governance
E. Union of Students/Coalition of Students
   Appointed students for the Green Fee Board; still looking to appoint a faculty member
   Made over $17,000 from the homecoming dance
   Working on partnering with local businesses to offer student discounts
   Over 400 students voted in the student elections
   Legislative luncheon is November 15th
   Halloween fun night collected 82 tickets that will go to Make a Wish foundation
   Discussed the bike share program; the program will consist of four strategically placed bike stations across campus where faculty and students could rent bikes using their wolfcard. Will cost approximately $230,000 to implement.

F. Alumni Association - James R. Hemsath

G. Faculty Senate/Faculty Alliance
   Attended the GAB, UAB, and GERC meetings
   Meeting with Faculty Alliance tomorrow; Paula Donson has asked them to respond and provide feedback on the SDI themes
   Faculty Senate made a motion to support the use of e-portfolios
   Working with Statewide to have a GER retreat meeting in January with all of the MAUs

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
A. Employee Satisfaction Survey Working Group
   Megan Carlson presented to the committee
   Distributed flyers
   The survey launched on Monday and they have already had 700 respondents
   Several prizes have already been given out, but the airline tickets and iPad still remain

B. UA Alert and Ready Programs – Ron Swartz
   Discussed the UAA Alert system. The first test alert took up to 23 minutes for individuals to receive the notification. They are now using blackboard to get information out to faculty and students.
   An email was sent out on Monday requesting that everyone check that their information is correct in the system
   A test will be sent out next week that will include the entire campus
   Focuses on four main areas: IT, Housing, Research and Development, and Facilities
   Will be going to each department to attain information
X. Information/Attachments
   A. Upcoming Governance Events (recurring item)
   B. Ton in Ten – Human Services Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive
      Currently in progress
   C. Staff Make Students Count Award Recipient
      http://www.alaska.edu/voice/2012/June_2012/News/
      Kathy Smith received the Staff Make Students Count Award

XI. Adjourn
CaseNotes

Chancellor Tom Case
University of Alaska Anchorage

Alaska Native and American Indian Heritage Month celebration and Carro/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout at UAA in November.
Dear friends and colleagues,

We sent out an invitation to College of Fellows (COF) donors — as one of the perks of being a $1,000 donor — to attend "Monty Python's Spamalot" and were blown away by the response. "Spamalot" — for those unfamiliar — is a musical version of the movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Theatre, dance, music and visual arts students produced and acted, under the direction of Tom Skore, in this largest ever UAA production. More than 150 donors joined me for an evening of silliness and irreverent humor. This was the biggest COF event ever.

More and more UAA is becoming a vital draw to our community for producing shows like "Spamalot" and bringing in high profile speakers like James and Deborah Fallows, who spoke in November.

Not only are we providing intellectual, artistic and creative opportunities for our community but our Seawolf athletes are raising the level of great amateur sports available in Alaska. And it's not going unnoticed. Seawolves received a shoutout in NBC Sports College Basketball Talk.

"Alaska Anchorage: For the seventh time in the history of the program, UAA finished in fourth-place at the Great Alaska Shootout. How did they manage that? By beating both UC-Riverside and Loyola Marymount. The win over UCR isn't a major surprise, but LMU is one of the better teams in the WCC with one of the best point guards on the west coast in Anthony Ireland. Impressive work from the Seawolves.
--Rob Dauster, NBC Sports"

A few more standouts:

- Micah Chelimo won the NCAA Cross Country National Championship and is named National Men's Athlete of the Year for 2012 Cross Country.
- Susan Tanaui finished 2nd in the NCAA National Cross Country Championship.
- Men's Cross Country finished #3 in the nation.
- Women's Cross Country finished #6 in the nation.
- Volleyball completed its 5th consecutive winning season.
- Volleyball placed three players on the GNAC All-Academic team.
- UAA is ranked 6th in the nation in the Director's Cup Standings after the fall season.
- Men's Basketball is 6-1 and has recorded wins over Div. 1 opposition UC Riverside and LMU, finishing 4th in the Great Alaska Shootout.
- Women's Basketball defeated Div. 1 North Dakota State and finished as runner up in the Great Alaska Shootout.
- Seawolf Hockey won its second straight Kendall Hockey Classic in October.

Success brings success. Donors are telling their friends about the great things happening at
UAA and feeling good about the place in which they've invested. Faculty and staff donors are feeling doubly proud, and rightly so. Thank you for your support.

It's a great day to be a Seawolf!

**Budget note**

The Board of Regents approved the overall budget request for FY14 that emphasizes enhanced student advising and reduces deferred maintenance. Read about it on the Green & Gold.

**Program note**

President Gamble approved the conceptual realignment plan for Student Affairs and authorized the recruitment of an associate vice chancellor to lead the new Division of Student Access, Advising and Transition. The division will focus on early outreach and transition of students in the university through their first year.

**Staff note**

Traun Green, emergency dispatcher for University Police Department, is named Outstanding Employee of the Quarter. Read his story here...

**Student notes**

Journalism and Public Communications students provided live statewide radio and television coverage of the 2012 election in partnership with KOAN Fox News, GCI Channel 1, 1020 AM and 95.5.

Jennifer Stenga, a first-year occupational therapy student, won a $2,500 Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway scholarship. Applicants had to create a one-minute video explaining how they will make an impact in their community or in the world. See Jennifer's video at Dr Pepper Video.
### Development note

An anonymous donor established a planned gift that will add $2M to two new UAA funds: First Generation Endowed Student Scholarship and Alaska Endowment for Excellence. The gift's purpose is to help prevent "brain drain" from Alaska. [Read more...](#)

### Faculty notes

Gunnar Knapp, a professor of economics at the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) and internationally recognized scholar on fisheries, has been appointed interim director of ISER. Gunnar is taking over from Dr. Heather Hudson who is stepping down to focus on research, teaching and writing a book on the history of telecommunications in Alaska. [Read more...](#)

Kenai Peninsula College Student Services director and adjunct faculty Bill Howell published "Beer on the Last Frontier: The Craft Breweries of Alaska (Volume I: Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island Breweries)." This is the first book written that focuses exclusively on the craft breweries and brewpubs of Alaska.
Public Square note

UAA celebrated Alaska Native/Native American Heritage Month in November. The Anchorage opening ceremony featured dancing and singing by the Kingikmiut Dancers, a Native Regalia Review by the Native Student Council and caribou stew and fry bread. At Mat-Su College James Afcan and the Miracle Drummers and Dancers performed during a Native Food Potluck with over 80 participants.

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Alaska legislators were invited to a School of Engineering briefing and open house on Dec. 4.

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Alaska Native Studies Program held a summit featuring Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell and a panel discussion to commemorate the signing by Governor Parnell of SB130 that will help preserve Alaska Native languages.

Stay safe and enjoy all that UAA has to offer!

Best regards,

Tom Case
STATEWIDE

Academic Affairs
UA, through Corporate Programs, recently launched a pilot project partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. The program forms partnerships with local colleges and universities. It serves the dual purpose of saving local Forest Service units money and keeping dollars spent within the community. Twenty five people were in the initial class.

Facilities and Land Management
In response to the UA 2012 Fall Competitive Land Sale we received fourteen bids on seven properties. The apparent high bid total is $226,377, which is $27,377 over the minimum bid total required for these properties. In addition to generating this revenue, our department modified processes and reduced the non-labor expense related to the sale from a previous three year average of approximately $67,900, to approximately $20,200.

The UAF presentation on research capabilities made to state and local government land managers on Nov. 14 was a great success. All attendees indicated they learned something that could be immediately put to use and several indicated an interest in pursuing agreements with UAF for research specific to their needs.

Finance
The first notification of executive travel and compensation reporting was distributed to employees with key roles in the process. Executive travel and compensation reporting is a requirement by the State of Alaska Department of Administration.

UAA
We’ve launched a new blog on the UAA Master Plan for faculty, staff, students, advisory board members and the community to share their thoughts on the future of UAA’s physical infrastructure. http://uaamasterplan2012.blogspot.com/

President Gamble approved the conceptual realignment plan for Student Affairs and authorized the recruitment of an associate vice chancellor to lead the new Division of Student Access, Advising, and Transition. The division will focus on early outreach and successful transition of students into the university through their first year. Funding for this executive position comes from Student Affairs internal reallocations. A national recruitment is underway.

Micah Chelimo was named the National Men’s Athlete of the Year for 2012.

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities approved the Legal Studies curriculum package including the Legal Nurse Consultant Paralegal undergraduate certificate, Paralegal Studies AAS, Legal Studies BA, and Paralegal Studies post-baccalaureate certificate. In spring 2013, College of Health is offering Health Care Law & Regulatory Compliance exploring legal issues in health care delivery.
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Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) Assistant Professor of Process Technology Jeff Laube was elected to the Alaska Process Industries Careers Consortium (APICC) board of directors. KPC Student Services Director and adjunct faculty member Bill Howell published "Beer on the Last Frontier: The Craft Breweries of Alaska."

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Dr. Marny Rivera’s award for research on underage drinking conducted in partnership with Volunteers of America Alaska was noted in the Nov. 2012 online issue of Judicial ENews: Underage Drinking Related Issues and Court Practices. The award was presented in May 2012.

**UAF**

A new four-year program blends the art, biology and physics of color into a series of summer academies, science cafes and activity kits designed to inspire art-interested sixth to eighth grade students to enter careers in science. Laura Conner, College of Natural Science and Mathematics, will lead the $1.2 million NSF-funded project.

A nutritional ecologist with the Center for Alaska Native Health Research successfully used stable isotope signatures to analyze the diets of people in the Yukon Kuskokwim delta. Diane O'Brien's project, which was funded by NIH, found nitrogen ratios are high in marine foods, while carbon ratios are higher in market foods because of the prevalence of corn and corn-based sweeteners. The study shows that it's possible to reliably analyze diets using stable isotopes.

The School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences (SNRAS) welcomes its first Peace Corps fellow as part of a new opportunity for returned Peace Corps volunteers to earn a master’s degree at UAF. Eric Schacht served in the Peace Corps in Mali from 2006 – 2008 and decided to come to UAF after meeting
Associate Professor Susan Todd while she was on sabbatical last year in Nambia. To read more about Schacht and the program visit the SNRAS blog.

The Annual Giving Program has raised nearly $106,000, up 25 percent from last year, and more than $22,771.73 has been raised through the fall phone program for a 52 percent increase from last year. Other highlights include:

- The estate of Mary Louise Rasmuson distributed two $50,000 gifts: one for the Rasmuson Library and the other for the Elmer and Mary Louise Rasmuson Fisheries fund at School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.
- Wells Fargo Bank Alaska renewed its $25,000 gift to the UA Museum of the North in support of military appreciation events.
- ExxonMobil Corporation matched gifts made through the PFD Pick.Click.Give. program, donating more than $10,000 to UAF.
- The Charles G. Koch Foundation made a $15,000 gift to support the School of Management.
- John and Fran Zarling recently donated $12,000 to the Zarling Family Hockey Scholarship, for a total of $98,000 toward their $100,000 commitment to the fund.
- Santa Monica Seafood donated $10,000 to the Alaska King Crab Research, Rehabilitation and Biology Program. The company has donated $10,000 annually since 2010.

The Review of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Energy Board awarded six projects this fall including Electrical Engineering snowmachine battery manufacturing; bike shelters for new construction; a pellet stove for the climbing wall yurt; recycling bins for residence halls; visible-in-home monitoring for the Sustainable Village; and a 6.5 kilowatt solar photovoltaic expansion.

Freshman volleyball player Sam Harthun was selected as the GNAC Co-Rookie of the Year. Team members Keri Knight, Allison Oddy and Reilly Stevens were named to the GNAC All-Academic Team.

College of Liberal Arts Dean Todd Sherman was featured in a recent issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The New York Times published an opinion article by Lewis Simons, UAF’s Snedden Chair this year.

More highlights are available at www.uaf.edu/chancellor/highlights/.

UAS

A textbook edition of Modernism by Professor of History Robin Walz is scheduled for release Jan. 2013. A revised and expanded second edition of his Modernism for the "Short Histories of Big Ideas" series (Longman-Pearson, 2007), the textbook is part of Pearson’s “Seminar Studies” series. It includes documents, a chronology, glossary, who's who, and a guide to further readings.

For two years UAS has held a 100 Ton Master’s License/Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV) course in Kodiak. Due to the large fishing fleet and Coast Guard Base in Kodiak, there’s a need for offering classes and training in Maritime Transportation. This year local Adjunct Professor Andy Schroeder was trained to offer more classes throughout the year. Upcoming courses include: Able
Seaman, Radar Refresher, and Upgrade to 200 Ton Master among others. According to Assistant Professor of Marine Transportation Neil Nickerson, classes have been held on the Coast Guard Base in partnership with their education program, with plans to move courses to Kodiak College once a large renovation project is completed.

About 1,000 ceramic bones were created at a recent UAS Art Department Open House, where roughly 300 visitors participated. For every bone made, $1 will be donated to help genocide victims in places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burma and Somalia as part of the international One Million Bones project. The bones are to be installed in the spring of 2013 on the Washington, D.C. National Mall. Local artist MK McNaughton introduced UAS Assistant Professor of Art Pedar Dalthorp to the idea. Teacher assistant and student Kate Laster helped set up. She said events like this can generate important dialogue about genocide in other parts of the world.

English faculty member Kevin Maier presented a paper entitled “Playing in the West: An Ecocritical Apologia for Outdoor Sports Films” at the 47th Annual Conference of the Western Literature Association in Lubbock, TX early in November.

Nora Marks Dauenhauer was honored with a reception at the Juneau Arts & Culture Center November 20 in recognition of her recent appointment as Alaska’s newest Writer Laureate. The event, which included brief speeches in English and in Tlingit, highlighted Dauenhauer’s role in shaping not only the literary arts of the state, but also in revitalizing the traditions and language of her culture. She is the first Alaska Native to hold the title. Dauenhauer’s husband Richard is a former Alaska Writer Laureate and a retired adjunct professor of Alaska Native Languages at UAS. Richard Dauenhauer noted that he and his wife are the first couple to have shared the title.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

Associate Vice President Paula Donson briefed Vice President Dana Thomas and me on national trends and innovative ideas from the recent Association of Public Land-Grant Universities conference, as they relate to our Strategic Direction Initiative (SDI).

I was interviewed this week for a Journal of Commerce article planned for publication late this year, focusing on our SDI next steps.

President’s Cabinet discussed the need for a systemwide single data source, and discussed evolving requirements, sources and uses of metrics.

The UAF interior-Aleutians campus in Fairbanks welcomed me and Public Affairs Editor Rachel Voris for a tour and meetings with Director Teisha Simmons, faculty and staff. We had a productive discussion on the role of community campuses in the SDI process.

Met in Anchorage with Cook Inlet Tribal Council President Gloria O’Neill. We discussed the education out brief from this fall’s Alaska Federation of Natives, and her work in CITC with Alaska schools and educators. We have a lot in common with CITC’s efforts as we develop SDI further.

Hosted holiday receptions in Anchorage and Fairbanks for Statewide employees.
Met with UAA’s academic and leadership council on SDI.

Discussed SDI with the UAF Executive Leadership Group.

Staff Alliance Chair Juella Sparks and I met again this month and discussed staff recognition and other issues of importance to staff.

Hosted a table at the Howard Rock and Ted Stevens Smokehouse Gala, an Anchorage benefit of First Alaskans Institute recognizing and honoring contributors to the advancement and vibrancy of Native people, culture and communities.
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November 29, 2012
**Alumni Relations**

- Alumni Relations is busy this month with the final wrap up of the Implementation Committee expected in January. The IC will meet December 12th to discuss the preliminary findings of the alumni engagement survey (report to faculty senate forthcoming in January) and the formation of the new Alumni Association. The former UAA AA formally dissolved on November 29th, paving the way for a new interdependent association following nation-wide best practices.

- Alumni relations requests the help of the faculty senate to nominate engaged alumni leaders that will participate in shaping the future of alumni relations. Chancellor Case will invite a select group of alumni to participate in a broad planning session for upcoming activities and events in alumni relations on January 31st. Participants will also have the opportunity to accept leadership positions to help start this new future. Alumni nominated by faculty should already exhibit leadership acumen, pride as an alumnus/a, an interest in serving UAA. Please submit names to Rachel Morse, Interim director of alumni relations (rlmorse@uaa.alaska.edu) BEFORE you leave for holiday break. Any questions should also be directed to Rachel.

**Development**

**Anonymous donor gives UAA $2 million to benefit first generation college students**

A generous anonymous donor recently committed to a $2 million planned gift to UAA to benefit students, beginning with an immediate payment of nearly $500,000.

The donor—who has been giving to UAA to support student scholarships since 2000—has been so pleased with the impact of her gifts that she decided to make a larger commitment to endow a scholarship.

The gift will establish the First Generation Endowed Student Scholarship, which will provide scholarships to first generation students—those who are the first in their family’s history to attend college, with preference given to Alaska residents in financial need with a desire to remain in Alaska.

Half of the anonymous gift will go toward the Alaska Endowment for Excellence, which provides support to the University of Alaska Anchorage at the discretion of the chancellor. The intent of this fund is to help stop the “brain drain” by supporting programs and academic endeavors to ultimately keep students in Alaska.

**Other News**

- The Kachemak Bay Campus of Kenai Peninsula College received a gift of over $28,000 from the Leo Rhode Charitable Trust. Mr. Rhode was a former mayor of Homer, state legislator, and a member of the University of Alaska Board of Regents. He passed away in 2002 at the age of 94.

- First National Bank Alaska contributed $25,000 to support the Small Business Development Center at UAA.
• M. Hilary Davies and Brian D. Wick made a Leadership Level gift ($25,000 and above) to establish the Brian Wick and Hilary Davies Mathematics Scholarship.

• Richard C. Lynch contributed a Leadership Level gift ($25,000 and above) to establish the Kathy Lynn Lynch Veterinary Sciences Scholarship, to provide financial assistance to veterinary sciences students enrolled at Matanuska-Susitna College.

• Judith A. Dresser made an Aurora Circle gift ($10,000 - $49,999) to the Seawolf Legacy Endowed Scholarship, which supports UAA student athletes.

• Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory made in-kind donations worth nearly $150,000 to the departments of Chemistry and Biology, which include two autosamplers and workstations, an Agilent Headspace, a Leeds LCT comparison microscope and other items.

• The Vara Allen-Jones Scholarship for Academic Excellence has been established to offer financial assistance for tuition and other educational expenses to full-time degree-seeking students, with a first preference to students of Hispanic heritage, and a second preference to students who are African-American. Ms. Allen-Jones is the Associate Vice Chancellor of the Division of Academic and Multicultural Student Services.

• Machetanz Festival Support fund was recently created to support the programs, activities, and operations of the Machetanz Festival at the Matanuska-Susitna College.

• The Dean Radcliffe Scholarship has been established to provide scholarship support to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Hospitality & Restaurant Management at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

• Phonathon received its largest gift to date! A generous alum has made a gift of $15,000 through Phonathon this fall.

• Fall Phonathon is going strong, having just surpassed the $80,000 mark for the semester with over 840 donors.

• Annual Giving sent out our large direct mailing to over 23,000 alumni and friends, this should be hitting mailboxes any day.

• Annual Giving is currently working on the Advisory Board appeal, upgrade appeal and calendar year end.

University Relations
• We've just finished filming three new television commercials that will begin airing statewide as part of the new UAA brand in 2013. Stay tuned for details of our internal brand launch this January. A sneak-peak of the new brand will be highlighted at the 2012 Chancellor’s Holiday Party on Dec. 13 in the Student Union Den.
• The fall/winter edition of *Accolades* is hot off the press. A PDF of the new issue can be downloaded at [http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/accolades/archive/UAA-Accolades-Fall-Winter-2012.pdf](http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/accolades/archive/UAA-Accolades-Fall-Winter-2012.pdf)

• The UAA column in the Sunday edition of the *Anchorage Daily News* has been well-received and the editor has extended our column for another six weeks. So far we've featured profiles on UAA faculty and staff members E.J. David, Mike McCormick, Willie Hensley, and UAA research programs on arctic ground squirrels, on a Chugach Forest-UAA research partnership, on innovative research being done on spinal rod benders, among others.

• We've recently launched a new blog for the UAA master plan. Please visit the new blog, make comments and suggestions through the UAA main web page, or directly at [http://uaamasterplan2012.blogspot.com/](http://uaamasterplan2012.blogspot.com/).

• We've recently expanded the popular "I AM UAA" campaign to include community businesses that employ a high percentage of UAA alumni. Once a month a local business is highlighted on UAA's web page, in Seawolf Weekly and in Green and Gold Daily. Recent highlighted businesses include R&M Consultants and KPMG.

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The Advising and Testing Center
- Testing hours for the Accuplacer have been extended to include Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This change will provide greater access to entering freshmen who require flexibility of schedule to complete placement testing in order to take advantage of pre-registration opportunities for spring 2013.

The Multicultural Center
- Andre Thorn, Director of the Multicultural Center presented his research with his University of Missouri colleagues at the ASHE National Conference in Las Vegas, November 14-17th. His study focused on the “Comparison of Supports and Coping Strategies used by Graduates and Non-Returning Students”.
- On November 30, 2012, the directors of Academic and Multicultural Student Services hosted an event celebrating the contributions of Mrs. Vara Allen-Jones to the UAA community and her transition to her faculty heritage. Additionally, we announced the campaign for the new Vara Allen-Jones Scholarship for Academic Excellence at the reception. This scholarship will offer financial assistance for tuition and other educational expenses to full-time degree-seeking students served by the UAA Multicultural Center.

Native Student Services
- During the 2012 fall semester representatives from Kawerak (Nome), Nome Eskimo Community, Association of Village Council Presidents (Bethel), Bristol Bay Native Association (Dillingham), and Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (Dillingham) conducted outreach visits at Native Student Services to meet with UAA students; approximately 20 students participated.
- Native Student Service office hours will be extended, closing at 8:00 p.m., during the week of finals, beginning November 28 – December 14, 2012.

New Student Orientation
- As of November 27, 2012, 506 (76%) of Wolf Pack students served have registered for spring 2013 classes; data is still being collected.
- The Wolf Pack Leaders partnered with Financial Aid to host a student success workshop: Protecting your GPA and Financial Aid: Withdrawal vs. Fail Grade on Tuesday, November 13th; 15 students participated.
- The Wolf Pack Leaders will hosts student success workshops:
  - Career Clusters on November 27th
  - How to Work with your Professor… not against on November 28th
  - APA Style Workshop on December 4th
- New Student Orientation will host HOWL DAYS on Thursday, January 10th for incoming spring students; 20 students have already registered.

Student Support Services
- On December 11th, Student Support Services, in partnership with the Center for Behavioral Health Research and Services, will offer first-year students information on the prevalence of campus suicide, risk factors, warning signs, and how to access help and other resources of prevention.
- March 26-28 2013, the Student Support Services Director will attend the Office of Postsecondary Education’s Higher Education Programs Project Directors’ Meeting in Washington, DC to meet with
national experts to discuss ideas and issues impacting long-term project sustainability on college campuses.

Educational Talent Search

- ETS students completed 68 hours of community service at the Thanksgiving Blessing on November 18th & 19th; 32 students participated.
- ETS is partnering with the Office of Admissions to offer the first ever “Apply to UAA Day” at Bartlett HS on November 27, East HS on Nov 30, and West HS on Dec 5. All students who participate will have their application fee waived. Advance sign-ups indicate that over 250 students intend to participate.

Enrollment Services

Eric R. Pedersen, Associate Vice Chancellor

The trends in enrollment for spring 2013 are similar to fall 2012. From data published November 26: 11,115 students were registered for spring (Student Headcount) across the MAU. This is a decrease of 420 students, or 3.6%. Enrolled Credit Hours across the MAU were 117,028, down 4,932 or 4.0%. The greatest deficits continue to be in two-year programs and campuses, as it was in the fall. CTC headcount is down by 550 or 12%; enrolled credit hours are down 3,751.5 or 18.5%. KPC headcount is down 6.7%, credit hours down 6.5%, Kodiak College headcount is down 5.6%, credit hours down 4.2%, Mat-Su headcount down 4.5%, credit hours 11.2%. PWSCC is the one location with the opposite trend, headcount is up 27, or 30.7%, and enrolled credit hours are up 103.5 or 20.5%.

In response to UAA’s current enrollment trend, the Office of New Student Recruitment has executed or planned a number of activities to boost Fall 2013 applications for admission. As a result of these and all our recruiting efforts to-date, we are about 10% ahead in applications for fall 2013 compared to one year ago.

UAA Application Days are currently being conducted in the Anchorage High Schools. At these events UAA recruiters to work one-on-one with prospective students to assist with the application process, discuss next steps (such as financial aid and scholarship planning), and answer specific questions that the student may have. To date, we have completed three of our five scheduled events with wildly successful results. Bartlett High School produced 117 applications, South High School 56, and East High School 97. This has exceeded our expectations and was due in large part to the support and assistance of the high school counselors and ACPE Career Guides. UAA Application Days are scheduled at West, and Service high schools in the near future, and planning is underway with Dimond, Eagle River, and Chugiak High Schools.

The Office of Recruitment will host Spring Preview Day on Friday, February 1st. This event brings hundreds of prospective students and their parents to campus to experience what it’s like to be a Seawolf. A new feature this year will be on-site admission. Students who bring a completed application to the event will have it evaluated by the Office of Admission while they take part in the day’s event, and, if admissible, will receive their Certificate of Admission before they leave campus. To allay a potential concern – there will be no deviation from current UAA admissions standards for this event.
We're very pleased to be featuring a new video on the Future Students website that welcomes prospective students to UAA and gives them an overview of what they can expect when they become a UAA student. You can view the video on our recently redesigned website: http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/futurestudents/.

Students, staff, and faculty can find the final exam schedule at http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/finalexams. Exams begin on Monday, December 10 and conclude on Saturday, December 15.

Wait listing for spring courses has gone well. As of November 28th, 829 students are waitlisted for spring courses and 236 students have gotten waitlisted seats. Students need to remember to watch their Preferred Email account for notification that a seat has become available for them, and then to go UAOnline to register for it. Registration for the courses is not automatic.

A new feature has been added to DegreeWorks – the Progress bar displays visually a student’s progress towards their degree.

Beginning on December 6 logging into UAOnline will change. This is the first phase of a move to eliminating the PIN and allowing everyone to set and use a single set of credentials to login into UAOnline, email, Blackboard, and your computer. Starting on December 6 everyone (including students) can log into UAOnline using the password you currently have for your computer, email and/or Blackboard. The system will accept your password or your PIN at this time, any of these combinations will work:

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Sometime in early 2013 Statewide IT Services will announce the termination of PINs. All logins will be by UA Username or ID Number and password. Students, staff or faculty can contact the IT Helpdesk if they need assistance. These changes apply to all users of UAOnline: students, staff, and faculty.

The UAA One-Stop is launching a new email management system for incoming email to admissions, financial aid and registration. The goal is to provide consistent answers to questions, reduce response time to one business day, and create a system to make sure complex questions that can’t be answered in one day are thoroughly researched and responded to. The will not automatically reply, which always has the danger of sending the wrong response. It is hybrid system which scans for key words to suggest a response then a UAA staff member must approve and send each reply.

It’s not too early for students to begin thinking about the UAA Scholarship deadline and completing their FAFSA for next year. The Office of Student Financial Assistance began their annual series of scholarship and scholarship essay writing workshops in November. The workshop schedule and other information is online at http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/scholarships/. The scholarship application is online and open now.

The FAFSA for the next school year becomes available on January 1, 2013. An early submission gives the University more time to communicate with students and correct any errors or collect additional documents leading to the student receiving their award earlier in the process.
Division of Student Development
Dewain Lee, Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students

Career Services Center
November was National Career Development Month, CSC coordinated special workshops, presentations, and information tables to let students know about opportunities to develop their career. The special events were as follows:

- Information Tables in the Student Union on November 6, 14, and 20.
- Resume Workshop on November 6 in the UAA Career Services Resource Library
- Presentation by Professor Frank Jeffries titled “So, You Want to Negotiate Salary, Do You?” that drew 13 students to hear him speak in the UAA Career Services Resource Library
- Internship Workshop on November 15 in the UAA Career Services Resource Library
- Community Engagement Presentation on November 29 in the UAA Career Services Resource Library

A CSC staff member collaborated with Student Support Services to present on resumes, cover letters and interviews on November 5 & 8 in the UAA Career Services Resource Library.

November 26 – 30 was the initial clothing drive for the brand new “Professional Clothes Closet” that is coordinated by CSC. CSC asked CBPP & COE faculty and staff to donate their gently-used professional attire for students and alumni. This resource is always open to students and alumni, so spread the word! December 10 – 14, CSC is offering free coffee in the library during finals week for students to stay strong until the end of the semester!

CSC is beginning to work on preparations for the City-Wide Career & Job Fair that will be held on Thursday, February 14, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the UAA Student Union.

Department of Residence Life
SafeZone participated in a movie showing, Pariah, which was brought to UAA by the Multicultural Center and the student club, The Family. SafeZone led an activity called Coming Out Stars, where participants step in to the shoes of a GLBT Youth going through the coming out process, and what it might feel like.

The DRL MAP-Works collateral hosted a Rush to Registration event in the Gorsuch Commons on November 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The 100 students who attended this event had the opportunity to meet an Academic Advisor and Financial Aid Counselor to ask questions in preparation for spring registration.

A delegation of four students traveled to the Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (PACURH) Regional Conference in San Jose, California as the only representatives from Alaska. Two students, Waianae Kahananui and Caity Ann Stigen won scholarships.

On December 3, West Hall hosted the Hall-O-Day program. The four floors represented different winter holidays and have activities that represent each one.

The DRL Emerging Leaders Program collateral hosted a Residence Life and Housing Job Fair on Wednesday, December 5 from 5:00-7:00 in the Gorsuch Commons.

On December 10, the Student Success Collateral hosted the Zen Zone with the new Student Success Counselor. Calming music and healthy foods will be provided while students take a break from finals.
North Hall First Year Experience Living Learning Community Resident Advisors and Peer Mentors are gearing up for Finals week hosting several events to help first year students study for their exams. Dean of Students Office, Student Conduct, and Alcohol, Drug & Wellness Education

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The Dean of Students Office hosted National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week during the week of November 5 to November 9. University Police, the Student Health & Counseling Center, Department of Residence Life, Dean of Students Office, and community partner Volunteers of America collaborated to offer a series of programs to educate members of the UAA community about alcohol.

The Dean of Students Office has started recruiting for a full-time Legal Assistant who provides administrative support for student conduct and serves as the Dean of Students Office Manager.

Student Conduct will be launching a website where faculty members can submit reports of academic misconduct online.

**Student Health & Counseling Center**

Shot of Reality outreach presented in Rasmuson Hall Lobby for Alcohol Awareness Week on November 7.

The SH&CC participated in the Bed Bug round table on November 29.

The SH&CC is providing preceptor sites for two Family Nurse Practitioner students, one Bachelor’s Nursing student, and one Alaska Pacific University Psychology intern.

The SH&CC provided outreach for the Great American Smoke Out on November 13-15 in the Rasmuson Hall Lobby.

Shawn Darnell, a Licensed Professional Counselor, is the newest counselor providing Mental Health services at the SHCC.

December 4 and 5, SH&CC sponsored free Soup Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Rasmuson Hall lobby, presented in collaboration with Culinary Arts.

**Student Life & Leadership**

KRUA and The Northern Light student staff worked with the JPC department in covering the 2012 Great Alaska Shootout and posted to the Shootout.net website along with their various social media.

Birds in Art, a unique exhibit from the Woodsen Art Museum, is on display in the Student Union Gallery through January 25. This international show features 60 pieces from 11 different countries.

USUAA Elections were held November 6-7 with 13 new senators elected, 2 candidates for Secondary Education Commission were selected, as well as UAA’s two nominees for UA Student Regent.
Daphne Brashear was promoted to Program Coordinator for Student Life & Leadership.

Student Showcase 2013 is now accepting student work through the website: www.uaa.alaska.edu/showcase. The deadline for submission is Friday, February 1, 2013. The conference will be held in April.

Atlantic Monthly editor, James Fallows along with author and linguist, Deborah visited campus for the Bartlett Lecture Series and presented to groups large and small on November 12. The UAA CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE, the Campus Bookstore, APTI, and the World Affairs Council supported their visit.

USUAA presented the annual Thanksgiving Day Feast on November 22 with support from UAA Dining. Over 300 students, staff, faculty, and community members filled the Gorsuch Commons. Donations received were given to the ‘students in crisis’ fund coordinated by the Dean of Students Office.

January 24, MLK featured speaker, Kenji Yoshino, NYU law professor speaks on “Civil Rights and Corporate America” at 7:30 p.m. in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium.

**Student Union & Commuter Student Services**

Student Union & Commuter Student Services will host Late Nights to assist students finish the semester with the support they need to be successful. If any faculty or staff would like to volunteer during Late Nights, please contact Dana Sample at 786-1896 or dlsample@uaa.alaska.edu or David Murdoch at 786-1124 or dmurdoch2@uaa.alaska.edu.

Student Union & Commuter Student Services organized the UAA Votes Election Tentra on November 6. Election Tentra had 1,314 students came through to celebrate freedom to vote, engage with election results and enjoy food.

Student Union & Commuter Student Services hosted its second Off Campus Living (O.C.L.) Fair on November 15 in the Student Union North Cafe. The O.C.L.

December 2 – 5 and 9 – 12, Late Nights in the Student Union