

FROM THE PROVOST: September 15, 2014

- **UA BOARD OF REGENTS TO MEET AT UAS JUNEAU AUKU LAKE CAMPUS, SEPT. 18-19**

The UA Board of Regents will meet this week on the UAS Juneau Auk Lake Campus, Student Recreation Center, September 18-19. Agenda items include implementation of the Shaping Alaska's Future initiative, focusing on 5 major themes (<http://www.alaska.edu/shapingalaskasfuture/>). Specifically, the agenda includes initial review of UA FY16 budget proposals, future tuition rates, teacher education programs, and action on academic proposals. Among the academic proposals, UAS is seeking approval of the Certificate in Medical Assisting, approved by Faculty Senate in spring 2014, and elimination of early childhood education offerings that are found elsewhere in the UA system. The public is welcome at BOR meetings. There are opportunities for public comment on Thursday, September 18, 8:30-9:30am, and Friday, September 19, 9-10am.

- **UAS BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FY16 PRESENTED TO REGENTS**

The proposed UAS FY16 operating budget request to the BOR includes a request for a Disabilities Services Coordinator, Coordinator of First-Year Experiences, and a Title IX Compliance Coordinator. It also includes a proposal to add a faculty position in Biology-Fisheries. UAS has also joined with UAA and UAF in proposing additional funding for a coordinated Rural Alaska Paraprofessionals Program to encourage paraprofessionals (teacher aides and others) in rural schools to earn their degree and credential.

- **UAS KETCHIKAN CAMPUS RECEIVES NEW TITLE III FUNDING FOR RENOVATIONS**

Dr. Priscilla Schulte, Director of the UAS Ketchikan Campus, received news last week that the campus will receive \$6,620,500 over the next five years from federal Title III funds to increase the number of Alaska Natives and rural Alaskans who complete UAS Ketchikan programs and training programs through renovation of classroom and lab space for current workforce training programs and expanding the technological capabilities of the campus. Included in the plan will be transformation the UAS Ketchikan Technical Center into the UAS Regional Maritime Technical Training Center—a goal that aligns with expansion of shipyard and maritime services in Ketchikan and southern Southeast Alaska.

- **INCREASED ATTENTION TO UA TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Dean Deborah Lo, School of Education, will participate in two important upcoming discussions about the future of UA teacher education programs. The first will take place at the UA Board of Regents meeting on Thursday, September 18, 10:30am-12:30pm. The Regents intend to spend two hours discussing teacher preparation and will hear a presentation about the CAEP (formerly NCATE) professional accreditation enjoyed by all three UA universities. A second discussion will take place in Fairbanks on Friday, October 3. The UA Teacher Education Consortium (UA-TEC), made up of UA deans and education stakeholders from across Alaska, will meet in conjunction with the Alaska Council of School Administrators annual meeting. The goal is to share information and ideas about improvements to UA teacher education and educational leadership programs.

- **DR. MARSHALL LIND TO PRESENT AT UAS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP SEMINAR, SEPT 27**

Dr. Marshall Lind, former Chancellor at both the University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska Fairbanks, will be the first guest presenter at the UAS Academic Leadership Seminar that begins on Saturday, September 27. Twelve UAS faculty and staff members, selected from all three UAS campuses, will participate in the five seminar events between September 2014 and February 2015. Congratulations to the following who were selected to participate: Kimberly Schulte, Gail Klein, Prof. Leslie Gordon, Denise Blankenship, Prof. Paul Bahna, Prof. Charla Brown, Phyllis Carlson, Prof. Megan Buzby, Pua Maunu, Eric Scott, Barbara Hegel, Keni Campbell. Participants will read a variety of texts on academic leadership during the seminar; the first is *Leading at the Edge: Leadership Lessons from the Extraordinary Saga of Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition*.

- **UAS FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING OPTIONS**

The UAS Faculty Senate approved creating an ad hoc committee to consider proposals for offering Credit for Prior Learning at UAS. Assistant Professor Tim Anderson from the Sitka Campus is chairing the committee. Both UAA and UAF provide an opportunity for students to seek approval of documented credit for prior learning (<http://www.uaf.edu/advising/docs/cpl.pdf>).

- **FISHERIES/SEAFOOD/MARITIME WORKFORCE DISCUSSION AT SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE**

UAS continues to be actively engaged in statewide discussions about career opportunities in fisheries, seafood processing, and maritime services. This week I'll be attending the Southeast Conference annual meeting in Wrangell—attended by mayors and political leaders across the region—speaking about our UAS contribution to the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Program, both in academic and workforce development realms. See http://www.alaska.edu/fsmi/AKMaritimeWFDPlan_HighRes_5-22-14.pdf

****PROVOST READS****

“The Future of College?”

The Atlantic, August 13, 2014

<http://www.theatlantic.com/features/archive/2014/08/the-future-of-college/375071/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 17	Statewide Academic Council (Provosts and Faculty Alliance reps)
September 18-19	Board of Regents meets in Juneau
September 19	Egan Library Open House
September 22	Chancellor's Cabinet
September 23	Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee, 2-3:30pm