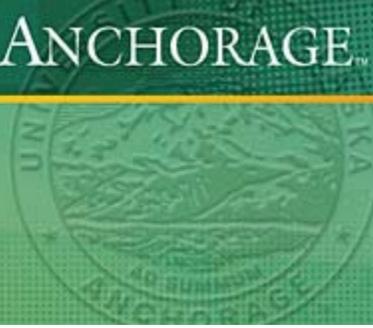


UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Message from the Chancellor



Dear UAA Faculty and Staff,

As you know, the University of Alaska system is facing a challenging budget situation resulting from a \$70 million decrease in state funding over a three-year period. In light of this, last October the Board of Regents charged each university to undertake a [review of its academic programs](#) and [administrative areas](#) to meet its share of the reduction.

At UAA, this means difficult decisions lie ahead. Based on the regents' directive, UAA will have fewer academic offerings than we do currently. UAA leaders must manage our new budget reality and long-term viability, which means we must invest in and grow academic programs where it makes sense for Alaska, consolidate programs and services where feasible, and change the way we offer programs. While the majority of UAA's degree and certificate programs will not be affected, some will.

The decisions and changes on the horizon will bring genuine challenges, frustrations and grief for students, faculty, staff, administrators, and the many members of our communities who support and believe in UAA. I ask you to be gentle with yourselves and kind to others. This will be difficult, but we will get through this together.

Support Sessions

- A series of **Program Review: Supporting Our Students** sessions for faculty and staff just concluded. UAA is committed to supporting students whose programs might be discontinued by providing comprehensive advising and degree completion options. We have options for students associated with affected programs, and we do not want them to feel alone in facing the future. Please [direct students to their academic advisor](#) for these discussions.
- **Program Review Faculty Support** sessions and **Program Review Staff Support** sessions will begin the week of Feb. 24, following the Monday

release of the deans' recommendations, and continue into the future. Please look for additional information in Green & Gold. I encourage you to attend and reach out for support.

UAA and its people have been a vibrant, contributing part of Anchorage, the Mat-Su, the Kenai Peninsula, Valdez, Kodiak and beyond. We will continue to do everything we can to make UAA a welcoming, supportive place where students choose to pursue their education. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our shared work as a place of teaching, learning and knowledge generation. Your commitment to our students, our mission and to one another does not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,



Cathy Sandeen
UAA Chancellor



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