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Move James Hemsath’s report under the President’s report
Approved as amended

IV. Approval of Summary (pg. 2-4)

Approved

V. President’s Report

Listening session for staff and faculty will be held April 2nd
Listening sessions are going better than expected as more programs are getting funding
Assembly will need a committee to review the Staff Makes Student Counts nominations

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B. Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Driscoll

Final numbers from the House is not available yet
Anna Fairclough and other legislatures have put forward amendments to the budget to include high priority issues

Search Statuses:

Moving expeditiously in the CAS and COE searches

Finalists for the CAS dean position will be hear at the end of March/first week of April
COE has a good candidate pool

The position for Vice Provost of Undergraduate Programs is currently open; Lora Volden and Hilary Davies are co-chairs of the search committee

COH and SOE dean searches are moving at a slower pace, but have met with consultants
Two co-chairs have been identified for the Provost Search committee; the Chancellor is working on the structure of the committee and who will be involved
Faculty Senate had a discussion about the Strategic Listening Sessions; concerns were brought up over the research methods; Provost Driscoll stated that the purpose of this project was not to be a research study and produce scientific data. He stated that his concerns regarding the listening sessions were that it was done quickly and that it presented a challenge. He also stated that the timing of this data is a problem since the listening sessions aren’t over. He believed the sessions were to done to create more partnerships with community and businesses; by doing this it has engaged the university with the community and legislatures

C. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Spindle

D. Vice Chancellor of Advancement Olson (pg. 16-18)
Branding Process: Last week they finished their discussion groups; they met with juniors and seniors (30) and over half of them plan on attending UAA in the Fall. They also met with about 20 high school counselors; they talked a lot about high school students wanting a real college experience. Key informant interviews are being conducted with about 30 people from the community (governor, mayor, school district administrators). Nerland will develop about 5 statements from the interviews and discussion groups. One of the positives about the young age, is that they can come in and make change and be an influence on the university; UAA has a pioneering spirit. There will be a soft internal launch of the brand in the fall with hopes of doing an external launch in January 2013. UAF is launching their brand before UAA.

E. Vice Chancellor for Student Services Schultz (pg. 19-20)

Spring break is next week. Distributed a Military and Veteran Community Services handout. The SeaWolf Boot Camp is currently going on and already 90 faculty and staff have participated. Presented the board with the career cluster; this program will be launched soon and will be very helpful in high schools and for advising and counseling services. Lora Volden has accepted the position of University Registrar. Enrollment management is going to re-launch the Director of Financial Aid position; hoping to have someone start before the fall semester. Currently recruiting for the Rural Student Transition Specialist position; over 20 people applied and they have narrowed it down to about 12. This position will pilot a new approach of how rural students are transitioned (Cordova will be one of the communities); this position will give insight on the gaps of delivering services to students; Native Student Services program will deal with students who are currently enrolled on campus while the new position will focus on the admissions process and transition from the rural community to campus. 700 more students applied for scholarships this year than last. 100% of first time students are MapWork participants. The 50% of students who have not done surveys within MapWork are the target.

VII. Governance Reports

A. System Governance Council

Discussion on Stay on Track; seemed more positive than previous discussions.

B. Staff Alliance

Continuing to have conversation with the administration about tobacco free hire; many concerns were brought up to the statewide HR and reports will be issued to Staff Alliance. Changing of the employee tuition waiver was discussed; they are doing more review and will have formal language.

C. Classified Council

Had a guest speaker who raised concerns about health care benefits; this concern was taken to the health care committee. They are working on fixing the link between the Premera website and the handbook; the handbook is always right if there are every any discrepancies between the two. The social committee for staff is doing a wellness break for APT and Classified staff; information will be coming from the staff listservs.

D. APT Council

Did first reading for their by-laws. Next meeting will be a joint meeting between both staff councils. Talked about the Staff Makes Students Count award. Brought a motion forward regarding tobacco use by UAA employees.

E. Union of Students/ Coalition of Students

Listening Session for Students is April 2nd. Student elections will be held April 3rd and 4th. Second Juneau trip is next week; eight students from UAA will be traveling.
In the middle of writing the USUAA budget; used to have a finance committee, but it was cancelled last year.

Vice President Dan Julius has expressed expanding the resources for system governance.

Tuition Taskforce will be meeting March 27th and will be discussing the Presidents tuition memo.

F. Alumni Association - James R. Hemsath

Distributed a report to the board

Alumni Relations Task Force

The Alumni Association is working with the Chancellors Alumni Relations Task force; with the specific goal of UAA and the UAAAA, as partners, developing a plan for building basic alumni engagement with measurable deliverables over next 3 – 5 years.

The Task Force is comprised of members of the Alumni Board, engaged Alumni, UAA Staff and Faculty and students and is chaired by Eric Wohlforth.

The overarching goal is to build a broad base of alumni participation and support through a variety of best practices but, perhaps focusing on the following three areas:

- Volunteer service to the University,
- Fund-raising,
- Advocacy roles to its various publics,
- And using the vast array of participatory activities that characterize alumni bodies

2012 Scholarship Awards and Amounts

The UAA Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund was established to award six scholarships yearly. Currently the principal value of the fund stands in excess $146,000

This year as a result of earnings from the 2011 UAA Green and Gold Gala, plus a fractional remnant from 2010 an additional $49,000 is available to be combined with the $6,000 from the Endowment Fund, for a total of $55,000 in scholarship grants.

It was agreed to by the scholarship committee that the funds be distributed in the following way:

- (6) $1,000 scholarships – 1 to each of the 6 colleges
- $1,500 scholarship – Honors College
- $1,500 scholarship – 49th Fellows Program
- (10) $2,000 scholarships – undesignated
- (9) $2,500 scholarships – undesignated for Upper Class with declared major
- (1) $3,500 scholarship – Out of State Student

Total Amount of Scholarships $55,000.00
Total Number of Scholarships 28
Preference will be given to students who are Alaskan High School graduates; this is not a mandatory requirement, which would allow for an out of state student scholarship.

From the 2011 Green and Gold, $4,300 as a percentage of revenues, was contributed to the corpus of the fund.

In 2012 expectations are for a directed campaign to raise $10,000 as a distinct set aside for the scholarship endowment fund. 2012 Gala goals are for attendance of 360, with revenues of $50,000 allowing for $56,000 to be awarded.

G. Faculty Senate/ Faculty Alliance

Faculty Alliance hasn’t met since December. Notes from the meeting are:

- UAF faculty said that the UAF Chancellor has expressed concern about having a UAS representative on Statewide Academic Council
- Discussed Complete College America; sets out basic data metrics about college completion rates; Governors typically decide if states get to participate in this program

Faculty Senate had a discussion on the listening session process so far; a motion will be presented to the senate during their April 9th meeting

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Staff Makes Students Count Award
Consists of one member from each staff council, one from faculty, and one from students
Volunteers: Dayna Defeo, Deborah Narang, Kathy Smith, Ryan Bucholdt, Alejandra Buitrago

B. May Assembly Meeting
The May meeting conflicts with Staff Development Day
May meeting will be held May 9th instead
1st Ryan
2nd Bhatt
Approved

XI. Adjourn
March 2012

Dear UAA community,

It's a busy time of year with the end of the semester nearing and Commencement on the horizon. This is a dynamic time in UAA's history as well. Candidates for dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education are visiting campus next month. Nationwide searches are well underway for deans of the School of Engineering and College of Health. We are also embarking on a nationwide search for our next provost and chief academic officer.

The chief academic officer is a critical position in any university. Mike Driscoll's leadership over the last six years has produced a momentum at UAA—including formation of the College of Health and UAA designated as University of Alaska's health university—that will serve this institution well into the future. It is our aim to build upon Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Driscoll's legacy as we look for UAA's next provost. Updates on the process are on the Chancellor's webpage.

After a great deal of consultation with members of the UAA community, I have appointed Dr. Elisha "Bear" Baker IV, dean of the College of Business and Public Policy, to serve as UAA's interim provost until a permanent provost is hired.
Taylor Rohde became the first UAA student-athlete ever to be named National Player of the Year. Seawolf women made it to the NCAA D-II Elite Eight with Hanna Johansson becoming the winningest athlete in Seawolf history. UAA skiers finished 5th in the nation; men's and women's track & field teams are ranked in the top 15 in the preseason poll, and Seawolves are ranked 10th in the Learfield Sports Director's Cup—the highest ranking in UAA history. Go Seawolves!

Student Notes

MacKenzie Merrill, member of Mat-Su College's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, is the national winner of the "Coca-Cola New Century" Scholarship. The honor society held its second annual banquet this month with Alaska cartoonist Chad Carpenter as the featured guest speaker.

Congratulations to Alan Massey on being selected for a U.S. Student Fulbright award for 2012-2013 to Germany.

Seawolf debaters, ranked 2nd among U.S. schools at the World Universities Debating Championships, sparred with 3rd-ranked Stanford, in Arts 150 on the topic of hate crime penalties. Stanford won the audience over with its argument for keeping added penalties, while the Seawolves, arguing against added penalties, showed the fierce competitive talent that keeps Seawolves among the top debate teams in the world. The debate was video-streamed live, while students Andrew Kerosky and Emi J. Barker live-tweeted and Electronic Media Specialist Kathleen McCoy live-blogged. Check out all of the coverage on the UAA vs. Stanford Debate blog.

Kent Spiers, who is graduating with a bachelor degree in sociology and a minor in environmental studies, will be the student speaker at Anchorage campus 2012 commencement. Congratulations, Kent!

Faculty and Staff Notes
Jeff Welker received the Fulbright Distinguished U.S. Arctic Chair in Norway.

Wes Lundburg, dean of instruction, is the interim president at Prince William Sound Community College (PWSCC).

Dalee Sambo Dorough, assistant professor of political science, was reappointed to the board of trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples.

Rhonda Johnson, chair of the Department of Health Sciences, is the new regional co-director of the Regional Collaborations Program (RCP) of the Institute for Translational Health Sciences based at the University of Washington. RCP stimulates translational research collaborations across the five-state WWAMI region.

Mouhcine Guettabi, a specialist in regional and urban economics and applied microeconomics, is joining the Institute of Social and Economic Research. Guettabi is currently with the Department of Economics and Legal Studies at Oklahoma State University.

Program Notes

UFA INC. installed and commissioned an ATTower simulator at the UAA Aviation Technology Center. UAA is one of the five original College Training Initiative programs authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration and one of only 33 currently approved.

UAA's Military and Veteran Student Taskforce is examining and suggesting improvements to UAA services, programs, policies and issues affecting our active duty and veteran students and their families. UAA has more than 1,850 active duty military and veteran students enrolled this semester, the largest number in our history.

UAA’s associate and baccalaureate degree construction management programs have received initial accreditation from the American Council for
Construction Education (ACCE). The programs, in the Community and Technical College’s Division of Construction and Design Technology, join a prestigious roster of ACCE-accredited schools, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, Oregon State University, Cal-Poly, Colorado State, Montana State, Weber State and many others providing high-quality construction education.

Kodiak College hosted the 7th annual Lilly Arctic Institute on Innovations & Excellence in Teaching, bringing together participants from a multitude of disciplines nationally and abroad to explore the theme, Celebrating the Soul and Passion of Teaching (& Learning).

Public Square Notes

UAA hosts the State Science Olympiad this weekend, drawing 350 middle and high school students from Southcentral Alaska.

Kenai Peninsula College held its 6th annual Community Health Fair attracting more than 300 participants and 30 health exhibitors to campus.

Grants and Research notes

During the first 8.5 months of FY12 (July 2011–March 15, 2012), UAA received 249 awards totaling $32,397,305, which is more than 90 percent of the total awards received in FY11. Last year UAA received 315 awards totaling $35,456,394. The awards are in the areas of research, public service, instruction, academic support, student services, institutional support and scholarship/fellowship. Total awards do not reflect student financial aid money.

Significant awards in research include:

- $228K awarded to Dr. Richard Brown II, a post-doctoral research fellow in the Institute of Circumpolar Health Studies.
- $167K awarded to Dr. Diane King to support her work with diabetes.
- Contracts in public service and instruction were awarded to Dr. Richard Kieffer O'Donnell ($324K), Dr. Beth Sirles ($215K), and Dr. Jackie Pflaum ($271K).

Development Notes

The Eyak Corporation donated $200K this year and last year, for a total of $400K, to enhance higher education programs for Eyak shareholders and residents of the Prince William Sound area. (download PDF)
$33K, bringing the event's 20-year total to $500K in scholarship dollars.

The Estate of Elizabeth Tower made a stock donation valued at over $188K to support the Elizabeth Tower Endowment for Canadian Studies.

Innovation Note

PWSCC Virtual Worlds Designer Don Bickley and Assistant Professor of Biology Julie Fronzuto’s innovative Second Life distance laboratory learning placed first in the "Engaging Learning" focus area of the Federal Virtual Worlds Challenge. PWSCC's virtual labs are helping students experience a real-time learning environment.

Safety Tip

With the thawing and freezing that comes with spring, be watchful of changing road and walkway conditions. Keep your Spikies and windshield fluid on hand.

Take Note

UAA is, for the second time (2012 and 2010), the only university in Alaska on President Obama's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This award recognizes UAA's role in solving community problems, placing students on a lifelong path of civic engagement and achieving meaningful measureable outcomes in our community.

UAA's Center for Community Engagement and Learning is holding a retreat focused on building sustainable communities this month. (download PDF)

As a part of Shaping Alaska's Future 2017: New Directions for Higher Education and Workforce Development, University of Alaska
President Patrick Gamble invites you to participate in one of the upcoming faculty/staff listening sessions being held on UAA’s campus on Monday, April 2. Click here to find a schedule of the sessions.

Be safe and enjoy all that UAA has to offer!

Tom Case
STATEWIDE

**Human Resources**
The United Academics (UNAC) bargaining agreement requires the University to conduct an independent salary study to evaluate UNAC faculty members’ salaries as compared to relevant and appropriate market comparators. $50,000 was budgeted for the survey. Inquiries into vendors for the study showed the vendors would use the same criteria UA has used for the last 10 years. The parties therefore agreed that the independent salary survey was not necessary, saving UA $50,000.

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UAA Human Services Department and Job Corps have established an agreement allowing students enrolled in Job Corps Human Service Career Path Program to concurrently earn selected Human Service credits.

Prue Fitzpatrick, Sen. Mark Begich’s Legislative Assistant, plans to visit Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) April 5 to meet directors and faculty in nursing, paramedic and EMT programs and Director Gary Turner.

UAA and Verizon partnered for the showing of “Telling Amy’s Story” for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The public events included a panel of experts from UAA’s Justice Center, the Alaska Native Justice Center, Anchorage Police Department, University Police Department, AWAIC and STAR.

The Justice Center was awarded a contract by the Alaska Department of Corrections to design an evaluation strategy for Fairbanks’ domestic violence probationer pilot project.
Kodiak College Microbiology students worked with the Marine Advisory Program in a pilot study geared toward developing a Community Monitoring Program for Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning in Kodiak. The students will present their research at the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Center April 5.

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UAF

Red and blue king crab from waters around the Kodiak and the Pribilof Islands, seals and king salmon in Bristol Bay, and sea otters in Southeast are the subjects of more than $1 million in research being funded by Alaska Sea Grant during the next two years.

The Alaska Forum on the Environment presented its 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award to researchers who led the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning Project. The award was presented to researchers Bruce Wright, senior scientist with the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, and to Ray RaLonde, aquaculture specialist with the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program.

Jodi Bailey, Interior-Aleutians Campus instructor, completed her second Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, finishing in 23rd place with 11 Dew Claw Kennel dogs. Last year, Bailey became the first person ever to complete both the Yukon Quest and Iditarod as a rookie. This year Bailey teamed up with special education advocates to call attention to autism and a wide spectrum of educational challenges.

UAF will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the landmark Morrill Act, which established land-grant colleges, with activities April 15 – 21. Activities include geocaching and puzzle contests, Cooperative Extension classes, and a lecture by UAF historian Terrence Cole. A celebration will take place from noon – 4 p.m. April 21 and will include hands-on family activities offered by Extension and the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences.

Wall-mounted alert beacons are being installed in more than a dozen locations on the Fairbanks campus. In an emergency, the beacon flashes, sounds an alert and displays a message from the UAF Police Department about the nature of the incident and appropriate response. The beacon system is connected to the Alertus web-based pop-up system. When activated, both the beacon and the computer pop-ups will display the same information.

More than 60 high school students participated in the Discover UAF: Inside Out event in March. More than one-third of participants traveled to Fairbanks from the Anchorage bowl. About 300 students visited via a virtual fair.
To improve overall retention, UAF is running a promotion to encourage early registration. Students are eligible to win prizes if they register by May 10. This is the fourth year of the incentive-based promotion.

Marketing and Communications, together with the Nerland Agency, conducted research to develop a brand strategy and positioning, finding that UAF draws students in to a welcoming community, offering inspiring and transformational educational challenges-- from the personal to the global--in the vast, dynamic laboratory that is Alaska. Brand attributes are: practical, stimulating, authentic, embracing.

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity and the Center for Research Services are hosting Research Day on April 24 to showcase the variety of hands-on opportunities for students. Currently, 25 percent of graduating seniors report having had an undergraduate research experience. UAF would like to see a significant increase in the number of students who participate in research and other projects across disciplines.

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

UAS

After a successful search, the Spanish Search Committee is pleased to announce Dr. Andrea Dewees will be joining the UAS faculty in the fall. Dr. Dewees is originally from Alaska, is a fluent speaker of Spanish, and has participated in curriculum development with Yupik speaking instructors in the Y-K Delta region, among many other language-related experiences. She looks forward to coming to UAS to teach Spanish.

The School of Arts and Sciences will also welcome two more new faculty for the 2012-13 school year. Brian Vander Naald is an Economics Ph.D. candidate from the University of Oregon; Lora Vess, Ph.D. joins UAS from Missouri State University as Sociology faculty.

Artist-in residence Dr. Alexander Tutunov was honored with a reception April 1 following the last student recital of his Piano Master Class at UAS. This spring is the last semester Tutunov will teach the class, which he has led since 2005. Tutunov, winner of the Russian National Piano Competition, is widely recognized as one of the outstanding virtuosos of the former Soviet Union. He has taught at the Minsk College of Music, the University of North Texas, and Illinois Wesleyan University. Currently he is Professor of Piano and Artist in Residence at Southern Oregon University and is the artistic director of the Chinese-American International Piano Institute in Chengdu, China. He also maintains a busy performance schedule in Europe, China, Mexico, and the United States.

English faculty Ernestine Hayes has been recognized by Alaska Governor Sean Parnell as a “Great Alaskan” for her Tlingit book for children entitled “Aanka Xóodzi ka Aasgutu Xóodzi Shkalneegí”, (The Story of the Town Bear and the Forest Bear). Visit gov.alaska.gov/parnell/great-alaskans.html to learn more.

UAS Faculty members are writing articles published in the well-known Huffington Post on-line blog. Writers include Emily Wall, Lance Twitchell and Ernestine Hayes. Faculty authors are posting articles,
gathering positive comments and several social media shares. Topics have included friending students on Facebook, endangered indigenous languages and Alaska Native education.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

Met with Cooperative Extension Service Director Fred Schlutt and discussed alignment of the CES mission with UA Strategic Direction Initiative (SDI).

Interviews of finalists for the Chief Financial Officer position are complete and a hiring decision will be made and announced soon after I discuss results with the BOR next week.

Attended nine more SDI Listening Sessions with SW Anchorage area based staff; SW Fairbanks area based staff; SW Administration Assembly and Staff Alliance; Faculty Alliance; UAF Alumni; and UAA faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Met with Fairbanks Economic Development Corp (Chancellor Rogers, Steve Haagenson, Ira Perman and Jim Dodson) to work on an action plan.

Meet and greet opportunity with the new Alaskan Japanese Consul, Koichi Funayama.

UA Press Director Joan Braddock and I met to discuss the department’s plans for the future and budget.

Telephonic meeting with the Denali Commission Board on its FY12 work plan.

Office meeting with Juella Sparks to discuss Staff Alliance issues.

Last Sunday Ailese and I lunched with Regent Dale Anderson in Fairbanks to get acquainted. His orientation to the board began last week.

We are standing by to see how our capital budget request does in the Senate.
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Alumni Relations

The Chancellor’s Task Force on Alumni Relations met on Friday, March 30th to continue productive work toward making recommendations and a 3-5 year plan to support the vision to increase alumni participation and support of the University. The Chancellor has asked that the work of this committee be broad, vision oriented and specify those changes that will enable UAA’s quest for ever-increasing excellence as an institution. The work of the task force will be complete by May, 2012. The task force is deliberating on key concepts and issues around developing institutional alumni relations, including:

- What are the key elements of a mutually beneficial relationship between an alumni organization and a University?
- What are best practices and how might they be instructive for us?
- How are alumni programs best funded?
- What do alumni expect from the University and from its alumni association?
- What does the University expect from alumni?
- What organization and funding structure will provide UAA with the means to raise alumni engagement to sustainable new levels of effectiveness?

The UAA Alumni Association will host coffee and treats at the UAA Commencement rehearsal on Sunday, May 6. In addition, Lori Davey, President of the UAA Alumni Association will share words with the new graduates at the ceremony.

Special Dates and Reminders:
- Mark your calendars for the third annual Green and Gold Gala on September 29, 2012 at the Marriott in Anchorage.
- Dates for Homecoming 2012 -- an ‘all-University’, ‘all-community’ celebration — are October 5 – 15.
- Nominations for the 2012 Alumni of Distinction are being taken during the month of April. Go to http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/alumni/alumni-of-distinction-awards/nominate.cfm, or be forwarded to Julia Martinez, 786-1278. Julia.martinez@uaa.alaska.edu.

Annual Giving

The 2012 Employee Giving campaign “Show your Seawolf Pride” is official and runs through June 30, 2012. Additional brochures are available at this meeting. The Chancellor’s goal is to reach 20% employee participation in giving. The Chancellor has also generously agreed to match new or increased gifts of last year (up to $2,500) from the Chancellor’s undesignated fund. If you need assistance in your giving, please contact our office, or Jessica Paden, Annual Giving Coordinator, 786-1010.

Development

Recent major gifts:
- ExxonMobil Production Company donated $100,000 to Alaska Native Science Engineering Program General Support, with a focus Indigenous Alliance for Engineering and Science Education.
- BP Exploration, Inc. contributed $18,000 to the ANSEP Summer Bridge Program.
- LGL Alaska Research Associates, Inc. contributed $10,000 to the LGL Alaska Ecology Research Award.
• ASRC Energy Services, Inc. made a $100,000 pledge payment to support the Herbert P. Schroeder Chair of ANSEP.

• Providence Health and Services made a $75,000 pledge payment to the School of Nursing Expansion.

• The Eyak Corporation made several major gifts, totaling $200,000. Of their total gifts, $85,000 went to Prince William Sound Community College for the dual credit programs and Alaska Native arts and crafts classes at the Cordova and Valdez campuses, $60,000 to Student Affairs to support a Rural Student Transition Coordinator, $25,000 to CBPP’s Alaska Native Business and Public Policy Initiative, $15,000 to Last Frontier Theatre Conference Support, $10,000 to the Della Keats Summer Enrichment Program, and $5,000 to the Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives into Nursing (RRANN).

• University Advancement sent an electronic email to its College of Fellows members — those who are leadership donors to UAA and give $1,000 or more on an annual fiscal basis. Please visit http://greenandgold.uaa.alaska.edu/college-of-fellows/newsletter, which includes stories of generosity, updates on programs and activities at UAA and a special recipe.

University Relations

The spring 2012 edition of Accolades will be mailed this month. The theme for this coming issue is "Dollars and Cents." Stories included in this issue will address student scholarships, the cost of higher education and UAA's place in the market, the ins and outs of the university budget, among others.

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Office of Student Affairs

- CampusLabs and Western Washington University have both acclaimed and sampled UAA’s current framework for establishing key performance indicators throughout Student Affairs. To-date, all Student Affairs departments have drafted two to three metrics that speak to their success, which will be further refined over the coming months and implemented in FY13.

- Over 80 staff and faculty have attended the initial Seawolf Boot Camp training sessions.

- The Student Affairs’ CAS self-review process continues. Round two teams commence in early May and round three teams will begin during April. The complete process is anticipated to conclude in August 2012.

- UAA was named as one of 11 institutions to receive a VA funded veterans counselor position through the VetSuccess on Campus program. Mr. Terry Jackson will serve as UAA’s first VetSuccess on Campus counselor starting April 9.

Academic and Multicultural Student Services Division

- In collaboration with MAPWorks and the Learning Resource Center, 80 students were identified through MAPWorks and contacted by the Multicultural Center to attend a mid-semester open house at the Learning Resource Center. The program targeted diverse students who completed the mid-year MAPWorks survey and indicated that they were struggling in one or more courses.

- Disability Support Services hosted the Ninth Annual “Reel Eyes: Showcase of Films by and about People with Disabilities.” This free and community open event was also a one-credit offering through Social Work A490, “Selected Topics in Social Work,” and was taught via distance education. This year’s themes were Brain/Body/Technology: “(Cyborg Revolution)” and “The Brain that Changes Itself” to coincide with International Brain Awareness Week, and Disability History (“It’s Our Story”).

- The Advising and Testing Center co-hosted with the Anchorage School District and UAA’s College Preparatory & Developmental Studies, the Third Annual “Step into UAA Days” at King Career Center. Area students met representatives from various academic departments/offices, completed placement testing and learned more about admissions, financial aid, and housing options for the 2012 fall semester.

- AHAINA hosted the Men and Women of Excellence Program which recognized 16 junior level students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Ms. Yanelis Torres Perez was named the 2012 Woman of Excellence and Yan Chun (Ryan) Liu the 2012 Man of Excellence.

- UAA’s Upward Bound Program was recognized at the Alaska Prudential Spirit of Community Student Recognition Dinner and Ceremony for their excellence in partnership for their participation in the Prudential Youth Leadership Initiative.

- Howl Days (new student orientation) was March 30 with twenty students and eight family members attending participated in the transition to UAA. Surveys indicated that 100% of students are excited about UAA.

- Educational Talent Search held an academic student and parent meeting to educate participants on maintaining student progress towards college level academics with 43 students and 26 family members having attended. A survey following the session indicated that 80% of participants gained an understanding of the progression towards post-secondary education.

- Five Educational Talent Search students attended Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute March 12-16. Students reinforced their leadership skills, participated in community service projects, and qualified for the President’s Volunteer Service Award. Juan Sebastian Orozco, an Educational Talent Search student, spoke before the Anchorage Assembly Meeting on behalf of Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute.

- Disability Support Services participated in JBER’s Wounded Warriors Fair to present the department’s services and adaptive technology to approximately 150 veterans.

Upcoming events:

- UAA Native Graduate Celebration, Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC), May 4, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This celebration is open to all UAA staff and faculty.

- Howl Days, May 17.

Enrollment Management

- The UAA scholarship application process realized an increase of about 250 more scholarship applications in comparison to last year. The scholarship committee volunteers are busy reading and scoring the applications. Each application is evaluated by two readers and awards will go out to students in late May and early June.

- Priority registration for 2012 fall semester opened on March 30 for graduate students and for seniors at 12:01 a.m. on April 2. Historically, the first 30 – 60 minutes of senior registration have seen system shutdowns because it becomes overloaded. Enrollment Management sent out some messages discouraging non-seniors from accessing the system at this time and IT staff statewide monitored the system for the first hour. There were not significant shutdowns and by 12:15, 961 students had successfully registered. There is also a new UAA website with registration information at www.uaa.alaska.edu/records/registration.

- This year the Office of the Registrar will be piloting a new review structure that will make the editing process for the UAA catalog more efficient, accurate, and reliable. Each chapter will have one point of contact. This person will be responsible for distributing the chapter to stakeholders, collecting the edits, and returning the approved updates back to the Publications and Scheduling Office for inclusion in the 2012-13 catalog. This new structure will help ensure that all catalog updates have been
v vetted appropriately. Chapters 1 – 9 and 14 of the catalog have been distributed to Chapter Leads for editing in preparation for the 2012/13 Catalog. Edits are due back to the Registrar’s Office no later than April 27. The Chapter Leads are:

- Chapter 1 - Dr. Bart Quimby
- Chapter 2 - Dr. Bart Quimby
- Chapter 3 - Dr. Dewain Lee
- Chapter 4 - Sandra Culver
- Chapter 5 - Dr. Dewain Lee
- Chapter 6 - Vara Allen-Jones
- Chapter 7 - Lora Volden
- Chapter 8 - Dr. Bart Quimby
- Chapter 9 - Dr. Karen Schmitt
- Chapter 14 - Marian Bruce

Historic UAA Catalogs, as far back as 1957 for Anchorage Community College, are available online at http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/records/catalogs/historic-catalogs.cfm.

- The New Student Recruitment team will host a number of special events in April including registration and advising at Mount Edgecombe High School in Sitka, and “I’m Going to College” for Anchorage elementary school students on May 4. Volunteers are still needed for this event, contact Brian McDermott at brian.mcdermot@uaa.alaska.edu.

Student Development Division

- The Career Services Center had 230 individuals sign into the athenaeum library, 38 new student registrations, 46 new employers, and 142 new job postings approved on their online job database during the month of March.
- Associate Dean of Students Dawn Dooley and Assistant Director of Student Conduct Michael Votava are assisting the Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Integrity to develop a job description for a proposed Academic Integrity Director position.
- Student-staff development focused on domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and education. Over 50 Residence Life student-staff members watched the documentary “Telling Amy’s Story” hosted by Verizon followed by a discussed about prevention and intervention.
- Alcohol, Drug and Wellness Educator Lexi Prunella collaborated with the Anchorage Area Intergroup (AAIG) to establish a weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting on campus.
- Student Union and Commuter Student Services organized a UAA Talent Show with 14 student performers who performed songs, dances, poems, and skits. The event drew over 100 student spectators and had a panel of five UAA staff judges. Collaboration partners for the talent show were Volunteers of America: Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol, UAA Gaming Club, UAA Democratic Club, and Monster Energy Drinks.
- In partnership with the Office of Campus Diversity & Compliance, the Dean of Students Office completed a search to hire two Title IX Investigators. These investigators will not only conduct inquiries into gender equity on campus but also educate the UAA community about sexual harassment and other forms of gender discrimination.
- During the third week of April, Associate Director Maria Bonifacio of Residence Life and a committee of staff and students are putting on the first ever SafeZone Celebration Week. The weeklong celebration will highlight, recognize, and educate the UAA and Anchorage community about the GLBT population.
- The Department of Residence Life Books of the Year Collateral is creating a poster series that illustrates the stereotypes held about “the Working Poor.” The poster series will be posted throughout the residential community to disprove myths and stereotypes about the underprivileged.
- The Career Services Center staff was part of the Second Annual Alaska SkillsUSA job interview panel competition. It was a great opportunity for career and technical education students to fine tune their interviewing skills in front of a panel of judges. The Center hopes to be able to participate in this event in the coming years, as well.

Student Code of Conduct statistics:

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Upcoming events:
- Summer and Part-Time Career Fair, April 17, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Student Union.
- Student Union sponsored Late Nights, April 22 - May 2, begins at 7:00 p.m. each evening with free food for students with a valid UAA ID with entertainment and wellness activities throughout the evening.
- Spring Gear Swap, April 21, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union Cafeteria area.