

Soundings

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Music community protests budget recommendations

More than 100 people turned out Sunday to protest proposed reductions in the Juneau campus budget that were included in program assessment recommendations, particularly a proposal to reduce full-time music faculty positions from three to one.

Protests were also voiced over a recommendation to reduce financial resources for the Business Information Systems and Computer Information Systems programs.

Much of the testimony focused on the appropriate role for UAS in Juneau as an institution that offers a liberal arts education and as an institution with a community service responsibility.

"Although most of the comments were critical of two recommendations such hearings are reassuring," Chancellor Marshall Lind said.

"They show that residents of Juneau deeply care about our institution and the services we offer - even though the community support may not be reflected in enrollments."

It's also reassuring to find out that the musical groups in our community are aware and appreciative of the university's financial support for their programs that is inherent in our faculty members' participation," he said. The UAS music fac-

ulty workloads include playing key roles in the ongoing activities of such groups as the Juneau Symphony, the Juneau Lyric Opera and Juneau Jazz & Classics.

Some individuals, including a representative of Juneau Jazz and Classics, testified that they would be willing to discuss raising funds to help support music faculty positions.

President Jerome Komisar attended the hearing and said he would take comments of the more than 20 people who testified into account when he draws up his own recommendations to the Board of Regents. The board is scheduled to consider the President's recommendations at its December 1-3 meeting in Anchorage.

Chancellor Lind's recommendations were issued in accordance with a University of Alaska Board of Regents directive that all administrative units within the system conduct a three-year program assessment to bring the University's programs into balance with resources and enable it to continue to meet its responsibilities.

Deadlines for curriculum changes

Faculty who are pursuing curriculum changes for inclusion in the 1996 UAS Catalog must keep in mind the following deadlines:

December 23: Any curriculum revisions or initiatives must be submitted for consideration by the Academic Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate.

February 15: Curriculum revisions and initiatives must be approved by both the Academic Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate.

These deadlines are firm and necessary in order to meet the production schedule of the catalog.

Reminder: Open enrollment ends November 30

Wednesday, Nov. 30, is the last day for employees to turn in Optional Benefits Selection/Dependent Declaration forms for calendar year 1995. Forms must be received by 5 p.m.

Employee elections include: supplemental health coverage, health care reimbursement accounts, dependent day care reimbursement accounts, supplemental survivor income insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and dependent health coverage.

If employees fail to submit an updated form they will be automatically and irrevocably enrolled for 1995 in the same program choices they made for 1994 with the exception of reimbursement accounts. To continue (or enroll in) a reimbursement account, employees must complete an Optional Benefits Selection/Dependent Declaration form.

For further information, contact Personnel Services at 465-6473.

Don't even think about it!

The recent snowfalls in Juneau have prompted questions about the prospects of closing the campus and whether faculty can on their own cancel classes due to bad weather.

Campus closures are extremely rare due to the university's responsibility to meet requirements for necessary contact hours each semester between faculty and students. The final decision on campus closures rests with the chancellor and faculty are not authorized to cancel classes if the campus has remained open.

Campus closures are announced on Juneau radio stations.

Rosenthal working on new album

Professor of Music Linda Rosenthal is working with jazz pianist Lincoln Mayorga on a new album for release next Spring. The album will blend the artists' classical training in violin and piano with American-inspired music such as bluegrass and jazz.

"Fiddle-De-Bop" is the title song on the album, Rosenthal said. "Working with him is a total delight and something so different from what I'm used to," she added.

Rosenthal and Mayorga will perform in Juneau this weekend at the Fiddlehead Restaurant in a \$25 per ticket benefit for Juneau Jazz & Classics. The show, which will preview selections to be included on the new album, begins at 8 p.m. and patrons will be served hors d'oeuvres. A no-host bar will be available.

Mayorga has previously performed twice in Juneau as part of the Jazz & Classics festival, an annual event started by Rosenthal and other Juneau musicians with support from the University of Alaska Southeast.

Russian officials to visit Juneau campus

Nine high-ranking Russian officials will tour the Auke Lake campus December 5 as part of a two week visit to Alaska.

The group includes the deputy chairman of the national parliament, top education officials and the governor of Magadan. Most are trustees of Magadan's International Pedagogical University, whose Board of Trustees includes Alaska representatives.

"This is one of the highest level Russian delegations ever to visit Alaska and their stay here should produce tangible benefits for Alaskans," said University of Alaska President Jerome Komisar. "We'll be exploring ways to improve educational ties between Alaska and Russia as well as expanding political, economic and social relations."

The Juneau tour will include various facilities at UAS, including the Egan Library and its facilities for distance delivery of courses. The visit to Juneau also includes attending swearing-in ceremonies of Governor-elect Tony Knowles and Lt. Governor-elect Fran Ulmer.

In Fairbanks the group will tour the UAF Geophysical Institute and the Supercomputer Center. While in Anchorage the officials will meet with the Board of Regents, the Chamber of Commerce and legislative leaders.

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Calendar

Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25

- *Thanksgiving: Have a great break!*

Tuesday, November 29

- *Accreditation: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., CCR.*

Wednesday, November 30

- *Open enrollment ends: last day for employees to turn in Optional Benefits Selection/Dependent Declaration forms for 1995.*

Thursday and Friday, December 1-2

- *Board of Regents in Anchorage.*

Monday, December 5

- *Delegation from Magadan on Juneau campus*

Thanks...

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for the warm thoughts and care you extended to me during my recovery.

Rae Korpela

