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Chancellor's Cabinet Updates

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Chancellor's Office

Dr. Karen Carey, Chancellor

Since the last report I have:

- Attended meetings with Executive Council; Executive Cabinet; President Pitney; Vice Chancellor Michael Ciri; Provost Maren Haavig; Vice Chancellor Lori Klein; Associate Vice Chancellor Ronald Cadiente Brown; Keni Campbell, Chancellor's Assistant and Public Information Officer; Staff Council; Louisa Cryan, Senior HR Specialist; Lynne Johnson, Director of Development; Ryan Sand, Director of Emergency Management and Risk Services; Ryan Wark, Director of Equity and Compliance; Juneau Campus Advisory Council; Juneau Economic Development Council; Honorary Doctorate Committee; Government Relations; Board of Regents; and attended Spring Startup. (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration, and stewardship*)
- Met with new students (*excellence, access*) and with Education Dean Candidates. (*excellence, access, collaboration*)

Development & Alumni Relations - Lynne Johnson, Director

In support of UAS, the Development Office has received the following gifts in the past month in support of UAS programs & students:

- First National Bank Alaska - \$30,000.00 (split among: School of A&S Business and Public Administration Juneau Smart Classroom, Sitka Medical Assisting Program LMI Scholarship, & Ketchikan Maritime & Multi-Skilled Worker LMI Scholarship)
- Lee Kramer - \$15,000.00 (*Clarence and Verle Kramer Memorial Endowment*)
- Anonymous - \$15,000.00 (split among the *Frederick and Carol Eastaugh Scholarship & Chad Drennan Scholarship*)
- Peak Trust Company - \$10,500.00 (*Senator Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program*)
- Glacier Fish Company, LLC - \$9,375.00 (*UAS Fish Tech High School Engagement*)
- American Seafoods Company, LLC - \$6,250.00 (*UAS Fish Tech High School Engagement*)

The University of Alaska Southeast Alumni Association will be hosting an auction coming up on April 1st, 2023. Please save the date if you are interested in joining us for this event. Proceeds

from the auction will go toward supporting the University of *Alaska Southeast Alumni Endowed Scholarship* fund.

Emergency/Risk Management & Safety - Ryan Sand, Director of EHS, Emergency & Risk Management Services

- Please note that all safety and risk service requests go to Ryan Sand. David Pikul is no longer with the university and his position (safety manager) will be advertised soon.
- Emergency Management is continuing with Coast Guard exercise planning in Ketchikan. Any volunteers (especially Maritime and Nursing students) are encouraged to experience realistic emergency response and triage training. Please reach out to our office for more details.
- The Residence fire drills have been completed and will be posted at each location for your review as needed.

Equity & Compliance - Ryan Wark, Director

No report at this time.

Public Information Office - Keni Campbell, Public Information Officer

Commencement (*collaboration/excellence*): The commencement committees are getting ready to start planning for three regular *Spring Commencement 2023 Ceremonies*:

🎓 *Sitka: Friday, May 5*

🎓 *Ketchikan: Saturday, May 6*

🎓 *Juneau: Sunday, May 7*

More info coming soon!

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 Celebrates Student Success Chancellor's and Dean's Lists – Fall 2022 Semester](#)
- [Finalists Announced for University of Alaska Southeast Chancellor](#)
- ['Adaptive Leadership' Led to Successful COVID-19 Response in Alaskan Capita](#)

Provost's Office

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

- Thanks to everyone who planned, presented and participated in Spring Start Up! Please complete a feedback form so we can continue to improve this event (*excellence, sustainability, collaboration*)
- Along with other UAS personnel, followed up with Drew Koch from Garner Institute on how UAS can focus on student achievement efforts he touched on his in two day visit to UAS (*excellence, sustainability*)
- Meet with the No Holding Back workgroup. We are continuing to review the UAS hold policy and how it affects our students. This project is sponsored by WICHE (*excellence, sustainability, collaboration*)

Research & Sponsored Programs

- Eleven students were awarded URECA grants in the area of research and creative activity (*excellence, collaboration*)

- Continue to work with the INBRE 5 Writing Team on the next UA NIH submission. UAS will be offering an Alteration and Renovation submission to renovate the Anderson dive locker into a chemistry lab. (*collaboration, sustainability, access*)

Institutional Effectiveness - Kristen Handley, Director

- Attended and presented at Spring Start-Up (*collaboration*)
 - [The Great College to Work for Survey results](#), including the report on the open-ended comments are now available on the IE Website
 - Working on the Winter IPEDS survey submissions, among other external surveys (*access, collaboration, diversity*)
 - Worked with UAA and UAF IR Leads to review UA Metrics (*collaboration*)
 - Continue to lead UA-Wide IR Shared Services (*collaboration*)
 - Continue to meet with and train the SOE data analyst (*collaboration, stewardship*)
 - Continue to work on WICHE No Holds Grant (*access, collaboration, diversity*)
 - Fall 2022 close freeze data will be available on the dashboard around the end of January - I will post links in February (*access, diversity, collaboration*)
 - Spring 2022 open freeze is scheduled for February 10th (*access*)
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Education

Dr. Maren Haavig, Interim Director

- SOE faculty and staff hosted two SPED faculty candidates, four MAT faculty candidates, and two Dean candidates. I meet individually with each candidate. Search teams are finalizing their recommendations now. (*collaboration, access, diversity*)
 - Completed all faculty annual evaluations by the deadline (*stewardship, excellence*)
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Career & Technical Education

Carin Silkaitis, Interim Dean

Happy New Year from Career & Technical Education! I am so happy to be serving as the Interim Dean down at the TEC. First of all - if you haven't been down to the TEC lately, you should really head down there and remind yourselves of the wonderful things that are happening in that building. I was absolutely floored at the exciting classes happening down there, AND how amazingly clean and organized the shops are (Tom Dolan, I am talking to you!)

I have been spending the majority of my time getting acclimated, having meetings with faculty and staff, and starting to plan for the implementation of a few easy changes. My job is to set up some systems/processes and make the transition to the next Dean go as smoothly as possible. Additionally, I will do everything I can to provide support to the faculty and staff down at the TEC, and (hopefully) work on enrollment numbers while I am there.

I need to make a special shout out to Tom Dolan, who has been giving a number of tours of the TEC facility for me. I have been bringing candidates, Admissions folks, and personal guests - all with the goal of getting people excited about what we are doing in Career Education.

In this issue of the Chancellor's Newsletter, I asked faculty members in each area to give you a quick update! Thanks, everyone!

Construction Technology - Robin Gilcrist, Faculty

- The spring Construction courses are aligned with the House Build project, providing UAS students with hands-on construction experience. (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*)
- We are excited to have Assistant Professor Robbie Jensen leading the courses in Exterior Finishes from January through early March and then Interior Finishes from March to the end of the spring semester. With the high school and university students working together we should have another house finished by May. (*excellence, collaboration, stewardship*)
- The DEED grant that our Construction Technology program has used to promote women in the non-traditional occupations of construction was audited in early December. During the audit, the DEED program administrator approved opening the application to more of the Career Education programs. Women are encouraged to apply for tuition assistance in Welding, Construction, and Power Technology. (*diversity, excellence*)

Power Technology - Tom Dolan, Faculty

- Power Technology was recently awarded TVEP money specifically for the purchase of a newer truck. We just took possession of a 2015 International Prostar 3 axle tractor. This truck has all the current emissions that are mandated by the EPA: Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR), Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF), Selective Catalytic Reduction (Diesel Exhaust Fluid) SCR-DEF. This unit will fill a much needed void in the curriculum that needs to be taught so the students can be up to date when seeking employment in local industry. (*excellence, access*)



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Health Science - Marilyn Lumba, Faculty

- No updates at this time

Behavioral Health - Sarah Nieko, Faculty

- Three new courses have been approved by the curriculum review committee for Fall 2023 (Mental Health First Aid, Behavioral Health and the Good Life, and Introduction to Integrative Behavioral Health). A proposal for the new courses along with those in the BHAOE are currently under review to be included in the A.A.S with a new behavioral health emphasis. (*excellence, collaboration*)

Welding - Steffen Frazier, Faculty

- Welding continues to be popular for students just wanting to take a class and learn to weld. While many start out this way, we continue to get more students seeking their Occupational Endorsement in Welding, with 11 students currently signed up to complete the last class needed to achieve this goal during spring semester. This number is likely to increase when Intermediate Welding concludes in March. (*stewardship*)
- TVEP funding has greatly increased the welding labs ability to compliment our current welding power supplies with new, state of the art welding equipment. (*excellence*)

Center for Mine Training - Adam Zenger, Faculty

- Recruiting will begin soon for the 2023 IMOO course. (*collaboration*)
- I have set up visits to Matt Smith's classes January 24 and 26. We are planning on running the class from the end of February, through April, ending with at least one mine tour. (*collaboration*)
- Enrollment was down last year, but I am hopeful that we can attract a fuller class this spring.

Administrative Services

Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor

Grants, Contracts & Budget - Julie Vigil, Director

- Due to HR W2 processing and a necessary Banner fix we are unable to enter labor redistributions at this time. The anticipated date for resuming entry is the week of 1/30/2023.
- Next month we will be submitting our first management report to the System Office.

Information Technology - Michael Ciri, Director

- The Banner to cloud migration is proceeding and the cutover is still scheduled for early March
- There is a Fairbanks Butrovich data center outage in May. It is unclear how this will impact services after Banner is moved to the cloud.
- The virtual desktop environment servers are reaching end of life. IT is looking for feedback from the campus community regarding what works or doesn't work to help guide future planning. Please reach out to Cody Bennet if you have input to share.

Business Services - Jon Lasinski, Director

- We continue to face staffing shortages in the Business Office/Bursar's Office/Student Accounts. Thank you for your patience.
- Tuition and Fees are due by 1/27/2023.
- The Drop for Nonpayment process should be completed by at least 2/10/23
- As Rachel Jacobus has transitioned to Acting Bursar, all travel related items should be sent to Jon Lasinski.

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

New Online W-2 Resources - The HR Accounting Team has finalized three new pages on the UA HR website: [W-2 Form Access via UAOnline](#), [W-2 and W-2c FAQs](#) and the [W-2 Form Explanation](#). All three pages are linked from the [UA HR Operations Home Page](#), (*access, collaboration*)

Classification and Compensation website has moved: The Class and Comp web pages that were previously under the Talent Acquisition portion of the UA HR website have moved. They are now part of the Benefits website and can be found [here](#). Please update your bookmarks and share with your departments as some are having trouble finding the job families and salary schedules. (*access, collaboration*)

Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

Lori Klein, Vice Chancellor

The Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Team welcomes new students to Spring 2023 and returning students back! On the first day of class, UAS enrollments were up 2% for Spring 2023. We are happy to report that both headcount and student credit hours were up a few percentage points in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 on the first day of class as compared to Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. As we all know, there's a lot of change in the first two weeks of class. Enrollments after the first two weeks of class may be down - at the open freeze for Fall 2022, we were down -3.9%

Admissions / Recruiting / Advising - Dash Hillgartner, Dean of Admissions

- The Exchange & Study Abroad Coordinator position was filled. Maranda Barril started in the position on January 2nd (*excellence, sustainability*)
- Recruiting hosted 30 students through the UAF Upward bound program, 25 students through the Raven Homeschool program, and 20 students from Nikiski high school on campus (*access, collaboration*)
- The spring recruitment cycle has come to a close with the beginning of the semester. Recruitment will now shift its focus and efforts to fall 2023.

Career Services

- The [UAS Spring Job Fair](#) will take place Wednesday, **Feb 22, 2023** 11am-2pm at the Lakeside Grill. Employers are very eager to hire UAS students/alumni for seasonal and permanent jobs and internships. Please encourage [students/alumni](#) and [employers](#) to register for the fair through Handshake. (*access, collaboration*)

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

[Neighborhoods Grant](#) - Tina Ryman

The STEPS grant officially closed at the end of the Fall 2022 semester. We thank Tina Ryman, UAS STEPS grant coordinator for her service.

Registrar's Office - Trisha Lee, Registrar

- Spring 2023 courses start this week. (*access, collaboration*)
- Summer 2023 course schedule goes live on February 6, 2023. (*access, collaboration*)
- We are currently working on the Fall 2023 schedule. (*access, collaboration*)

- The review date has passed for our open front counter position so we'll be reviewing apps this week. (*excellence, diversity*)

Creative Agency - Alison Krein, Creative Manager

- Webmaster Colin Osterhout has left UAS for a new position at SERCC.
- Social Media Strategy Coordinator Katy Jordan is on maternity leave. Please contact Alison Krein with any requests.
- CA will begin recruiting for the Web Coordinator position in January. (*diversity, excellence, access, stewardship*)

Financial Aid - Janelle Cook, Director

- The Financial Aid Advisor position is posted, and the review date will be January 23, 2023. (*diversity, excellence, access, stewardship*)
- Spring disbursement started, and we are applying any additional aid as quickly as we can. (*access, stewardship, excellence*)
- UAS/UA Foundation Scholarship application deadline is February 15, 2023 We will also need scholarship readers, please watch for an email regarding this request! (*diversity, excellence, access, collaboration, stewardship*)

Students / Campus Life

Residence Life, Housing & Dining - Sean McCarthy, Acting Director of Residence Life

- The search process for a Director of Residence Life is ongoing and the posting date will be extended - (*diversity, excellence, stewardship*)
- Sean McCarthy has been named Acting Director of Residence Life as the process for identifying a new Director continues. - (*excellence, stewardship*)
- Residence Life welcomed back all of our on-campus residents, new and returning, on January 12, 2023. As part of our commitment to getting students engaged and immersed within our community, the following events were offered to new students during the Orientation / Welcome Back Weekend:
 - Welcome Back BBQ - 1/13/2023
 - Fred Meyer, Mendenhall Mall, and St. Vincents Shuttles -1/14/2023 (*access*)
 - Mendenhall Glacier Hike and Visitor Center Tour - 1/15/2023 (*sustainability, stewardship*)
 - Sealaska Heritage Museum / Campus Guided Tour - 1/15/2023 (*stewardship, diversity, collaboration*)
 - Downtown Excursion - 1/15/2023 (*access*)
- Renovations on our first and only "allergen free" unit are nearing completion. Residence Life is looking into our ability to continue yearly renovations on apartments, furniture, and facilities to ensure we are able to offer each of our students an affordable, equitable, and safe living option. (*diversity, excellence, stewardship, access*).

Native & Rural Student Center - Kolene James, Student Equity and Multicultural Services Manager

Happy New Year! The NRSC is kicking off spring with an open house to welcome back our student clubs. Everyone is welcome to join us as we connect with our students, also, it's still S.A.D. season, don't forget to take your vit. D. On that note, here are the upcoming events for January:

1/17, 9am - 4pm, NRSC OPEN House for Students, we'll have snacks, tea, and club promotion (AAPI, Traditional Games, and Wooch.Een). AAPI Club starts this semester! Mae is the Club Advisor. We'll have club sign-up sheets for this EPIC Leadership club as well as Traditional Games and Wooch.Een. Stop by and say hello! (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration*)

1/25, 11am - 1pm, Liquid Sunshine, vit.D promotion & free smoothies in the NRSC (access, collaboration)

1/27, Woch.Een Frybread Fryday sale, 11:30am - 1:30pm, in the Lakeside cafeteria (access, collaboration)

Student Engagement & Leadership - Mallory Nash, Student Engagement Manager

- SAB is preparing with their first Alaska Airlines Student Concert Series in nearly 3 years, for Friday, January 27 at 7 - 9 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. We're thrilled to host a UAS Drag Show with from RuPaul's Drag Race Season 6, Puerto Rico's own April Carrion, from Providence RI, Ava Unit-One and Avery Goodday, Lamia Monroe, Blake Slate, and Juneau's very own, Gigi Monroe.
- Upcoming events:
 - JANUARY
 - Wednesday, January 25 | Whale Wednesday
 - FEBRUARY
 - Saturday, February 18 | Winterfest 2023
 - MARCH
 - Thursday, March 23 | UAS Alaska Airlines Student Concert Series: Comedian
 - APRIL
 - Sunday, April 2 | UAS Day of Service
 - Friday, April 14 | UAS Spring Carnival
 - Wednesday, April 19 | UAS Nights with Perseverance Theatre (Little Women)
- We're going to start spotlighting the most involved student each month. Be on the lookout for who it is!

Disability Services, Health Clinic & Counseling - Carrie Kline, Lead Counselor

- The Case Manager position is posted. Applications will begin review on 1.17.2023. - (*diversity, excellence, access, stewardship*)
- Counseling Services will be starting groups and drop-in sessions in addition to individual appointments. A schedule of counseling services is available through the [Counseling website](#) or the [Spring 2023 Counseling Schedule](#) (*diversity, excellence, access, stewardship*).
- DS is actively implementing AIM (Accessible Information Management) this semester. AIM is Disability Services' new web-based database system that provides a means for DS to communicate and interact with students and faculty. This is a big lift for DS staff, the goal is to send all spring Faculty Notification Letters through AIM. (Excellence, Access, Collaboration)
- No new updates from the Health Clinic. The Clinic is open to students as of 1/9/23 (*diversity, excellence, access, stewardship*).

Recreation Center - Dave Klein, Associate Director of Campus Recreation

- Dave Klein is attending the Outdoor Retailer Show in Salt Lake City. Purpose of the trip is to make connections with companies that offer rental equipment at wholesale pricing to University outdoor rental programs. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)
- Campus recreation is taking a look at its membership levels and making price adjustments to benefit longer memberships (semester/annual) while adding new benefits to its longer memberships as a way to deter monthly memberships. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)
- Campus recreation is looking to add whale card production to our services. The goal is to have this in place by Fall 2023. Many of our members, particularly Alumni & Friends, never have Whale Cards made which complicates the check-in process. The new system being Cloud based should make this much more feasible. (*excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, and stewardship*)

- *Starting Fall 2023 REC Memberships will be required for Personal/Group Training. Currently this is not required and members have access to REC facilities while only paying for the instructions/class. This is unique to UAS and not in alignment with industry practices. (excellence, access, sustainability, and stewardship)*
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Arts & Sciences

Carin Silkaitis, Dean

Hello, and Happy New Year from Arts & Sciences! I hope everyone had a wonderful (and restful) holiday break. I am happy to be back... It's going to be a very exciting term! We have Chancellor's Candidates arriving next week, and we are continuing to work on our Arts & Sciences Strategic Plan. We worked on some language and wording of the framework document, based on the survey's with faculty and staff coupled with the sessions with Michele Thornton on campus. We took all of that data and crafted it into our Strategic Plan framework. I added language for each of the identified goals, and that language will go out to faculty and staff (for feedback) shortly. Dr. Thornton will be back on campus in both March and April. I am looking forward to hearing from you as you look through the framework thus far.

Get ready for our Chancellor Candidates to arrive! Please be on campus as much as possible. We would love for folks to be in their offices, and to engage with our candidates in as many meetings as possible. A survey will go out soliciting questions for each candidate. Please provide questions! We need you to make these visits successful.

Natural Sciences & ACRC - Brian Blitz, Chair of Natural Sciences

- John Harley (ACRC) received a Faculty Initiative Fund grant entitled "Establishing an undergraduate toxin monitoring program in a changing glacial fjord system" (*excellence, sustainability*)
- James Powell (ACRC) had an article published in the Juneau Empire about his Covid-19 research in Juneau. (*collaboration, excellence*)
<https://www.juneauempire.com/news/uas-study-juneaus-covid-19-response-a-role-model-for-success/>
- Jason Fellman (ACRC) was a co-author on an article published in Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences entitled "Modeling coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) population response to streamflow and water temperature extremes" (*collaboration, excellence, sustainability*)
- Jason Fellman (ACRC) gave a talk entitled "The influence of streamflow on land-to-ocean nutrient and organic matter export to southeast Alaska nearshore ecosystems" at the Hawaii Climate Adaptation Science Summit in Honolulu, Hawai'i, January 10-12, 2023. (*collaboration, excellence, sustainability*)
- Heidi Pearson was lead author on an article published in Trends in Ecology and Evolution, "[Whales in the carbon cycle: can recovery remove carbon dioxide?](#)" This was picked up by multiple media outlets including the Washington Post, CNN, Bloomberg, the BBC, the London Times, Business Insider, and the Juneau Empire. Interviews were also aired on CNN International and the BBC podcast, the Naked Scientist. (*collaboration, excellence, sustainability*)
- Heidi Pearson collaborated with local musician and UAS alum, Artemio *Katooneh* Sandoval, to create an original musical composition entitled, "Ocean's Change", which depicted climate change impacts on humpback whales. This was part of the Con Brio Chamber Series Climate Soundscapes concerts held in November. (*collaboration, excellence, sustainability*)

Business & Public Administration - Kristy Smith, Chair of BPA

- Working to get Spring 2023 last minute students enrolled and have a smooth start. (*access*)
- Dr. Kristy Smith will be attending the ACBSP Regional Chairs Leadership meeting in Kansas City January 19-21, 2023 (*excellence, collaboration*)

Social Sciences - Bill Urquhart, Chair of Social Sciences

- Nguyet Nguyen is interviewed by Truthout (<https://truthout.org/>) on Friday, Jan 20, to speak about the legacies of the Vietnam War on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Paris Accords. (*excellence*)

Humanities - Forest Wagner, Chair of Humanities

- No updates at this time
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Alaska Native Programs/PITAAS

Ronalda Cadiente Brown, Associate Vice Chancellor

Meetings include standing meetings (Executive Cabinet, Chancellor's Cabinet, Alaska Native Success Initiative, Statewide) and committee (Honorary Doctorate & Meritorious Service and Institutional Review of the Educational Leadership Program, Five-year NWCCU) meetings. I am participating in two HR search committees. The ANSI Executive Director with UAF & UAA ANSI leads resulted in a failed search. The hiring committee for the position of Dean of the School of Education site visits wrap up the week of 1/17/23. This includes public presentation sessions with the candidates with the School of Education and candidate visits with the Native & Rural Student Center.

The PITAAS Program Spring 2023 roster has 22 students with scholarship awards in the amount of \$69,921.90 representing five degree programs (B.A. Elementary Education, 8; B.A. Special Education, 1; M.A.T. Elementary Education, 3; M.A.T. Secondary, 1; M.Ed. Special Education, 1). (*excellence, diversity, access, collaboration*)

Egan Library

Elise Tomlinson, Dean

Library

Egan Library is excited to host a performance of the play [*Every Brilliant Thing*](#). Doors open at 6:30 PM with the play beginning at 7:00 PM in the Egan Library on Friday, January 20th. Admission to *Every Brilliant Thing* is **FREE**, but donations are welcomed.

For more information, please see the attached flyer or visit Theater Alaska's website at: <https://www.theateralaska.org/> (*collaboration, excellence*)

Writing Center

- The WC is currently recruiting to hire 2-3 new writing tutors.
- The WC's second-ever intern, Autumn Daigle, will be transitioning to that role from her regular tutoring position for Spring semester.

- The WC will have a "soft open" the first week of classes for students who need early help/a place to work, and we'll resume formal appointment bookings the second week of instruction to allow our tutors to settle back into school. (*access*)

Learning / Testing Center

The Learning/Testing Center is at the interview phase for a new Testing Supervisor. The team is hopeful to have a new hire in place in the coming weeks. (*access*)

CELT

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching is currently recruiting for a new Instructional Designer for the Juneau campus. While the position is vacant, please check the [CELT website](#) and knowledge base for Blackboard and other faculty professional development resources. For assistance, use the CELT email address and your question will be forwarded onto the person who can best serve your needs. uas.celt@alaska.edu (*excellence, access*)

Ketchikan Campus

Dr. Priscilla Schulte, Campus Director

- The Ketchikan Campus had a successful Faculty/Staff Development Day on January 6th. The focus was on who does what on the campus as well as strategic planning for the Ketchikan Campus.
 - A faculty get-together with adjuncts and full time faculty was held on Tuesday, January 10th.
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Sitka Campus

Dr. Paul Kraft, Campus Director

- Paul Kraft, Katie Sill and Kristin Scotchmer met with Sitka School District leadership to discuss expanding dual enrollment in health sciences. (*Collaboration, Access, Diversity*)
 - Welcomed Katelyn Stiles to the team. Katelyn is the new Title III faculty-Assistant Professor of Indigenous Studies. (*Excellence, Diversity*)
 - Planning chancellor candidate visits to Sitka which will include faculty, staff and key stakeholders. (*Excellence, Sustainability*)
 - Collaborating with colleagues to prepare for spring semester with strong enrollment. (*Collaboration, Access Sustainability*)
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Facilities Services

Nathan Leigh, Director

Who ya gonna call?..... Facilities Services (not Ghostbusters):

- If the heating goes out in a classroom setting.....Facilities

- If there is a leak in the ceiling and water is dripping on your desk.... Facilities!
- If the parking lots need to be plowed or sanded.....yes, we do that too!
- If the landscaping looks sick or damaged Yes, that's us.

Facilities Services fixed a whole bunch of stuff over the Holiday Break when everyone was home or on vacation. (stewardship) However, with half a million square feet of building space there is always something that needs to be fixed. Please let us know if you see some building facility that is broken and needs to be fixed. Just fill out a work order online here:

https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/index.html (Thanks to our new Administrative Assistant, Christena Leamer for this paragraph)

Auke Bay Integrated Science Building ABISB: Facilities Planning and Construction has invited UAS carving instructor Kaax Tséen Sheakley to collaborate on the project, and we look forward to having carved tables in the student lounge. (Collaboration) The structural beam that was signed by Chancellor Carey, Spike, Tlingit Elvis, and others at the end of October was secured in the building in November.

Construction is moving forward, with the expectation of holding Spring 2024 classes in the building. This is only one short year away. The process to build has taken over 10 years, beginning with the 2012 Master Plan vision and identification of the need, followed by the land acquisition in 2016, and the Board of Regents multi-step review process from 2017-2022. (Stewardship)

In addition to the building construction, there are many aspects that Facilities is coordinating with Faculty, IT and others for this building to come on line in 2024, including: furniture, AV equipment, WIFI, phones, building access, landscaping, as well as relocation of existing offices and laboratories. (Access) (Thanks to our Project Manager, Kristin Reynolds for this update)

Natural Science Research Lab NSRL Consolidation: The opening of ABISB will provide new laboratories to replace those in NSRL, allowing UAS to move out of and move forward with plans to sell the NSRL Building. These two projects ABISB / NSRL will not only greatly improve our teaching, research and recruitment potential, it will reduce the cost of operating and maintaining our buildings. Moving is always hard work and a big thank you to faculty and staff for the work completed to date and work over the next year making these projects successful.

Timothy Eby, UAS Project Manager:

I have several projects ongoing in facilities that we are very excited about. In Juneau we are replacing the roof of the Novatney Building, replacing the fire alarm system in the REC Center and the Welding Lab, and we have some consultants coming next week to talk about our Security Practices. On that note, We have scheduled a few times where we can collect student feedback on our security practices. We will use this study to continue our effort of creating a safe and productive environment for learning and research for our students and faculty. (collaboration) You may notice the trend in projects as safety related and that is true, but we also have a project happening over at our Sitka campus to further the educational goals of the University. We have hired some consultants to discuss the options of expanding facilities for the Mariculture Studies Program. They are helping us evaluate the cost/benefit of several options and once the study is complete we will choose and build the necessary infrastructure to support the expansion of the mariculture program.

IT - UPS Replacement: We will receive bids for this project in February. Once we have a contractor on board and a delivery commitment from the UPS manufacturer, we will set a schedule for this work to be completed. Uninterruptible Power System UPS provides power to our critical campus computer systems in the event there is a power outage and for that 2-15 seconds between when city power goes down and our back up generator kicks in. No campus connectivity disruptions are anticipated from this project. (Sustainability)

Projects not listed above are still covered in our Facilities Services newsletter , “The Level.”
https://uas.alaska.edu/facilities_services/index.html

We are still looking for people to work on our grounds crew. They can be part-time, temporary, students, full time etc.. If you know of anyone who may be interested send them to <https://careers.alaska.edu>

Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Cultural Safety (DEICS)

Dr. Math Trafton and Courtney MacArthur, Co-Chairs

- No new updates (December meeting didn’t have quorum). Next meeting Friday 1/27 (11a-1p).

Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Alaska Native Education (CACANE)

Mischa Jackson and Janelle Cook, Co-Chairs

- No new updates except for our next meeting will be January 26, 2023 (*collaboration, excellence, diversity*)
-