Chancellor’s Cabinet Updates

May 10, 2021

Chancellor - Karen Carey, Chancellor

- Attended the Innovation Summit and presented with Dan White (UAF) and Maggie Matear (Yukon College)
- Met with prospective student commencement speakers
- Attended meetings on the Alaska Native Success Initiative, the Alaska College of Education, a possible mariculture conference next year, the Foundation Board, Sitka Advisory Board, URECA, the Business Advisory Council, and the Juneau Economic Development Council, SERRC, Juneau Community Advisory Council, the annual Celebration of Faculty Excellence, and attended the Honorary degree recipient event
- Recorded commencement speech

Provost - Maren Haavig, Interim Provost

- Attended multiple committee meetings and contributed to plans to restructure Teacher Preparation programs within the UA system into the Alaska College of Education Consortium. This plan will be presented at the BOR at their May/June meetings.
- Kristen Handley and I meet with David Bishko and Michelle Rizk twice in April to discuss UA Goals and Measures. We reiterated our desire to have the UA G&Ms align closely with NWCCU metrics and goals.
- Met with other UAS members and Douglas Indian Association about dual enrollment opportunities
- Did an Action Line radio spot with Pete Traxler on our Mine Training Center
- Enjoyed numerous end-of-semester student, faculty, and community events.
- Along with Lori Klein and Amanda Triplett, continue to meet with Alaska Advantage/UAF staff to refine our involvement with this program.
- Provided support to Jonas Lamb on the submission of an application to the AACU for the 2021-2022 Institute on Open Educational Resources
- Posted grades for my ACCT 342 class by the Noon May 5th deadline!
**Administration - Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor**

**Human Resources**
- Romee McAdams will be taking on the roll of HR Senior Business Partner

**Grants, Contracts & Budget**
- **For Budget:**
  - FY22 temp budgets have been loaded in banner until the permanent budgets are established on July 1.
  - We will be completing our final management reports beginning next week.
- **For Grants**
  - Spring Effort Reports will be available for printing 5/17/2021 and are due to the Grants & Contracts Office by 6/17/2021. Please submit any necessary labor redistributions as soon as possible so that they can be reviewed and entered before the final posting days.

**Information Technology**
- IT has been highly involved in the UA wide rollout of multi-factor authentication
- Blackboard and Google sign ins are changing to use the UA single sign on
- OIT will be shutting down the Fairbanks data center over several weekends in May. Plans are in place to minimize impacts on courses
- UAS IT is using the short time after the end of Spring classes to upgrade a number of other systems

**Business Services**
- Please continue to work open encumbrances for Year End. Commit-C encumbrances will liquidate on June 1st. If you require Commit-C encumbrances to remain open throughout June, please contact the Business Office ASAP.
- The Office of the Bursar and Student Accounts has staff scheduled on campus every weekday afternoon, 1-5pm.
- HEERF grant student refunds are processed.
- Spring21 UAS Graduation fee refunds are still being processed.
- The UAS summer 2021 payment plan is available as of Monday, April 5th. **UAS Payment Plan enrollment fee is still being waived for summer 2021.
- Summer and Fall 2021 UAS MBS Direct bookstore website is available, courses not listed should be posted any day. **If you don’t see your course listing or have a question, please email uas.textbooks@alaska.edu
- 2021 PFD Garnishment notification (Notice of Default) letters were mailed out March 19th
Alaska College of Education - Steve Atwater, Executive Dean

- The search for a Director for the College continues with interviews this week.
- 92 students completed initial licensure programs this year. This is more than 60% of the UA total.
- The College is recruiting for a staff member for a variety of functions including support of admission and intern placement processes.

Enrollment Management & Student Affairs - Lori Klein, Vice Chancellor

- In Spring 2021, the division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (EMSA) focused on professional growth and development in “trauma informed student services.” Two guest speakers and two debrief/practice sessions were held. Additional engagement on this topic will take place through the summer.
- Please note: Many staff in EMSA have reduced contracts over the summer months and/or will be taking leave.

Admissions & Recruiting

- Recruiters are focused on outreach campaigns to prospective students in our funnel and marketing to Alaskan students: “it’s not too late.” Deadline for Fall Admissions is August 15th.
- The UA Scholars Application deadline (normally May 1) has been extended to August 15th
- Newly enrolled students are up 31% compared to same-time-last-year (STLY); student headcount is up 3% compared to STLY; student credit hours down 1% compared to STLY. Enrollment data can be accessed on the institutional effectiveness website.

Creative Agency

- Current projects include but are not limited to: commencement site and social media posts; Site optimizations and planning; Campus map; Campus sites

Financial Aid

- Will be running SAP (Satisfactory AcademicProgress) reports and completing R2T4’s (Return to Title 4) processes for the Spring semester
- Summer aid is disbursing starting on Monday, May 10th (and will be delayed slightly because some grades came in after the deadline)
- Paige Dillard will be starting on Monday, May 10th as our new Financial Aid Technician, please welcome her if you happen to call our front desk!

Registrar’s Office

- Working on end of term processing.
Dean of Students / Campus Life

Residence Life, Housing & Dining

- There are ~38 residents on campus continuing into the Summer session. Dining closed on Monday, May 3 at 1PM to transition to inventory before full summer shut down.
- Summer Guest Housing Operations began on Sunday, May 2 with the first check-ins at John Pugh Hall.

Native & Rural Student Center

- The Native and Rural Student Center will continue to provide services this summer at the SRC.
- The NRSC programming theme for next year is Wellness.
- The NRSC plans to sponsor two SHI interns this summer to assist with summer projects and academic year planning.
- Next year marks the 20th anniversary of the annual Oratory event. Look for details as we prepare for an in-person celebration next year!

Student Engagement & Leadership

- The Day of Wellness event with Counseling Services and the Heath Clinic attracted over 40 attendees.
- The Spring Carnival on April 16th was a great success for the UAS community and modeled other safe, in-person events for the upcoming fall. Over 75 students in attendance.
- Student Government’s elected officials for ’21-’22 AY are President Kali Spencer, Vice President Elizah Dominy, Senator Kelsey Cornelius, and Senator Hannah Forshee.
- SAB has planned a full roster of events for the Fall semester.
- Student Engagement & Leadership Manager Juliette Alldredge has taken a position with Goldbelt. We wish her the best and thank her for her service to UAS.

Disability Services, Health Clinic & Counseling

- The clinic is closing on May 14th for the summer and will reopen on Monday, August 16th.
- In-person appointments have been going well with 19 in-person appointments at the clinic in the last month. There were also 11 telemedicine appointments in April for a total of 30 student appointments.
- Disability Services (DS) begins to implement a new software package (AIM) for greater service to students and greater collaboration with UA system partners.
- Counseling and DS continue to offer support to students this summer.

Recreation Center

- The COVID pop-up clinic hosted at the REC Center was a success with over 100 vaccinations administered.
● New cameras have arrived for views of Auke Lake, both from John Pugh Hall (JPH) and the Auke Lake Dock. This will enable REC staff to have an overview of its rentals with both cameras being able to be viewable from the public website.

● The REC summer hours are 11am to 8pm, Monday-Sunday. The REC is planning to open up showers and locker rooms for summer use and start permitting small basketball groups on the court for team play.

● Due to an increase in security concerns, the REC is moving toward an always locked/secured front doors model, much like JPH. Student and REC Center Whalecards would permit entry during open hours.

● The REC is planning to add ice skates for winter rental to the lineup and the hiring of a contractor for music streaming in the weight room and track/cardio deck.

● The climbing wall’s painting is complete, to view the new ceiling and lighting visit our Flickr album at: https://flic.kr/s/aHsk3peGG9. We plan to open this Fall with measures in place that are consistent with UA/CBJ indoor exercise.

Institutional Effectiveness - Kristen Handley

● **IMPORTANT UPDATE/ANNOUNCEMENT:** Institutional Research will not be available during the fall term. Kristen is having a baby in September!
  ○ If you need any data for the fall term, please email Kristen as soon as possible to discuss how to get you the information you need. krhandley@alaska.edu

● Summer and Fall Weekly Enrollment is available on the IE website:
  ○ Summer:
    https://anc-powerbireporting.ualaska.edu/IE_Reports/Student_Enrollment/Summer_Weekly_Enrollment_Report?rs:Embed=true
  ○ Fall:
    https://anc-powerbireporting.ualaska.edu/IE_Reports/Student_Enrollment/Fall_Weekly_Enrollment_Report?rs:Embed=true

● There is a NEW dashboard with weekly enrollment for the fall at the program level. Note - programs no longer offered are in this as well because all historical student enrollment must be included in order for the year over year percentages to be accurate. Kristen is working on an update to the dashboard that will flag active programs in order to eliminate any confusion
  ○ Fall Program Level:
    https://anc-powerbireporting.ualaska.edu/IE_Reports/Student_Enrollment/Fall_Weekly_Enrollment_by_Program?rs:Embed=true

● Daily Course Enrollment is also available for both Summer and Fall
  ○ Fall:
    https://anc-powerbireporting.ualaska.edu/IE_Reports/Student_Course/Daily_Course_Enrollment?rs:Embed=true
  ○ Summer:
    https://anc-powerbireporting.ualaska.edu/IE_Reports/Student_Course/Daily_Course_Enrollment_Summer?rs:Embed=true
Arts & Sciences / Research & Sponsored Programs - Dr. Paula Martin, Interim Dean

- Search for the next Dean of Arts and Sciences continues as does the search for the next Administrative Manager for Arts and Sciences.
- CONCUR travel training completed, thanks to Jon and Rachel from the Business Office. Angie Steeves will help with travel questions until the hire of the Admin Manager.
- Kristy Smith will be returning to faculty beginning May 9 but will continue to provide budget approval support until the Admin Manager has been hired and trained.
- Congratulations to the Faculty who received recognition of Faculty Excellence!

Alaska Native Programs/PITAAS - Ronalda Cadiente Brown

- The Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for Alaska’s Schools celebrates and adds seven (7) graduates to its roster of graduates. The 2021 graduates are in the following, B.A. Elementary Education, B.L.A. Alaska Native languages & Studies, B. S. Biology, M. Ed Educational Leadership, M.Ed. Reading Specialist, M.A.T. Special Education, and Superintendent Endorsement. Currently, twenty-four students are enrolled in the summer 2021 term. In appreciation of our extremely hard-working faculty and staff, thank you!
- The hiring committee completed zoom interviews with fourteen candidates in April for the Dean of Arts and Sciences and are scheduled to conduct three on-site interviews with finalists during the week of May 3-7.
- The UAS committee on the UA Alaska Native Representation and Success Initiative continues to meet weekly in preparation for a summary report of priorities due May 10. This work includes UA steering committee participation and UAS committee meetings.

Development & Alumni Relations - Lynne Johnson, Director

Before everyone breaks for summer, I was to share some UAS giving numbers for FY21 to date:
$823,748 total dollars raised
and of that,
$24,153 was raised through the Faculty / Staff Campaign – THANK YOU!
We want to thank all our donors for their continued support of UAS and our students, particularly during this past, most difficult year!

On the Alumni front:
The UAS Alumni Association (UASAA) hosted its first-ever Photo Contest last month! If you haven’t seen the winners, check them out on our website: https://uas.alaska.edu/development/photo-contest.html

Also, the Alumni Office is thinking about putting together a HOME BREW 101 event for next October as we were wondering if any faculty or staff might have expertise in this area? If so, please contact Alumni Manager Jasper Soriano at Jasper Soriano jgsoriano2@alaska.edu
Egan Library - Elise Tomlinson, Dean

Library

- **Summer Hours**: Egan Library will maintain the same hours this summer as Spring semester: Monday-Thursday, 9am-7pm, and Sunday 1-7. Beginning May 10th we will reopen to the general public.

- **No Cost Course Markings Fails Faculty Senate Vote**: At the March meeting, the Faculty Senate agreed to table discussion of “Low Cost” course materials designations and instead discuss “No Cost” designations in the course schedule with their departments in anticipation of an April vote on the Action. At the April meeting, the Senate voted down the measure. While disappointing, OER use is gaining momentum among UAS faculty and departments. This issue will be tabled until Fall. Until a more institutionalized method is embraced, Jonas will encourage faculty who supported the “No Cost” designation to add specific language (ie “No Cost Course Materials” or “No Textbook”) to course notes so that students can factor this into their decision making process.
  - Supporting Departments: BPA, Career Ed., Library
  - Opposed Departments: Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Sitka Campus
  - Abstaining Departments: Humanities, Education
  - Not Present: Juneau Campus Senator, Ketchikan Campus Senator

- **Career Learning Paths**: The American Library Association/Public Library Association has partnered with Microsoft, LinkedIn Learning and Github to provide free access to career learning paths, low-cost certifications, interview prep and other tools through Dec. 31, 2021. Librarians discussed how to promote these resources to students and faculty (in the in-demand career areas, primarily in BPA). Resources available at aka.ms/MyLearningPath
  - LinkedIn Learning’s free learning pathways that are aligned to ten jobs that are in-demand and positioned to grow in the future, including customer service specialist and graphic designer.
  - Free LinkedIn Learning courses focused on collaboration and also on soft skills, such as teamwork, effective listening, and diversity and inclusion.
  - Microsoft Learn’s free and in-depth technical learning content, as well as GitHub Learning Lab’s practice tools, also aligned with in-demand jobs; and
  - Industry-recognized Microsoft Certifications, which are being offered at reduced cost when scheduled and completed before Dec. 31, 2021.

Writing Center

- The Juneau campus Writing Center is closed for the summer and will reopen in early August. If your students need help with a writing assignment during the summer session, research librarians may be able to assist with certain aspects of the writing/research process. Contact through the Reference Desk at 907-796-6502 or by chat or email uas.eganlibrary@alaska.edu.

Learning/Testing Center

- The Juneau campus Learning and Testing Center will be closed from May 7th- June 6th. [https://www.uas.alaska.edu/juneau/tlc/hours.html](https://www.uas.alaska.edu/juneau/tlc/hours.html) If you have students or community members who need to take a proctored exam, please contact the Egan Library Reference Desk for assistance finding alternative testing options.
CELT

- Our finalist for an entry level Instructional Designer for the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching will be giving a brief presentation on Thursday, May 6th from 3-4pm. We plan to record the session. If you would like to attend or watch the recording, please send an email to Elise Tomlinson. emtomlinson@alaska.edu

Ketchikan Campus - Dr. Priscilla Schulte, Director

- The campus is preparing for Summer classes
- Completed Maritime training for the Alaska Marine Highway
- Assistant Professor Mike LaBarge did a video presentation for Alaska LIVE Job Shadows on maritime jobs
- Academic Advisor Jessica Driscoll met with Ketchikan High School advisors and students
- Priscilla Schulte made a presentation at the Community Economic Development Forum in Ketchikan facilitated by Southeast Conference
- John Radzilowski was the keynote speaker for Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Roundtable on April 12, hosted by the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul. His talk was "Nemesis: The Polish Armed Forces and the Beginning of the Second World War." The talk is available on YouTube with additional remarks by author Andrew Nagorski: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSFoLT0dH2U
- On April 24, the Illinois State Historical Society awarded Poles in Illinois by John Radzilowski (UAS Ketchikan) and Ann Gunkel (Columbia College, Chicago) the Superior Achievement Award for a Scholarly Book in their Best of Illinois History 2021 Awards Ceremony. The Award is a Recognition of superior achievement for an original scholarly work of one or more volumes that adds to the knowledge of state and local history and serves as a model for the profession and reaches a greater public. The book was published by Southern Illinois University Press in 2020.

Sitka Campus - Dr. Paul Kraft, Director

- Commencement planning committee putting in significant effort to produce the online commencement ceremony for Friday the 30th.
- 10% Task Force rolled out the recruitment and retention plan for the upcoming semesters during the monthly all-campus meeting.
- Ellen Chenoweth gave a presentation on the RASOR (Rural Alaska Students in One-Health Research) program to the Sitka Rotary club.
- Sitka Campus Advisory Council met and provided good feedback to the campus regarding opportunities to explore in expanding and improving programs.
- Met with National Park Service personnel to explore opportunities for partnerships.
- Participated in Sitka Chamber of Commerce planning sessions
- Participating in the selection process for the Arts/Science Dean
- Gave the UAS Sitka update to the monthly meeting of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska.
- Participated in two meetings with the Sitka Charitable Trust to determine funds to disperse to worthy nonprofit organizations in Sitka.
Career & Technical Education - Pete Traxler, Executive Dean

- Career Education Summer Academy open for registration - new intensive classes available.
- Dean Pete Traxler joined Maren Haavig on the KINY radio program ActionLine to talk about the Center for Mine Training.
- In celebration of Alaska Mining Day on May 10, Coeur Alaska will be running a series of Mining Month ads on Juneau Radio through the month of May. Casey Bain recorded radio ads for them, which state “The Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine has been a long-time supporter of education and the development of a skilled workforce. Thirty years ago Coeur Alaska established an endowed scholarship fund at UAS, and in 2020 donated an additional $300,000 to support environmental science and marine biology students. Through their partnership with the University’s Mining and Petroleum Training Service program and UAS Diesel program, students develop essential skills that lead to full-time employment in the mining industry. Happy Mining Month from your friends at UAS!”
- Coeur Kensington will hold a job fair of sorts at the TEC on May 14th to advertise and interview for open positions at Kensington.
- Kensington will also be offering 2 full scholarships for current or future Power Tech students who qualify. These scholarships will not only pay for tuition and fees but also a wage while the recipients attend class.