

From the Provost

February 6, 2018

• Searches

We are searching for a number of important positions on campus. Please stay tuned for receptions and other opportunities to meet the candidates!

- **Sitka Campus Director:** Three candidates have been selected for on-campus interviews, Patrick Proden from Oregon State University, Leslie Gordon, from UAS Sitka Campus, and Arleigh Reynolds, from UAF. Patrick Proden interviewed January 29 and 30, Leslie Gordon interviewed January 31 and February 5, and Arleigh Reynolds will interview on February 6 and 7.
- **Dean of Arts & Sciences and Vice-Provost for Research and Sponsored Programs:** The committee has narrowed the pool to seven candidates for phone interviews that will be conducted over the next two weeks. Campus visits should be schedule for late February to mid-March.
- **Executive Dean of Education:** The committee conducted five telephone interviews, and will narrow the pool to three to four candidates for on-campus interviews. It is expected that each candidate selected for campus visits will visit all three MAUs.
- Other Searches include faculty members for Accounting, Northwest Coast Arts, Outdoor Studies, Educational Leadership, Special Education and Education Technology and staff members for Institutional Effectiveness and Arts & Sciences.

• Digital Fellows:

As you know, I was selected as one of 30 Provosts nationally to work on a Digital Fellows Project. Our four faculty, Reid Brewer, Robin Gilcrist, Kitty LaBounty, and Alison Zeigler, participating on this project are doing great things in the classroom – stayed tuned for an update at the end of the semester.

• Other Activities:

- Held **Spring Start Up** on January 10 and Adjunct Faculty Orientation on January 13.
- Hosted **Philip Yun, Executive Director of Ploughshares**, on campus on January 24. A special Thank You to Lora Vess and Rosemarie Alexander-Isett for having Mr. Yun attend their classes.
- Attended the **President's Leadership Workshop** in Anchorage on January 18. The event was focused on how we can brand the University to increase our revenues and our enrollments.
- On Friday, January 26, I convened Administrators, faculty, staff, and students to discuss our current **Strategic and Assessment Plan**. The participants met from 8:30 to approximately 12 and generated numerous great ideas about how to shape our plan in the future. Following the event I attended the **Veteran's Welcome back lunch**.

• Submissions!!

I would like to be able to announce the great work faculty, staff and students are doing across the three campuses. If you have an article being published, are presenting a paper, are being recognized, or have some other special announcement – Please let me know! We need to take the opportunity to recognize the great work being done by so many on our campuses. Send me an email and let me know!

Have a Great Semester!