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Preliminary visit by Bemis slated for October 3

On October 3, Dr. James Bemis, executive director of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges' Commission on Colleges, will conduct a preliminary visit to UAS in preparation for the full-scale reevaluation set for September 27-29, 1989 which will be the culmination of the UAS self-study process leading up to the reaffirmation or denial of accreditation by the commission. Upon his arrival at 11 a.m. he will meet with Chancellor Lind, Dr. Stell, assistant to the Chancellor for academic affairs, and other university personnel to discuss the areas to be evaluated, the composition of the evaluation committee, and the arrangements for the team visit next September. He will meet with the Self-study Steering Committee that will oversee the drafting, review and writing process of the self-study report to answer questions, clarify commission standards, policies and practices, as well as tour the Juneau campus.

Members of the Steering Committee and their areas of representation are Karen Cummins, Classified President; Kathy Etulain, Sitka Faculty; Tim Fullam, Faculty Senate; Bruce Gifford, Student Services; Bob Green, Administration; Terry Bills, Assembly; Mike Herbison, Dean's Council; Dutch Knight, Student Government President; Margaret Lynne, Faculty at Large; Wally Olson, Faculty at Large; and Robbie Stell, Chair.

Special task force on faculty appointment, evaluation, promotion, tenure and sabbatical leave produces new draft of work

A special task force appointed by President O'Dowd and chaired by Executive Vice President and Provost Donald Behrend has been working since December 1987 to revise policy regarding faculty appointment, evaluation, promotion, tenure and sabbatical leave. Drafts of work in progress have been circulated to faculty senates and to the transition committee of the Statewide Assembly from time to time during development. Following formal review of Draft #6, the Statewide Assembly forwarded its recommendations to the president with respect to the issue of the award of tenure to the rank of instructor. The regents received progress reports on this work in April, June and August of 1988. Further consultation with both the special task force and the chancellors' council since the August meeting of the Board of Regents has

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Accreditation Process Overview

The accreditation process in a simplified outline looks like this:

1. The institution describes and studies itself in a self-study process (September 1988 - 1989);
2. An evaluation team of peers visits the institution and examines it in light of the documents that result from the self-study process and in light of the stated standards of the agency. It makes a report to the institution and to the agency (September 1989);
3. The institution or program responds formally to the report of the team (November 1989);
4. The accrediting commission of the agency decides whether to grant, deny, or reaffirm accreditation in light of the self-study document, the team report, and the institution's response (December 5, 1989).

Several speakers slated at UAS

UAS will host several speakers over the next couple of weeks. On Wednesday, Sept. 28 Dr. Phillip Grubb, visiting international business and management professor at the Alaska Center for International Business at UAA, will speak on "Conducting Business in China" during a brown bag luncheon from 12 - 1:30 p.m. at the Bill

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Masters program for Ketchikan Campus in planning stage

Sharon Cook, dean of the School of Business and Public Administration, and Norm Gorsuch, visiting associate professor of law science and public administration at the school, will visit the UAS Ketchikan campus on Sept. 27 to meet and advise prospective applicants for the masters of public and

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resulted in Draft #7. A change regarding the rank of instructor reads as follows: "In this draft, each university is given the option of choosing whether the title of instructor is to be considered a title of academic rank or special academic rank. In the former instance, instructors would be eligible for review for tenure while in the latter instance they would not be."

According to Robbie Stell, assistant to the Chancellor for academic affairs, UAS favors instructors having academic rank while UAF and UAS do not. A draft of the UAS Faculty Handbook will be available by October 15 and will detail the UAS policy on this matter.

Draft #7 will go before the Board of Regents Meeting for approval in November.

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business administration. They will also attend a reception for UAS faculty hosted by the First Bank of Ketchikan.

According to Cook the masters program has been on hold due to budget cuts but the Ketchikan community has recently shown great interest which is why Cook is once again pursuing it.

At a recent meeting in Ketchikan 28 of the 52 members of the community in attendance signed up to participate in the program. Most of them are people who work full time so they want an innovative approach to delivery, such as during the weekends.

Cook said she hopes to offer two courses each semester with some summer offerings in order to make it a two- to two-and-one-half- year program.

No decision has been made on who will teach the program; Cook said she wants to get a feel for who is in the area.

New Employees

Welcome to UAS:

Kathy Farrell, catalog librarian and instructor of library science; Greg Wagner, public information specialist; and Barb Mecum, public information specialist.

Newly organized General Assembly meets in Fairbanks

The newly organized General Assembly of the University of Alaska, the official internal constituent governance organization of the university that represents the faculty, the staff, the students and alumni throughout the university system, met in Fairbanks recently. The assembly receives its authority by policy of the University of Alaska Board of Regents which derives its authority from the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

The voting membership of the General Assembly of the University of Alaska is composed of six voting members from each of the academic Major Administrative Unit (MAU) constituent bodies, four voting members from the Statewide Administration local constituent body and the ex-officio and non-voting members. The academic MAUs are UAA, UAF, UAS and the Statewide Administration. Representing UAS are Kathy Etulain, Richard Hacker, Bruce Gifford, Scott Manchee, Phil Slattery, and Lois Foster.

Under the new General Assembly constitution that was approved by the regents in August, the officers of the body include president and vice president. During the meeting in Fairbanks the Executive Committee elected Richard Hacker, UAS assistant professor of Law Science on the Juneau campus, as president. Hacker served on the Statewide Assembly Transition Committee last year and was also president of the 1987-88 UAJ Assembly and coordinator for the transition of UAS governance.

Bonnie Williams, manager of UA statewide payroll, was elected vice president of the General Assembly. Williams has served as president of the Central Administration Assembly (recently retitled the Statewide Administration Assembly) since its inception in 1984. Since 1985, she has served on the Executive Committee of the Statewide Assembly, and the Statewide Assembly transition Committee.

Directing staff support of the UAS Assembly is Shirley Andersen, executive secretary in the Chancellor's Office.

Classified Association sets schedule

The Classified Association has set a schedule for their meetings this year: October, 14, December 9, February 17, April 14, and June 9.

Classified Association President Karen Cummins met recently with Representative Fran Ulmer and will share the results of that meeting with members at the next association meeting on Oct. 14.

All classified employees should cast their votes for the constitution change by Friday, Oct. 7. Sixty yes votes are required to make the change. Ballots are available from Shirley Grubb in Admissions & Records. Ballots will be opened prior to the Oct. 14 meeting.

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Ray Center, Room 153. It is open to students and the public.

On Wednesday, October 5, Dr. Thomas Malone, president of Sigma Xi and an expert on global change issues, will visit the Juneau campus and speak on "The Scientific and Societal Challenge of Global Change" at the Hendrickson Theater from 12 - 1 p.m. He is sponsored by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, and UAS. Following the seminar, there will be an informal luncheon with Dr. Malone. Those interested in attending can RSVP Barb Mecum at ext. 530.

On Thursday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall, UAS and the Friends of the museum will sponsor Mott Greene, historian of science and the John B. Magee Distinguished Professor in the Honors Program at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, for a public presentation on "Arctic Exploration as the Foundation for the Theory of Continental Drift." Greene will also speak during the afternoon at the Juneau campus on the theory of plate tectonics.