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Chancellor's Cabinet Updates

June 2022

Chancellor's Office

Dr. Karen Carey, Chancellor

Development & Alumni Relations - Lynne Johnson, Director

I am pleased to announce that FY22 has been UAS' highest fund-raising year in the history of the institution, raising over \$1,274,000 in support of our students, faculty and programs. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our 279 individual and corporate donors who made this possible!

Emergency/Risk Management & Safety - Ryan Sand, Emergency Management Planner

- **Surveillance & safety device installation:** We are currently conducting site walk-throughs with security engineering teams and law enforcement professionals to begin the first phase of repairing and increasing our safety systems throughout the Juneau campus and trails. The new systems will incorporate a host of new technologies to include panic buttons, unsecured door monitors, cloud sharing, and enhanced digital quality cameras.
- **New staff:** The safety team now includes David Pikul, who formerly worked for the SOA Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). His first day is June 27th, so be sure to say hello and thank the safety hiring committee for all their efforts in getting David here promptly.
- **Training available:** Please contact us for any training requests or safety equipment. We are currently conducting fire safety training, self-defense, active threat response, fentanyl (dangerous drug) response, bloodborne pathogens, stop-the-bleed (tourniquet)/first aid, and vehicle driving safety.

Equity & Compliance - Ryan Wark, Director

- **New Administrative Assistant** OEC welcomed a new Administrative Assistant to our staff this spring. Haley Reed splits her time between OEC and Arts and Sciences. Stop by and say hi.
- **Summer Changes** OEC has absorbed the responsibility of Protection of Minors starting July 1st. Please feel free to drop a line to our office with questions when hosting minors on campus. UA wide, we are using a new system called Ideal Logic to track events and programs that have minors associated with them. Please contact our office for training and questions about Ideal Logic, and look for future training to be offered campus wide in the future.
- **New Website** OEC has updated our website to be more robust in defining the rights and resources that our office is responsible for. This includes an updated reporting form that is designed to capture complaints that do not fall under Title IX, but still affect protected classes. Please take a look and let us know what you think (<https://uas.alaska.edu/equity-and-compliance/>)
- **New Title IX Federal Regulations** The Department of Education has released the new proposed Title IX regulations to Universities nationwide. Our office is working with our counterparts at UAA and

UAF to provide feedback on the regulations. Stay tuned for updates in the future, as well as updates to BOR policy. If you would like to see the proposed rules or discuss them, please feel free to talk with us.

Public Information Office - Keni Campbell, Public Information Officer

- **Evening at Egan** (*collaboration/excellence*): We are currently reaching out to potential fall 2022 speakers. The season will begin on September 9 and continue every other Friday, with the final event on November 18. These are listed on the campus calendar, and will all be via Zoom.
 - **Radio** (*collaboration/excellence*): I can help you connect with the radio stations to be a guest on one of their programs if you would like to promote something you are working on. Recent UAS guests:
 - KTOO's A Juneau Afternoon program:
 - April 20: [UAS' Efforts to Attract and Keep Alaska Native Students](#) - Dannielle Carlson
 - April 29: [UAS Summer Career Academy](#) - Tina Ryman and Mary McEwen
 - May 18: [UAS Sea Kayaking Expedition/ODS Capstone](#) - Forest Wagner
 - June 21: [Alaska Native Language Courses](#) - Carin Silkaitis and X'unei Lance Twitchell
 - KINY's Capital Chat
 - April 4: [UAS Rural Admissions Counselor Dannielle Carlson](#)
 - May 5: [UAS Summer Career Academy](#) - Tina Ryman and Mary McEwen
 - May 27: [UAS Juneau Campus Advisory Council](#) - Chair Sander Schjijvens and Bruce Botelho
 - **Press releases** (*collaboration/excellence*): Help us tell your story! Send ideas and materials for press releases through our internal form [here](#). Most recent press releases:
 - [UAS to offer free Alaska Native Language classes this fall](#)
 - [Dr. David Tallmon of University of Alaska Southeast Receives Fulbright Award for 2022-2023](#)
 - [UAS Outdoor Studies Expedition: Sea Kayaking in Glacier Bay](#)
 - [UAS Honors Beth Kerttula with Honorary Doctorate of Laws at 2022 Commencement Ceremony](#)
 - [UAS Honors Dr. Elliot Bruhl of Sitka with Meritorious Service Award](#)
 - [UAS Honors David Kiffer with Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at 2022 Commencement Ceremony](#)
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Provost's Office

Dr. Maren Haavig, Provost & Dean of Research & Sponsored Programs

- Hosted the NWCCU's Mid-Cycle virtual visit on April 14th and 15th - excellence
- Attended the WICHE Forum annual meeting - excellence
- Secured BOR approval of the Bachelor of Arts Indigenous Studies - excellence, diversity, access
- Worked *very* hard to promote UAS in the development of BOR presentations on Health Programs, Teacher Preparation programs, High Demand Degrees, and Goals and Measures
- Met with UAF Dean of Graduate Studies to discuss ways of collaborating moving forward - collaboration, sustainability
- Attended the Juneau School District Board of Education work group meeting. UAS provided information on JSD graduates and UA attendance including dual enrollment - collaboration, excellence
- Spoke at Raven School graduation ceremony - access
- Engaged with Hanover Research on a project focused on DFW rates - excellence, collaboration, access
- Began attending weekly Carbon Ore Rare Earth, Critical Minerals (CORE-CM) meetings in anticipation of State funding in this area - collaboration, sustainability, stewardship

Research & Sponsored Programs

- Held an ACRC “Retreat” to discuss mission and vision of our sole research institute - collaboration, sustainability, stewardship
- Coordinated response to INBRE on UAS Institutional Vision & Goals - excellence, diversity
- Collaborated on UAS NBRE proposal request for \$250K to retro-fit dive locker into a chemistry lab - sustainability, collaboration
- Met with faculty and staff from the Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization. Discussed ways to promote opportunities for UAS faculty and students- collaboration, excellence

Institutional Effectiveness - Kristen Handley, Director

- [Enrollment Dashboards](#) have been updated with Spring data
 - Program Review Data Packets, the NWCCU Annual Report, and OMB Reporting are in progress.
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Education

Dr. Maren Haavig, Interim Director

- An Ed Leadership Cohort finished on June 28 - excellence
 - Superintendent and a new Ed Leadership Cohort start in July - excellence
 - There is a Special Education Intensive this week - excellence
 - Working with SHI and have also worked with SHI to continue our annual summer offering of "Our Cultural Landscape", registration available today - diversity
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Administrative Services

Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor

Grants, Contracts & Budget - Julie Vigil, Director

- Last day for entries into FY22 is 7/15, please have any journals to our office no later than Tuesday, 7/12.
- As we head into processing items for FY22 & FY23 please make sure that the fiscal year on your documents is reflecting the correct year.
- Currently, we cannot make changes to any PCNs this week or until we receive notification from HR.
- There are only two more Labor Redistribution posting dates for pay R01-14, July 7 and July 14. Please make sure your documents are in our office as soon as possible for review and entry.
- Spring Effort Certifications were due 6/16.

Information Technology - Michael Ciri

- Donovan Grimes, formally our coordinator of Juneau Campus Classroom Support, has shifted into a new role as a Systems Analyst.
- Cyber Security attacks are rapidly increasing. To help us all respond, UA has a number of [good training resources](#) available.

Business Services - Jon Lasinski, Director

- Fiscal Year End is here! Finance closes on Friday 7/15 for FY22. Commit-C encumbrances close at noon on 6/30. Finance will be working across two fiscal years. Please mark your invoices as FY22 or FY23. Invoices for FY22 must be submitted by 7/8. To ensure that travel which took place in FY22 is posted to FY22, the Concur expense report must be approved through the campus travel auditor by July 11, 2022. Travel is considered FY22 activity when the first day of travel is prior to July 1, 2022. Expense reports where the first day of the travel is after June 30, 2022 will be posted to FY23 - collaboration, sustainability, stewardship
- Student notices of PFD garnishment in process (annual) - sustainability, stewardship
- Fall 2022 UAS payment plans will open for enrollment the last week of July - access, sustainability, stewardship
- Employee tuition waiver requests for summer 2022 should be submitted - collaboration, sustainability
- UAS Office of the Bursar is actively seeking to fill our lead cashier, the scheduled review date is July 6th - collaboration, diversity, sustainability, stewardship

Human Resources - Louisa Cryan, UA Senior Business Partner for UAS

Farewell to Spoke! Effective July 1, 2022 HR customers will have a streamlined interface (Enterprise Service Management/ESM) for submitting requisitions via UA HR's website.

Reminder: Outside activity/employment is to be reported every July 1st, even if a form was previously submitted. The disclosure form is available [here](#).

Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

Lori Klein, Vice Chancellor

UAS STEPS (Supporting Transitions and Educational Promise Southeast Alaska) Promise

Neighborhoods Grant - Tina Ryman

- Summer Career Academy—32 students participated in the academy from May 31-June 4, including 22 students who stayed at the John Pugh Hall. Students took courses in Behavioral Health, Construction Technology, Diesel Mechanics and Health Science. Students from Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, Yakutat, Hydaburg, and the Lower Yukon School District attended—Excellence, Diversity, Access, Collaboration, and Stewardship.

Registrar's Office - Trisha Lee, Registrar

- UAS' 2022-2023 Academic Catalog is live. (access, collaboration)
 - Our 2 front counter positions (Student Information Specialists) are still open and collecting applications. (diversity, access)
 - We've been testing the Banner cloud migration and most recently added testing DegreeWorks in the cloud. (excellence, access, collaboration, stewardship)
 - UAOnline main menu updates will go live after the July 4th holiday. (excellence, access, collaboration)
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Arts & Sciences

Carin Silkaitis, Dean

- Hello Colleagues! When you read this... I will be on vacation with my family in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Once I leave North Carolina on July 2 - I will begin the drive to Alaska with my wife, Chrissy. We will arrive in Haines on July 17 and take the ferry to Juneau. At that point, I will finally be a permanent resident of Alaska! I am looking forward to finally calling Juneau my home. Our house should be ready sometime between August 15 and August 30.
- I was thrilled to attend my first Celebration in Juneau (with my wife) this year. We had such an amazing time learning and absorbing all of the sights and sounds around us. We were so grateful to be in attendance - witnessing the dancing, the wonderful artwork, the games, the market and so much more.
- I attended a meeting at SHI with Dr. Rosita Worl, members of the NEH, the People's Fund, and other non-profit organizations (during Celebration) to discuss Alaska Native Art and Language and how to continue to grow our programs in these areas - increasing access and funding. (Collaboration, Diversity, Access, Stewardship, Excellence)
- I attended the NeoCon Conference in Chicago with Kristin Reynolds (Project Manager for the Integrated Science Center). We thoroughly enjoyed choosing furniture for the new building. We primarily looked at chairs, desks, lockers, and student lounge furniture. It's going to be a wonderful space. (Collaboration, Excellence)
- I collaborated with Beverley Keefe on the completion of the AY22-23 Budget (Collaboration, Stewardship, Access)
- After moving through the blind peer review process - My paper was published in the Athens Journal for Humanities & Arts (Spring 2022). The paper is entitled: The Need for Embodied Dramaturgy: The Laramie Project and Generation Z. Here is a link:
<https://www.athensjournals.gr/humanities/2022-4270-AJHA-ART-Silkaitis-05.pdf>
(Collaboration, Excellence, Diversity)

ACRC

- (*See note about our ACRC retreat under the Provost's Research and Sponsored Programs heading)
Collaboration, Sustainability, Stewardship

Natural Sciences

- Jason Fellman and Eran Hood collaborated with Ryan Bellmore from the Juneau Forestry Sciences lab on a study looking at how glacier loss will impact salmon habitat in Alaska watersheds. Their findings were published in the journal Global Change Biology and can be found here:
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/gcb.16273> (Collaboration, Sustainability, Stewardship, Excellence)
- Elizabeth Bruch (UAS Biology major), Nancy Liddle (Juneau area high school student), and Chris Hay-Jahans went to Black Mountain North Carolina, June 1 - 6, to attend the 2022 Summer Cross-institutional Undergraduate Research Experience (CURE) workshop. This workshop was sponsored by the Intercollegiate Biomathematics Alliance (IBA) and University of North Carolina, Asheville. Since UAS is an institutional member of the IBA, all expenses for Elizabeth and Nancy were covered by the IBA. Over the next few months Elizabeth and Nancy will participate in collaborative research projects under the guidance of a faculty mentors with the goal of presenting a poster at the upcoming 2022 International Symposium on Biomathematics, Ecology, Education, and Research (BEER), and possibly publish an article in the undergraduate journal Spora. (Collaboration, Excellence)

- Heidi Pearson took 10 UAS students to Portugal for the course, BIOL 393: Special Topics - Marine Vertebrate Field Research and Conservation, May 4-13. They were based at the [AIMM](#) field center in the Algarve where they collaborated with local scientists. Activities included boat- and shore-based surveys for marine mammals and seabirds, bird-watching at lagoons, a visit to a local fish market, and a cultural day spent exploring an archeological museum and 10th Century castle. Check out UAS social media pages for photos. (Collaboration, Excellence, Access, Sustainability, Stewardship)
- Heidi Pearson was interviewed by [BRITA](#) about the link between plastic and climate change. (Sustainability, Excellence)
- Heidi Pearson's research on whales and climate change, funded by Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC), was featured in a recent [article](#). This grant is also supporting a UAF CFOS graduate student, Dana Bloch, and helped to support the 2022 URECA Project of UAS Marine Biology major, Francesca Johnson. WDC has produced an [introductory video](#) about the project and another video that tells the story of [nutrients and whale poop](#). (Collaboration, Excellence, Sustainability, Stewardship)
- Numerous A&S faculty and staff attended the training on June 22 titled "Addressing Academic Barriers through Educational Practices and Geoscience Research" by Dr. Wendy Todd and Dr. Chris Atchison. (Diversity, Access, Collaboration)
- Andrzej Piotrowski has been invited to the [Research Experience for Undergraduate Faculty](#) program at the American Institute of Mathematics (AIM) in San Jose, CA, August 1-5. (Excellence, Stewardship)
- Jason Amundson took 8 UAS students to the terminus of T'aaꞑú Kwáan Sí'ti (Taku Glacier) as part of ENV5 S475: Field Studies in Environmental Science, from May 5-7. The students learned about the glacier's history, recent changes happening there, and the processes influencing the glacier's behavior. (Sustainability, Access, Excellence, Collaboration)
- Jason Amundson organized the International Glaciological Society's [International Symposium on Maritime Glaciers](#), which was held at UAS from June 19-24. Over 80 participants from around the world attended the symposium. The symposium spanned glaciological processes and downstream impacts of glaciers on landscapes, ecosystems, and communities. A highlight for many people was the introductory lecture by X'unei Lance Twitchell, who discussed Lingít language, place names, and perspectives of glaciers. Other highlights included a special session on indigenous and cultural perspectives of glaciers and an excursion to Tracy Arm. (Collaboration, Diversity, Excellence)
- Jason Fellman and Eran Hood appeared in an episode of Wildlife Nation with Jeff Corwin. (Excellence, Collaboration, Sustainability)

Business & Public Administration

- June was busy for Dr. Kristy Smith, supported through a Northim Grant and the Provost office through Article 5 CBA/Wilson funding. (Excellence, Collaboration)
 - Kristy attended the ACBSP 2022 Annual Conference in Washington DC from June 15-20. At the conference, UAS was recognized for receiving initial accreditation in November 2019. The recognition included a 'parade' of schools through the ballroom and introducing their institution on stage to kickoff the final gala dinner. (Collaboration, Excellence)
 - Kristy also presented at the conference, discussing UAS' successful removal of the Notes and Conditions from our initial Accreditation. The items were removed in November 2021. (Excellence, Stewardship)
 - Kristy completed training during the first two days of the conference and is now an ACBSP Evaluator. (Excellence)

Social Sciences

- No updates at this time.

Humanities

- Humanities Faculty have decided to not participate while they are off-contract, they will update the newsletter with professional development activities once they come back on contract in August.
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Alaska Native Programs/PITAAS

Ronalda Cadiente Brown, Associate Vice Chancellor

- Met with ANSEP representative Michael Ulroan to discuss the viability of ANSEP Acceleration Academy, a high school focused program, in Southeast Alaska. Topics of discussion included dual enrollment and credit, expectations of the program including cost, summer housing, tuition and enrollment, and staffing recommendations include a director, advisor for both High School and University, and youth/peer mentors. The cost of the program per student is estimated at \$7,500 per student and includes grades 8 - 11. The expense associated with the program is generally provided by the cooperating school district. The offer includes no funding stream and is reliant on partners in support of the program. (diversity, access)
- The Native & Rural Student Center underwent an update of flooring and paint, causing a displacement of workspace. Watch for an open house in August. The update will also align with new programming with a focus on student health and well-being.
- PITAAS sponsored \$71,410 in Summer 2022 scholarships (tuition, fees, expenses) for students in education degree programs and cultural programming.
- In addition, I was contacted for a related interview on Recruiting and Retaining Indigenous Educators. Notes from the invitation that took place on June 22: Education Northwest is partnering with the Region 16 Comprehensive Center in the state of Washington to gather information about best practices for recruiting and retaining Indigenous educators into both educator preparation programs and the educator workforce. In this approximately 60-minute interview, we would like to learn about your views on the challenges and recommendations for improving recruitment and retention of Indigenous educators in teacher preparation programs and in the workforce. It was a great opportunity to promote UAS and the School of Education. (excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship)
- Attended the National Conference on Race and Equity (NCORE) May 31 - June 4 with Professor Jeffrey Lofthus and staff Marina Ogai.
- Alaska Native Success Initiative (ANSI). The ANSI committee provided input on the UAS Master Plan that was adopted during the early June Board of Regents meeting.
- ANSI - UA Foundations, Diversity Equity & Inclusion Workgroup sessions
- ANSI - With the departure of Pearl Brower as UA Systems Office, Memry Dahl, newly hired CHRO stepped in as lead. A meeting with Memry, President Pitney, and the ANSI leads was held on June 24 on FY23 for input on planning and role of the Systems Office.
- Kudos to Sitka Campus Director Paul Kraft for his work on a video series on the topic of [Beyond Land Acknowledgements](#). The perspectives captured in a panel discussion may serve as a helpful tool in HR onboarding and future training.
- Kudos to Professor Eran Hood - In case you missed it - on national TV <https://defenders.org/wildlife-nation-episode-15-confronting-climate-change>

Egan Library

Elise Tomlinson, Dean

Library

The Egan Library successfully hosted the Glaciology Society Conference 2022, the first large event since the start of the pandemic. Participants wore masks, maintained physical distance, and tested daily for Covid 19. UAS Values: excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship.

Writing Center

The Writing Center is currently closed for summer break and will reopen this fall for the first week of instruction, beginning August 29.

Learning / Testing Center

UAS Math/Testing Specialist Ben Malander went back to school to earn his PhD in Mathematics. Current Testing Supervisor/IT Liaison Gabe Wechter will be moving into Ben's former position in August, and the Learning Center is currently recruiting for a new Testing Supervisor/IT Liaison position. The job posting is up on Careers at UA: <https://careers.alaska.edu/en-us/job/519918/testing-supervisor-it-liaison>; it's open until filled with an initial review date of July 11th. Anyone who has questions about the position should call Gabe or Elise for details. UAS Values: access, sustainability.

CELT

After conducting a successful iTEACH in May, CELT members have continued to work with attendees and other faculty members to offer guidance and support as they prepare courses for the fall semester. We are also working on our new website which will be unveiled this fall with new resources and a knowledge base of articles to support and enhance instructional excellence. UAS Values: excellence, collaboration

Ketchikan Campus

Dr. Priscilla Schulte, Campus Director

- The Maritime Training Center has stayed busy this summer with classes for the Alaska Marine Highway and rentals of the full bridge simulator.(Excellence, collaboration, diversity)
- Online summer classes are well underway.(Excellence, diversity, access, sustainability)
- The Ketchikan Campus Library is still working on replacing the books damaged in the sprinkler flood of 2021.(Excellence, diversity, access, sustainability, and stewardship)
- Several facilities projects are underway including work on the heating system at the Maritime Training Center.(Access, Sustainability, and Stewardship)
- Staff received well deserved awards at the Staff Recognition luncheon in Ketchikan. We also have several barbecues scheduled for this summer.(Diversity, collaboration, sustainability)
- Two faculty members left the Ketchikan Campus this spring-Steve Florian and Teague Whalen. They will be missed.
- James Ryan will be joining UAS as Assistant Professor of Writing this fall.(Excellence, collaboration, diversity)

- Lisa Dale joined the Ketchikan Campus as the new Maritime Trades Coordinator and Meadow Muench will be joining us as the Grants Coordinator/Fiscal Tech in July.(Excellence, collaboration, diversity)
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Sitka Campus

Dr. Paul Kraft, Campus Director

- Paul Kraft joined UAS Sitka faculty Joel Markis and Angie Bowers at the Mariculture Conference which was held in Juneau in mid-April. There is continuing to be growing awareness of, and attention given to, this expanding field of study.
 - The UAS Sitka health services faculty and advising staff joined the Workforce Development Roundtable that was co-sponsored with the local Chamber of Commerce to discuss the needs and explore strategies for meeting the needs of this important area field with local health care stakeholders. The fourth and final Roundtable also occurred in April with the focus on small business and nonprofit needs discussed.
 - President Pitney joined the Community Campus Director's Council for a two-hour discussion of challenges and opportunities of the 13 community campuses in the UA system.
 - End of the school year activities went off without a hitch due to the exceptional planning and execution of the UAS Sitka faculty and staff. Commencement was held in a new venue, the graduates were adequately honored and a good time was had by all.
 - We said farewell to two retiring faculty members that have made a difference in the lives of students and colleagues for several decades. Whale researcher Jan Straley (now with the honor of faculty emerita status) and welding instructor Allen Puckett were honored at the end of year celebration. Darcie Ziel, CNA instructor has also left the campus to pursue other health service opportunities.
 - Lead academic advisor Katie Sill was honored with Staff Excellence award as a result of her outstanding efforts serving as the lone academic advisor for the campus as well as the marketing and outreach advances that resulted from her efforts with local and social media.
 - Kristin Scotchmer, Aklei Helen Dangel and Katie Sill joined their UAS academic advisor colleagues for a two-day training on the Juneau campus.
 - Preparations are underway for the upcoming Independence Day activities.
 - The newly renovated Academic Advising Center is open to the public and provides space for small gatherings, group advising and drop-in services for our students as well as private offices for confidential conversations.
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Facilities Services

Nathan Leigh, Director

Everything you ever wanted to know about Facilities Services, and more, is in our latest edition of the Facilities Services newsletter, "The Level." https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/index.html

Recent project updates include:

- [Auke Bay Integrated Science Building](https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/fpc/): Construction is well under way with concrete footings being poured the past few days. Material suppliers have been encouraging that they will be able to deliver materials on schedule. More updates can be found at the Facilities Planning and Construction webpage: https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/fpc/
- [Master Plan](https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/master-plan.html): UA Board approved our master plan on May 26, 2022. A big Thank You to all who participated in this project. Please see the website for additional information. https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/master-plan.html

- Egan Library Painting: Good weather has been just what we need for this project. We are more than half way thru this project and it is looking great.
- Guardrail/Handrail: All the handrails are installed and has been cleared for closing this project.
- Auke Lake Way Rock Fall: Contractor has completed removing all of the large and loose rocks. The geotechnical engineer provided UAS a draft report on the stability of the remaining rock slope and we are reviewing if we need to do more on this project.
- Egan Fire Alarm Replacement: We are still waiting on the Contractor to provide a schedule for this project.
- NRSC - Lights and Flooring: We were able to find a contractor to do the flooring last month and just recently found a contractor to install new lights. Contractor is waiting on suppliers to let them know when materials will arrive in Juneau.
- Grounds: We have been advertising for folks to come help on the grounds crew for more than 3 months with no - takers. If you know of anyone who wants full or part time job working outside please have them apply at <https://www.alaska.edu/jobs/>

We are glad to announce that **Timothy Eby** has joined our FP&C team as a project manager. Timothy has a great attitude and will be moving forward several of our projects that have been on hold due to inadequate staffing.
