



Chancellor's Cabinet Updates

June 9, 2021

Chancellor - Karen Carey, Chancellor

- Attended the Juneau Community Advisory Council, Faculty Excellence Celebration, Juneau Economic Development Council, Board of Regents Academic and Students Affairs Committee meeting, Board of Regents Facilities Committee, Board of Regents Audit Committee, Alaska Native Success Initiative Action Team meeting, UNAC negotiation, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs get together, Staff Development Day, Chamber of Conference weekly series, and Juneau Gastineau Rotary
- Worked on the Mariculture Conference
- Met with the Emeriti Chancellors, Dean Bradley Moran from UAF, met the Arts and Sciences Dean Candidates, the Psychology faculty candidates, Juneau School District Board of Education, Foundation Board, Title IX staff, HR staff, and regular meetings with the Vice Chancellors
- Gave a tour of campus with [Lynne Johnson](#) to Jason Gootee and his wife

Provost - Maren Haavig, Interim Provost

- The Roles and Responsibilities and Pathways workgroups concluded their work. The plan for an Alaska College of Education Consortium was approved by the Board of Regents. At UAS, the Alaska College of Education is now the UAS School of Education. In August, we will begin a recruitment for an SOE director.
- Attended a Regional Advising Group meeting and a joint meeting of UAS and Juneau School District's Board of Education workgroup
- Along with Paul Kraft, reviewed UAS, UAF, and UAA proposals for Strategic Investment in Healthcare programing funds. We expect to hear soon about which proposals will be funded through this multi-year funding opportunity.
- Presented two UAS undergraduate certificates in Indigenous Language (speaking and teaching) to the Board of Regents Academic and Student Affairs Committee. The Board unanimously approved both certificates.
- Worked with faculty on potential research metrics to support mission fulfillment

Institutional Effectiveness - Kristen Handley

- Nothing new to report. Working on updating the IE Website and accreditation related activities
- REMINDER: I will be on leave for the fall term. If you know you will need data during the fall, please reach out to me immediately so we can make a plan.

Administration - Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor

Resumption of on-campus activities continues, and all groups are encouraged to develop plans for when and how on-site services should be in place prior to the fall semester.

Grants, Contracts & Budget

- Labor redistributions: The final posting day for pay R15-27 is June 23 and the final posting day for R1-14 is June 29. This means the entries must be made prior to these dates, please allow sufficient time for review and entry.
- Journal Vouchers: The last day to enter for FY21 is July 16. Please make sure you have your forms turned in no later than July 14.
- Effort Certification: Spring effort reports are due to the Grants & Contracts Office by July 17.

Information Technology

- UA continues to be the target of extremely sophisticated computer phishing. All employees are encouraged to turn on multi-factor authentication as this is the single best way to protect your account and the university.

Business Services

- Office of the Bursar/Student Accounts
 - Cashier position posted.
 - Senior Citizen Waiver policy change goes in front of full BOR for approval in the June meeting.
- Fiscal Year End
 - Finance Closes July 16, 2021 for FY21
 - Travel processed in Concur is not encumbered. Travel expenses post in Banner after the Concur expense report is approved by the campus travel auditor (Concur processor role). To ensure that travel which took place in FY21 is posted to FY21, the Concur expense report must be approved through the campus travel auditor by July 16, 2021. Travel is considered FY21 activity when the first day of travel is prior to July 1, 2021. Expense reports where the first day of the travel is after June 30, 2021 will be posted to FY22. All expense reports approved by the campus travel auditor after July 16, 2021 will post against FY22
 - Cutoff for prior year (FY20) encumbrance (commitment type C) transactions is June 4, 2021. Departments that requested Commit-C encumbrances to remain open through June have until June 30th to process transactions.
 - Please continue to work your current FY21 open encumbrances. Cutoff for these encumbrances is July 16, 2021. Encumbrances will roll thereafter.
 - FY21 deadline for entering/tagging fixed asset equipment is July 16.
 - FY21 cutoff for journal vouchers is July 16. Please submit JV's to the Budget Office by July 13th.

Career & Technical Education - Pete Traxler, Executive Dean

Career Ed is halfway through it's summer academy offerings. For the first time in recent history Career Ed is offering 100 level classes over the summer in Hydraulics, electrical, tools and materials, OSHA 10, CNA, and welding. Thus far we have had participants from six SE. communities ages ranging from 14 to 55. We look forward to seeing these students again in the fall.

Special thanks to Tina Ryman and Sarah Dybdahl for all their help and recruitment.

Alaska College of Education - Steve Atwater, Executive Dean

- On June 4th the Board of Regents approved Interim President Pitney's proposal to create the Alaska College of Education Consortium. Included with this proposal is changing the name of the UAS education unit to the UAS School of Education and eliminating the executive dean position. The School will now be led by a director. Former UAS Administrator Marylou Madden will be the School's interim director effective July 1.
- As part of its accreditation process, the College will present to the State Board of Education at their meeting on June 10. Executive Dean Atwater and Associate Dean Christian will review the unit's programs, enrollment and completer data and summarize unit activity to meet the 5 CAEP accreditation standards.
- Next week the School will be interviewing candidates for its vacant staff position. The hiring process for the UA System Education Data Manager is at the review stage.

Enrollment Management & Student Affairs - Lori Klein, Vice Chancellor

- Enrollment Management & Student Affairs will begin another round of program assessment starting this summer using [tools](#) from the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education. We are aligning our program and service assessments with our current accreditation cycle.
- I am working collaboratively with Kristen Handley to rewrite our Strategic Enrollment Plan based on enrollment targets UAS has set with faculty and leadership input between now and 2025.

Admissions & Recruiting

- Fall 2021 applications for admissions are down, however students who have applied are getting the steps done for admissions (up 2% compared to last year), and newly enrolled students remain up over 25% compared to last year.
- Currently working with students on the funnel to complete next steps; the current campaign is focused on increasing housing applications (through the enrollment process).
- UAS will be participating in the Pacific Northwest Association for College Admissions Counseling (PNACAC) virtual tour, featuring four students in the following key programs: Marine Biology, Alaska Native Studies, Interdisciplinary studies, Environmental Science. Attendees will include high school and independent college counselors from the Pacific Northwest Region.

Creative Agency

- Colin Osterhout is out of the office throughout June.
- Prototypes of the Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan campus sections of the website are in development, working with the Website Strategy Committee.
- Creative Agency is working with UA, UAF, UAA and agency BVK on a statewide marketing campaign
- Campaigns Fall 2021 messaging: current placements include Google Ads, commercial and public radio, Spotify, Facebook/Instagram, banner ads.
- Library website in development

STEPS (Supporting Transitions and Educational promise Southeast Alaska)

- The UAS STEPS and Tlingit and Haida STEPS programs collaborated to provide travel assistance, room and board and tuition assistance for students from Juneau, Sitka, Hydaburg and Angoon to attend the Summer Construction Academy that took place at the UAS Career and Tech Center May 24-29. Eleven students received assistance from STEPS.

Financial Aid

- Please Welcome Paige Dillard to our team as our Financial Aid Technician
- Preparing for our external audit
- Continuing to disburse summer aid as we receive it
- Cleaning up 2021 FA programs and reconciling
- Awarded the majority of our Foundation Scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year
- Working on a plan for HEERF 3 funding

Registrar's Office

- Spring 2021 degrees have been awarded and we are now working on getting them printed and mailed out.
- Summer Session 1 ends June 19th and Summer Session 2 begins June 21st

Dean of Students / Campus Life

Residence Life, Housing & Dining

- The UAS Residence Life program has been selected as one of seven winners of this year's Assessment and Impact Award for housing and residence life programs. These awards are given annually to programs that are using data from the ACUHO-I/ Benchworks Resident Assessment to improve their on-campus housing experience. The UAS program was identified as having a significant increase on the Satisfaction: Hall Environment survey factor after reviewing national data from the past two academic years (2018/2019 and 2019/2020). Congrats to the Residence Life Team!
- The Summer Housing and Conference season is in full swing.
- Dining Services is working on inventory for end-of-year audits. The Lakeside Grill will reopen in July.

Native & Rural Student Center

- NRSC programming theme for next year is Wellness & Healing.
- NRSC staff and the SHI interns will teach at 2 Goldbelt Heritage Institute Language/culture camps in July as well as with the Perseverance Theatre Star camp.
- Interns, Language Faculty and NRSC staff are working to create a culturally relevant event to give thanks this fall.

Student Engagement & Leadership

- Congratulations to UAS Student Government President Kali Spencer for her new role as the UA Board of Regents Student Regent!
- Student Government and staff are preparing for the July 8th summer planning meeting.

Disability Services, Health Clinic & Counseling

- PLEASE LISTEN! The [Why I Stay storytelling](#) collaboration with NAMI Juneau has wrapped up for Spring semester and a new cohort will begin in the Fall semester.
- Counseling staff are researching ways to address limited mental health supports in Juneau, including online supports, grant opportunities, and peer support services.
- Counseling, the Dean of Students and Emergency Management Staff are working to develop collaborative trainings for students, staff, and faculty to support prevention, peer support, covid issues and crisis management efforts this fall.

Recreation Center

- Auke Lake HD Camera: If you have yet to make it back to campus but wish to check in, the REC Center has installed a new HD camera on Auke Lake. [A live stream can be viewed from our website](#) as well as time lapse videos and favorite shots.
- Non-Member Opportunities: As an affiliate of UAS (non-REC member), you can rent outdoor equipment. See links below for details.
- Membership Opportunities: With a REC Center membership you can visit the REC anytime during open hours to use the many great resources we provide.
- REC Website Links:
 - Membership Options: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/juneau/rec/membership.html>
 - Facility Features: http://www.uas.alaska.edu/juneau/rec/facility_features.html
 - Gear Rentals: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/juneau/rec/rental Orc.html>
 - Auke Lake Camera: <https://uas.alaska.edu/juneau/rec/lakecam.html>

Arts & Sciences / Research & Sponsored Programs - Dr. Paula Martin, Interim Dean

- Nothing new to report, still working on a number of faculty hires, and the details on Amy Bannerman working from a distance (her USCG husband has been transferred to Maryland), and preparing for the new Dean, Carin Silkaitis!
- Paula Martin's last day will be July 13.

Alaska Native Programs/PITAAS - Ronalda Cadiente Brown

- The hiring committee for the Arts and Sciences Dean completed their work during the first week of May by interviewing finalists and advancing recommendation to hire to the Chancellor. My thanks and appreciation to the outstanding effort of the committee and exceptional support staff that shifted into overdrive to meet the final timeline.
- The UAS Alaska Native Success Initiative completed its preliminary report to the President's Office and presented its recommendations during the June Board of Regents Meeting. The committee provided a framework for the priorities for systemic change that includes administrative leadership recommendations, review of hire and promotion practices impacting hire, retention, and promotion of Alaska Native populations , and Alaska Native student recruitment and retention recommendations. This work will continue over the summer.
- The PITAAS Program has completed its summer scholarship program awards and is funding seventeen (17) students. In addition, the program has also kicked off an outstanding Alaska Native educator award nomination process with Alaska School district leadership. The nominees will be recognized during the Sealaska Heritage Institute education conference in August.
- The Arts & Sciences Department grants with Sealaska Heritage Institute, Box of Treasures (NW Coast Art) and Haa Yoox'atungi Deiyi (S.E. Alaska Native Languages) have been added to my responsibilities and I appreciate the opportunity to team with interim Dean Paula Martin on learning more about these grant accomplishments, needs, and challenges.
- The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Alaska Native Education (CACANE) will transition from staff leadership by Dannielle Carlsom to Kolene James. We appreciated Dannielle's tenure as lead that included CACANE priorities developed and transition with faculty representation.

Ketchikan Campus - Dr. Priscilla Schulte, Director

- Summer classes are well underway
- The Maritime Center has been hosting training for sea pilots in the simulator lab.
- The Testing Center continues to provide community wide testing services. We have recently had more GED graduates.
- The Ketchikan Campus leadership team met on July 8th to discuss campus wide issues.
- Faculty searches are underway for an Assistant Professor of Marine Transportation and an Assistant Professor of Welding.

Sitka Campus - Dr. Paul Kraft, Director

- The campus enjoyed our first face to face meeting in over a year as our End of Year party was held on a sunny Friday noon hour. Gifts of acknowledgements and appreciation were given to Cheryl Stromme and Paul Bahna who are leaving the Sitka team. They will be missed.
- The staff met in a three hour hybrid meeting to discuss 're-imagining' the campus services as we look ahead to the next 3-5 years. Creative solutions were proposed to re-align resources to support innovative efforts that will increase enrollment while continuing to support our students.

Development & Alumni Relations - Lynne Johnson, Director

The UAS Alumni & Friends Association is offering a **Tide Walk** on **June 26th from 9am-11am at Point Louisa, Auke Rec** for a morning of tide walking! Guided by UAS Associate Prof. of Marine Biology Carolyn Bergstrom, join us for morning coffee, donuts, and exploring the low tides! The event is free for UASAA members and \$10 for non-members (why not join?!). To register, visit the website at uas.alaska.edu/alumni

Public Information Office - Keni Campbell

- **Radio** - We currently have 1 spot per month on both KTOO and KINY that are regular -- KINY is the last Thursday of the month at 8:30 AM and KTOO moves around a little, generally on Wednesdays near mid or end of month. However,
 - I can help you connect with the radio stations to be a guest on one of their programs at other times if you would like to promote something you are working on.
- **UA's Did You Know project** - Reminder that UA Statewide is asking for highlights about faculty, students, and programs. They have a [web form](#) where people can submit things. (note that it is titled "economic impact" but they are truly looking for all sorts of highlights)
- **Evening at Egan** - we are discussing format for Evening at Egan (i.e. Zoom and/or in person at the library) and brainstorming possible speakers. If you have ideas please share them with me or with Chancellor Carey.

PRESS RELEASES

You can send ideas and materials for press releases through our internal form [here](#). You can submit full write-ups, photos, or even just some bullet points to get me started. Quotes and photos are always great things to enhance our releases and make them more likely to get picked up. [Help us tell your story!](#) All press releases from current times going back to 2007 are posted on the site uas.alaska.edu/about/press-releases/ The most recent press releases are:

- From Streambed to Glacial Ice, Students Lead Research at the Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center
- UAS Celebrates Student Success Chancellor's and Dean's Lists – Spring 2021 Semester
- UAS Ketchikan Maritime Training Facility Included in Consortium Designated as 2021 Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education
- Dr. Heidi Pearson of UAS collaborates with international colleagues on marine biology and climate change research
- Icebergs Push Back - New study: Slushy iceberg aggregates control calving timing on Greenland's Jakobshavn Isbræ
- UAS Congratulates Bob McClory, Ketchikan High School Counselor, for Recent Award
- Konar named Alaska NSF EPSCoR lead

Egan Library - Elise Tomlinson, Dean

Library

- **One Campus, One Book:** The 2021-22 OCOB selection is *American Sunrise: poems* by Joy Harjo. UAS will partner with Juneau Public Library who received a Big Read grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to extend the programming to the entire Juneau community. Planning is underway for programs and we hope to possibly bring Joy Harjo to Juneau ahead of her attendance of the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention in Anchorage October 21-23. Jonas met with Kolene James to discuss the NRCS focus on Wellness and are compiling resources to help faculty create culturally safe spaces for discussing difficult topics that emerge from American Sunrise (intergenerational trauma, cultural genocide, American Indian Removal Act, Native American Religious Freedom). Other confirmed and tentative partners include, the Alaska State Library, Juneau-Douglas City Museum, Perseverance Theater, 49 Writers. At the suggestion of UAS Student Life staff and in consideration of the lead time needed for faculty to integrate OCOB texts into their courses, we will jointly announce a selection for 2022-23 and post this title information on the OCOB website.
- **Institute on Open Educational Resources:** With support from the Provost's Office and Institutional Effectiveness, Jonas submitted an application and UAS was selected to participate in the Institute on OER offered by the American Association of College & Universities. The UAS team will include Maren Haavig, Andrea Dewees, Liz Zacher, Kasia Polanska and Jonas Lamb. The institute provides a year-long, online engagement opportunity for teams from campuses or state systems seeking to actualize an ambitious strategy to broaden campus engagement with and adoption of OER. This new model directly engages the OER Institute teams for a full year via virtual events and interactions as participants' OER implementation and acceleration plans are put into practice.

Writing Center

- **Closed for summer**

Learning/Testing Center

- The Learning Center is closed for the summer. The **Testing Center reopens June 7th.**

CELT

- **Welcome to new Instructional Designer Trudy Brown:** UAS has a new member of the regional CELT Team who will be joining UAS on the Juneau Campus on July 7th. Trudy has a background in teaching at both the K-12 and university level, with a special focus and interest in educational technology, course design, and assessment of student learning. Please join me in welcoming Trudy to UAS!
- **iTeach:** The CELT team has received funding to provide an iTeach this fall. Elise is contacting the CELT team to see if there are enough staff/faculty available this summer who are interested in summer contracts to put this on in the fall.

Facilities - Nathan Leigh, Director

We have a few construction projects going on this summer. Most don't have hard schedules yet and we will be sending out updates when this information becomes available. These projects include:

- Anderson saltwater pump house renovation - This project is substantially complete with just a few cosmetic items remaining. We can now again support seawater study in the Anderson Building.
- Water bottle filling stations - This project is complete and we now have 10 new places to fill our water bottles; Anderson first and second floors, TEC Mine Training Center, TEC Auto Shop, TEC Trades Shop, Welding Lab entrance, Egan first and second floors, Hendrickson first floor, Rec Center hallway.
- TEC air compressor replacement - This project is mostly complete and will be closed out in the next couple of weeks.
- Replace Ceramics Studio Overhead Door - This project is mostly complete and the stairway handrail being installed in the coming weeks will complete this project.
- Mourant LakeSide Grill Ventilation Upgrade - The construction phase of this project will start June 7 and should be completed July 7th.
- Mourant Waterline Repair - Construction phase of this project will happen in June. There will be a 1-2 day period when the water for the lakeside buildings will be cut off. We will send out a notice the week before we know the exact day this will happen, most likely over a weekend.
- Auke Lake Way - Wall improvements. Please watch out for new traffic patterns as the contractor works along the side of the road coming into campus. Specific days not currently set.
- Stainless Steel Handrails - The remaining wooden handrails along our lake shore buildings will be replaced in the coming months. Fabrication takes several months, so we do not expect to see any work on site until late in the summer or fall
- Auke Bay Integrated Science Building - On hold until further notice.
- Egan Library Fire Alarm Replacement - This project will be bid in July and work expected to start in Aug - September.
- NRSC Lighting, paint, flooring improvements - Just starting the design of this project and hope to have a contractor and schedule in the coming months
- Street Lighting on University Drive - CBJ is doing this project this summer. Please watch for construction occurring along the side of the road this summer.
- Stormdrain pipe replacement near outfall at Auke Lake - This project will replace a rusted out section of storm drain where it outfalls into Auke Lake. UAS storm drain system collects rain water from around campus, transports it thru a series of pipes and an oil water separator before outfalling into Auke Lake.
- Stairway down to the Beach at Andeson - We will receive bids on this project in July and construction will start late in the summer.
- Hendrickson Landscaping renovation in front of the building.
- We are hopeful that the Legislature will approve some funding for Deferred Maintenance / Renovation Renewal (DM/RR) projects that would include replacing the Novatney Roofing, underground fuel tanks at housing and some safety and regulatory compliance improvements. The design work has been completed on some of these projects so they could be bid and construction started this summer. Others will need to be designed and construction will start next summer.
- Summertime is a great time for us to get major repairs done while limiting our disturbance to staff and students. Please let us know if there is anything that needs to be fixed, repaired or renovated.