

## **FROM THE PROVOST: August 25, 2014**

- **SPECIAL ‘ONE CAMPUS ONE BOOK’ OPPORTUNITY FOR FACULTY—MONDAY, AUGUST 25**

UAS faculty have a special opportunity on Monday, August 25, 1-2:30pm, to engage by video with Katie Rodger of the UC Davis Interdisciplinary Writing Workshop on the topic of interdisciplinary writing, One Campus One Book (OCOB), and writing across the curriculum. Rodger will visit the Juneau and Sitka campuses in October in conjunction with OCOB and will be the *Evening at Egan* speaker on October 10. The OCOB selection in Juneau this fall is John Steinbeck's *The Log from the Sea of Cortez*. To join the video on 8/25, email Egan Library Public Services Librarian Jonas Lamb at [jonas.lamb@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:jonas.lamb@uas.alaska.edu). To learn more about OCOB, go to [www.uas.alaska.edu/ocob](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/ocob).

- **PITAAS GRANT RENEWED IN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

Congratulations to the School of Education team that wrote a successful 3-year renewal of the PITAAS grant—Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for Alaska's Schools. This exciting news reflects the continuing hard work and success of Director Ronald Cadiente-Brown and her colleagues. Well done!

- **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Fulltime UAS faculty have access to two important Faculty Development resources beyond those in their school and campus. The first is the *Evelyn Rhoads Wilson Travel Funds*, available for professional travel to present a paper or serve as a discussant at a conference. For details see: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/docs/FacProfDev-Awards/WilsonFunds.pdf>. The second source is *UAS Academic Innovation Funds* available through the Provost's Office. These small awards of up to \$2000 are designed to encourage faculty innovation and creativity in support of quality teaching and learning at UAS. For details see [http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/docs/fac-dev-seminars/UAS\\_Academic\\_Innovation\\_FundAY12-13.pdf](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/docs/fac-dev-seminars/UAS_Academic_Innovation_FundAY12-13.pdf)

- **ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEWS PLANNED FOR AY14-15**

Academic program reviews, required by the UA Board of Regents, provide a regular opportunity to review and assess the quality of our academic offerings. The reviews take into account the centrality of programs to our UAS mission and core themes and offer an opportunity for improving overall quality. Fourteen such reviews were completed in AY13-14. In the coming academic year, the following programs will be engaged in reviews: BA Art, BA English, BA Social Science, MAT Secondary Education, MEd Mathematics Education, AAS Health Information Management, Certificates in Health Information Management and Healthcare Privacy and Security.

- **JUNEAU STUDENTS TO OCCUPY NEW FRESHMAN HOUSING**

The new freshman housing on the Juneau Auke Lake Campus is nearly complete. Plans are in place for the first students to move in this coming week as the fall semester approaches. Having recently taken a tour, I can tell you that the new facility is warm and inviting—a very positive addition that will enhance the sense of a learning and campus community. The views from student suites—whether of the glacier or of the surrounding forest—are gorgeous. See photos and updates at [http://www.uas.alaska.edu/facilities\\_services/fpc/const-update.html](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/fpc/const-update.html)

- **SPBAC PLANS FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS UAS PERFORMANCE AND BUDGETS**

The UAS Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (SPBAC) meets regularly throughout the academic year to review UAS performance and to make recommendations to the Chancellor about overall budget and planning priorities. I co-chair this with Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration Michael Ciri. The SPBAC expects to meet five times in the coming academic year, with its first meeting tentatively planned for Tuesday, September 23. The Committee has broad representation from faculty, staff, students, and UAS leadership at all three UAS campuses. For details see <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/vicechancellor/spbac.html>

- **SHAPING ALASKA'S FUTURE: FACULTY ALLIANCE, DEANS, SUMMIT TEAM MEETINGS**

Shaping Alaska's Future (SAF) is the UA system's framework for addressing the challenges and opportunities of higher education in our state. To learn more about the five themes of SAF and the effects UA hopes to achieve, see <http://www.alaska.edu/shapingalaskasfuture/> Faculty Alliance representatives—including those from UAS—met last Friday with President Gamble, chancellors, and provosts (the 'Summit Team') to discuss specific objectives associated with these themes, including a shared statewide UA academic calendar and alignment of GERS. Academic deans and directors also have a meeting on August 26 in Anchorage with UA leadership. SAF will continue to be a major topic of discussion and action as the UA Board of Regents prepares for its meeting in Juneau, September 18-19, 2014.

**\*\*PROVOST READS\*\***

**Recruiting a Diverse Faculty (UAA powerpoint)**

**UAA Office of Campus Diversity and Compliance (<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/diversity/index.cfm>)**

<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/diversity/recruitment/upload/Recruiting-Diverse-Faculty.pdf>

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

August 25	Special videoconference on One Campus One Book/Writing Across the Curriculum, 1-2:30pm, Juneau/Glacier View Rm; Sitka Rm 110
August 25	Chancellor's Cabinet (Provost Council cancelled)
August 26	Deans and Directors: Shaping Alaska's Future meeting, Anchorage
September 1	Holiday
September 2	First day of Instruction