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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty and Staff Newsletter

UAS Accreditation Report Produces Four Commendations

UAS recently completed a regular interim accreditation evaluation that allows the commission "to monitor institutional change, to evaluate the institution's on-going compliance with Commission eligibility requirement, standards, and policies, and to evaluate the extent to which the institution has adequately addressed the recommendations since the last full-scale evaluation report."

UAS turned four areas of concern in the 1999 accreditation visit into four Commendations this time around. The Commendations are as follows and the full report can be found on the Provost's Web site.

2004 Commendation: UAS is to be commended for the inclusiveness of its strategic planning process and the utility of the plan that has emerged. This is a forward-looking campus that dreams big and that is witnessing the benefits of an aspirational plan in guiding its actions. Initiatives are considered on the basis of their cohesiveness with the plan, and local and system-wide resources are allocated on the basis of the goals the campus has agreed to. The planning process and its use to guide campus direction have positioned the campus to garner state and federal resources that heretofore seemed out of reach. This is a vital campus that knows where it's going and measures each initiative on the basis of its ability to help it get there.

2004 Commendation: Chancellor Pugh is to be commended for his effective leadership of this three-campus university, for his ability to create a regional university out of three entities that began with very different missions, for the quality and effectiveness of the leadership team he has assembled, and for fully integrating planning into the life of this university. His enthusiasm and love for this institution is matched only by his ability to see into its future and lead faculty, staff, and students down the right path that will lead them to that future. This is an exceptional campus filled with dedicated faculty and staff who care for their students and for the role of the university as a regional resource.

2004 Commendation: The evaluation team commends UAS for foregrounding the importance of technology in all programs and services and providing the resources needed. The Instructional Technology unit is comprised of energetic, dedicated, and "thoughtful" members who deliberately seek opportunities to be helpful to the academic mission of UAS. The team further endorses the Commendation of 1999 that lauded "the staffs in the Library, Computing, and Media Services for successful and widely recognized efforts to develop a rich combination of traditional and electronic information resources to support tri-campus and distance programs."

2004 Commendation: UAS is to be commended for its long-range fiscal and facilities planning model and for the clear relationship that exists among its long-range strategic plan, its long-range master plan, and its budgeting process. In addition, the university has been able to strike the right balance between planning and flexibility, between risk-taking and fiscal constraint. UAS's foray into and success in competitions for federal grants is nothing short

of astonishing. This is a university that is well-grounded at the same time that it is reaching – successfully – for the stars.

The Concerns that arose from the interim visit are as follows:

The University of Alaska system would be well-advised to revisit its data-collection methodology for enrollment figures.

UAS should think carefully about the connectedness of its Juneau campus dispersed over a wide area and how that affects practical considerations such as transportation as well as the overarching sense of how people think about UAS.

UAS should continue to investigate ways to improve the advising system to help students make choices about degree programs and to move as efficiently as they choose through the programs.

Mythology: Our Elders' Universal Language

Walter Porter, Tlingit Mythologist, will discuss the history, design and reason for mythology, imaging and its return to educational criteria and Sealaska Heritage's "Box of Day Light" video will be shown.

The Lecture is December 3rd in the Egan Classroom wing room 218 from 5:30-7:30pm.

Mini-Convocation Held January 11 and 12th, 2005

Provost Robbie Stell announced that Mini-convocation will be held Jan. 11 and 12th. The event will focus on assessment planning and school meetings. Academic deans will notify faculty with specific information relative to their units. Current methods of assessment at UAS will be highlighted and workshops will continue within academic units to develop appropriate assessment plans to meet the needs of individual disciplines and programs.

Three UAS Sociology Students Will Present at Professional Meeting

Three of Ginny Mulle's sociology students have had their papers accepted for presentation at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association that will be held in Portland, OR next April. Allison Mason will present her paper "Gender Roles in Disney Animated Movies."

Edward Jones will present his paper "From Slavery to Civil Rights to Hip Hop: The Evolution of the Black Male Machismo."

Juanita Reese will present her paper "Unique Perspectives: Men in the Nursing Profession." The Pacific Sociological Association is the largest local professional sociological association in the country, with over 2000 members. Generally, over 200 sessions are scheduled at the meeting, which makes it the second largest professional sociological meeting in the country.

Gallery Walk

UAS Art Students will participate in "Gallery Walk '04" on Dec. 3 at the Baranof Hotel's Douglas Room from 4-9 pm. There will be ceramic pieces, paintings, prints, batiks and Northwest Coast Art and a myriad of other art forms, plus holiday treats.

Winter Wonderland Holiday Events

2nd Annual Holiday Sing

The Banknote Ensemble accompanied by J. Allen MacKinnon will play all the holiday favorites and will take requests on Dec. 5th at 4 pm at the Noyes Pavilion. There will be cookies, coffee and hot cocoa.

Chancellor's Holiday Open House

The Chancellor's Holiday Party for faculty, staff and students will be held Dec. 15th from 3-5pm in the Lake Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and sample food and drink from the holiday buffet and mingle with folks from outside your departments.

Holiday Break

Holiday break dates are as follows: Dec. 23, 24, 27, 31 and Jan. 3rd are paid holidays. For Dec. 28, 29 and 30th employees need to take annual leave or leave without pay.

Watching Your Weight Over the Holidays

A group of UAS staff has arranged to hold weekly Weight Watchers meetings through the next few months for people who are interested in learning strategies to help keep extra weight off over the holidays. There is a charge for the meetings, which are held on Fridays at noon in Egan Library room 105. To sign up or to learn more about it contact Vickie Johnson at 465-6496 or e-mail invli@uas.alaska.edu

SITKA

Student Government at Sitka Campus hosted a Thanksgiving Potluck on Friday, November 19. A roasted turkey and delicious pies from Ludvig's Bistro were the highlight of the event along with tasty dishes from faculty, students and staff.



Faculty and Staff

Ernestine Hayes was interviewed by **Roxanne Livingston** of Northern Native Broadcast Yukon on her Edge of the Village column, "Honorary White American."

Barbara Burnette is attending the Department of Education Electronic Access Conference where she is learning all about the electronic requirements for handling Federal Financial Aid.

Scholarship Deadline February 14th

UAS and UA Foundation Scholarship application deadlines are both Feb. 14th applications are available on the Financial aid Website.

FAFSA Frenzy

The first annual statewide College Goal Sunday will be held Sunday, February 13th, in the JDHS Commons. This is a major event that involves UAS and JDHS staff, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, and the Northwest Education Loan Association to help parents and students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in time for the March 1 deadline.

Sea-son's Greetings Light Display

David Lendrum has once again begun weaving his seasonal light display, titled "Sea-sons Greetings." Displays include "Salmon Scholars," "Whale Song" on Noyes Pavilion, and "Under the Sea" on Egan Building. The use of new Light Emitting Diodes (LED) fixtures will increase the service life of the lights and reduced electricity usage. One hundred LED lights use the same power as one C-9 old fashioned Christmas Light.

Design suggestions welcomed for marine themed features for next season, contact David Lendrum, Landscape Superintendent, david.lendrum@uas.alaska.edu

UAS Bookstore Holiday Sale

20% off sale: items of the day

December 6	Mugs & Glassware
December 7	Clothing & Baseball Caps
December 8	Calendars & Holidays Cards
December 9	Art & Office Supplies
December 10	Alaskan & General Books
December 13	UAS logo Mundi Products & Bears (Includes leather binders, cell phone cases, key chains, & more!)
December 14	Mugs & Glassware
December 15	Clothing & Baseball Caps
December 16	Calendars & Holiday Cards
December 17	Art & Office Supplies
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