

Chancellor's Cabinet Updates

September 2021

Chancellor - Karen Carey, Chancellor

- Met with two potential donors Stewardship
- Met with a candidate for the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly Sustainability
- Worked on the Maritime Conference scheduled for February 22, 2022 Collaboration
- Dealt with a number of Title IX issues Access
- Attended Campus Kickoff Excellence
- Attended meetings of the Board of Regents including a workshop, Public Testimony, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Audit Committee, the Facilities Committee and the Full Board - Collaboration
- Attended meetings of the Foundation Board and a meeting on EpScor Philanthropy -Stewardship
- Attended the Juneau Economic Development Council meeting Collaboration
- Attended a number of meetings on HR Access
- Met on the Strategic Plan for UAS Excellence
- Met with the Alaska Native Success Initiative Team Diversity
- Met with Student Government Excellence
- Attended Southeast Conference in Haines Collaboration
- Met with the Juneau Campus Advisory Council Collaboration
- Attended Evening at Egan Collaboration

Provost / Research & Sponsored Programs - Maren Haavig, Interim Provost

- The fall semester started off with a successful Convocation, New Faculty Orientation, and Adjunct Orientation. Thank you to Anita Parrish for her help with planning and hosting these events. They turned out great! Excellence
- Along with Michael Ciri, met with UNAC faculty representatives to discuss UAS COVID practices on the three campuses Collaboration
- Met with Stephanie Major to discuss Blackboard Access
- Attended the UAS Author's reception, New Student Orientation, Campus Kickoff and the Juneau Campus Advisory Council meeting - Excellence; Collaboration
- Also attended the September UGCC meeting and the TLTR meeting Collaboration; Excellence
- Through the NWCCU, attended PDP Benchmarking for Equity workshop Diversity
- Listened to the public testimony in advance of the Board of Regents meeting. I presented the UAS report on accreditation and program review to the BOR's Academic and Student Affairs meeting - Stewardship; Excellence

- Sent a request to all full time faculty to complete an NWCCU Research and Creative Expression
 Activity mission fulfillment metric form. Data collected from this form will be integrated into our
 NWCCU mid-cycle report due spring 2022 Excellence
- Continued to meet weekly with my research administration counterparts at UAA and UAF;
 separately meet weekly with UAA and UAF Provost and Vice Provost Collaboration
- In preparation for a successful ESPSCOR 6 "Glacier to Gulf", I worked with Jason Fellman, Kelly Jensen, and Leah Gregg to ensure we had a workable budget submission process. I also met with Brenda Konar Collaboration; Sustainability

Administration - Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor

I will be out of the office until October 4th. During that time, Mark Thompson will be acting as Director of IT on my behalf. See you in October!

Human Resources

• UAS leadership is actively seeking to collaborate with the other Universities and the System Office to address ongoing challenges. (aligns with: Collaboration, Stewardship)

Grants, Contracts & Budget

- Budget: First management reports for the year will be coming out shortly. (aligns with: Collaboration, Stewardship)
- Grants & Contracts: Summer 2021 Effort Certifications are due to our office by September 23, 2021.

(aligns with: Excellence, Collaboration, Stewardship)

Information Technology

- Fast tracking roll out of multi-factor authentication to all employees (values: Collaboration, Stewardship)
- Working on an upgrade of the Blackboard Learn environment. (values: Excellence)
- Work is starting on a system-wide project to move our Banner system cloud servers. (values: Stewardship)

Business Services

- As of 9/16 Touchnet users will be required to set up multi-factor authentication. (aligns with: Collaboration, Stewardship)
- Drop for non-payment to be completed 9/17. (aligns with: Access, Stewardship)
- As travel continues to ramp up, please continue to request using unused tickets. UAS unused tickets now under \$12,000 remaining down from \$34,000 in January.
 (aligns with: Collaboration, Stewardship)
- Procard JP Morgan PaymentNet Approver Pilot Project starting in September. Juneau, Ketchikan, and Sitka Admin Services participating for UAS.
 (aligns with: Excellence, Collaboration, Stewardship)

School of Career & Technical Education - Pete Traxler, Executive Dean

Career Ed will be offering non credit cyber security

Classes in partnership with Goldbelt and Peregrine Solutions, look for these classes next spring. In concert with UAA College of Health UAS has developed a Behavioral Health class associated with Peer Support that will begin the second week of October.

UNAC negotiations are in the four week and moving along nicely, both groups seem to be working to amenable ends .

There are six Hecla Greens Creek scholarship recipients this year. We look forward to seeing them succeed.

Career Ed will hold its first e sports night at the TEC on October 1 from 8-12am. This COVID safe event is in partnership with the development office .

School of Education - Mary Lou Madden, Interim Director

- Working on data literacy for faculty as part of our commitment to EXCELLENCE through continuous improvement based on data
- Finalizing the School's Core Values, which exhibit our commitment to DIVERSITY, EXCELLENCE and STEWARDSHIP
- COLLABORATING with other Schools of Education through
 - o Participation and leadership on the Alaska College of Education Consortium committee
 - Working with UAA on a common survey of students for CAEP accreditation
 - Participating with other reading and literacy faculty from across all UA Schools of Education through the newly-formed UA Literacy Council
 - Working with UAF on a common format for MOAs with districts which host practicum students and interns
- Recruiting director, faculty and data manager to enhance our STEWARDSHIP of the resources allocated to the SOE
- Offering distance classes to provide ACCESS to students in communities throughout Alaska
- Contributing to the SUSTAINABILITY of the SOE, the UA system, and the pK-12 schools of Alaska by
 - Placing 64 teacher candidates in districts for the fall semester
 - Providing information about programs, and program success to a wide audience through the Fall 2021 SOE newsletter

Enrollment Management & Student Affairs - Lori Klein, Vice Chancellor

Admissions & Recruiting & Advising

- One request from all three UA universities for the names of Alaska Seniors will go to school districts by the close of next week. This will form the basis for our Alaska recruitment for Fall 2022 (access, diversity, collaboration, stewardship)
- Due to the high rates of COVID throughout Alaska, the UAS recruiters will not be on the road this fall, although we will revisit this decision monthly. We are working with alumni and other supporters of UAS to be present at in-person college and career fairs typically held in the fall semester (access, collaboration, excellence, diversity, sustainability).

- Members of the Admissions team will be attending the National Association for College Admissions Counseling Virtual Conference next week (access, sustainability, stewardship, excellence).
- The Regional Advising Group continues to work with the Registrar to revise academic standing letters. The group is also working with Admissions and reviewing acceptance letters. After the review and revision process, we would like to have letters that are easy to understand, provide next steps and resources, and that are psychologically attuned to sometimes sensitive situations (academic probation/warning letters). (access, collaboration, excellence, diversity)
- After two pilot semesters, UAS is embedding the Retention through Intervention
 initiative into a formal retention program. Faculty teaching gateway courses are
 encouraged to participate and all faculty are welcome to participate. For Fall 2021, 24
 faculty spanning 45 classes are registered. Students in participating classes will mid-term
 grades and early intervention prior to midterms if they are at risk of failing (access,
 collaboration, diversity, stewardship, sustainability, excellence)
- Study Away: We have 10 outbound students in Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Florida, the Virgin Islands, England, Germany, and Costa Rica. We are hosting 12 students from New Hampshire, Hawaii, New York, Wisconsin, Illinois, Colorado, New Mexico, Germany, Japan, and England. (access, diversity, excellence, collaboration)
- The Student Resource Center hosts and offers a wide variety of student services and is fully open to walk-in traffic: general advising, career services, counseling, disability services, health clinic, Native and Rural Student Center. (access, sustainability, collaboration)
- Career Services UAS, UAA, and UAS are hosting a virtual Career Fair on October 27, from 11-3pm. Over 30 employers have registered, and over 50 students have registered a day after student registration opened.. Career Services is available to provide cover letter and resume sessions for academic faculty - many thanks to the School of Ed faculty for hosting a session in September. (excellence, access, stewardship, collaboration, diversity)
- Veteran Services all 53 students using the GI Bill this fall semester have begun this semester strong. On Friday, October 1, a virtual orientation for new VA students will be held beginning from 12-1pm. Staff and faculty are welcome to pop in and say hi within the first 20 minutes before the session begins. A redesign of the UAS Veterans website will hopefully be completed by the end of the semester. (excellence, access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship, diversity)

UAS STEPS Grant (Supporting Transitions and Educational Promise Southeast Alaska) Promise Neighborhoods Grant

- UAS STEPS is sponsoring a media project aimed at helping prospective students pay for college. The collaborative project focuses on the Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) and funding opportunities and carries a SE Alaska theme. (access, diversity, collaboration, excellence)
- The STEPS Successful Scholars program is encouraging eligible students to enroll in the non-credit study hall course offered this semester on Fridays 12-1:30pm. In addition to providing homework help, the course also offers guidance and support to students through workshops, meals, and school supplies/apps. (access, diversity, excellence, collaboration)

Creative Agency

- Webteam hard at work on campus sites, Egan Library, Office of Equity and Compliance, Campus Master Plan and more. (collaboration, access, diversity, stewardship)
- Recruitment campaigns are being designed and launched and social media is profiling UAS success stories. (access, diversity, collaboration, excellence)
- New photography of campus, classes and housing will be refreshing the web, social, and print materials soon. (access, diversity, collaboration, excellence, stewardship)

Financial Aid

- Completing our Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) and closing 2021 funds (excellence, access, collaboration)
- The UA Foundation has a new platform for our scholarships we are moving from Academic Works to Kaleidoscope. This will be up and running for the 2022-2023 application year starting October 1st. (access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship)
- Working on sending out a Fin Aid newsletter to our students (access, sustainability, stewardship)
- Planning Financial Aid Night and a FAFSA with our local high schools (access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship)

Registrar's Office

- Juneau Campus is now live with CLSS (CourseLeaf Section Scheduler) and we are starting with the Spring 2022 semester course schedule. (access, collaboration, sustainability, stewardship)
- We are in the final stages of hiring for our Academic Scheduling and Curriculum Coordinator. (access, diversity, collaboration)
- FYI: We are now in the withdrawal period for full-term courses.

Dean of Students / Campus Life

Residence Life, Housing & Dining

- FYI Staff Updates: Kayla Hood has officially begun work in her new role as the Guest Services Coordinator for Residence Life. Jacob Durrance is our new Residence Life Coordinator and live-in staff member for John Pugh Hall.
- The Lakeside Grill is being renamed! New signage will be up soon reflecting the new title: Lakeside Grill & Market. Future references to the grill will refer to grill service only -- burgers, quesadillas, etc. All other services (hotline, salad bar, sandwich bar, soups, grab and go, etc.) are all now a part of the "Market." (excellence, access, sustainability, stewardship)
- FYI: Fall Open Freeze Housing Occupancy: 52.05%, up from 33.97% (Fall 2020) and slightly down from Fall 2019 (58.26%).
- 100% of residents are in compliance with the COVID vaccination policy. 95% are vaccinated, 5% have an approved exemption. (sustainability, excellence, access, stewardship)

Native & Rural Student Center

- FYI: Our Sealaska Heritage Institute Summer Intern Aidan Bowers, his Tlingit name is Kuchein, joined our NRSC family as one of the Student Assistants.
- We have 4 clubs in the progress of getting started (all at different stages), Wooch.Een,
 Xaadkil Haida language club, Traditional Games club, and Generation Action club.
 (excellence, access, diversity, sustainability, collaboration, stewardship)

Student Engagement & Leadership

- FYI: Mallory Nash joins us as the new Student Engagement Manager.
- Student Government elections take place from Sept. 27th-29th. (access, diversity, excellence, collaboration, stewardship).

Disability Services, Health Clinic & Counseling

- As of 9/13, 62 students have requested accommodations for disabilities. Additional outreach will occur to students previously registered. (access, diversity, excellence, collaboration).
- The UA DS Offices will be hosting a virtual conference October 26th November 5th, with sessions hosted 3 times per week. (excellence, collaboration, stewardship)
- DS Office will provide services to students needing pregnancy accommodations. (access, diversity, excellence, collaboration)
- The Health clinic has served 28 students so far this semester for a total of 38 visits.
 Students are able to schedule both in-person and telemedicine visits and the clinic is now able to offer the full range of services including prescription refills, physical exams, tuberculosis testing, laboratory tests, reproductive health, mental health referrals and treatment of minor injuries and illness. (access, excellence, collaboration, sustainability)

• There will be a Fall Wellness Event on October 7th sponsored by the Counseling, Disability Services, Health Clinic and the NRSC. (access, collaboration, excellence, stewardship, sustainability)

Recreation Center

- FYI: All sStudent staff positions have been filled with the latest addition of a climbing coordinator.
- The Climbing wall opened Monday (Sept. 13th) for the first time in over a year.
 Mitigations will include use of masks and only 4 climbers at a time. (access, excellence, stewardship, sustainability)
- The Rec is increasing access for UA students and alumni. UAS graduates now have their own membership track, and UAA and UAF students living in Juneau can use the REC Center as an extension of the fees they pay to UAA or UAF. Many thanks to IT for their help with the ID system. (access, excellence, collaboration).
- UAS will be the venue for Ironman Alaska-IM. A full triathlon will be held in August 2022 with smaller events scheduled for August 2023 and 2024. The August 2022 event sold out in record breaking time and is being considered a premier destination. A small team from Ironman will be on campus the week of October 4-9 for measurements of the course and campus. (collaboration, stewardships, excellence, access, diversity)

Institutional Effectiveness - Kristen Handley

• The UAS family welcomes Hunter Michael Handley, born to Kristen and her husband Greg on September 10, 2021. Everyone is doing great. If you need assistance from the IE office, please email Kristen and Maren.

School of Arts & Sciences - Carin Silkaitis, Dean

- A&S will be searching for a new Admin Generalist 3. This person will work in the Anderson Building. We are so happy to announce that Angie Kameroff-Steeves has accepted a position in the Chancellor's Office where she will be taking on a new administrative role. In this position, Angie will serve both the Chancellor's and the Provost's Office as well as IT/Admin Service.
 Angie's first day in her new role was Monday September 13.
- I was honored to testify at the Board of Regents meeting about my experiences at UAS thus far. I glowed about my colleagues, bragged about faculty accomplishments, and was thrilled to talk about the exciting undergraduate research happening in your classrooms and labs.
- I have had productive Dean's Council meetings with Dept. Chairs on the following subject areas: workloads, PCO's, budgets, recruitment/enrollment, retention, and so much more.
- I am looking forward to further conversation about the future of A&S including our mission, vision, name and strategic plan.
- I will be visiting our Sitka and Ketchikan campuses in early October. I look forward to reporting on those visits in the next Chancellor's Newsletter.

Research

• This week, Kelly Jensen and Leah Gregg are reinstituting the UAS PI Alert emails. These emails serve as policy and planning notifications to interested Principal Investigators and other UAS personnel. Sent at timely intervals, these include information about funding opportunities and administration for sponsored programs. If you receive the email and wish to be removed, or, if you do not receive the emails and want them, please email Kelly or Leah.

ACRC

- The Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center (ACRC) had a very successful 2020-2021 year with a number of new research grants, over-the-summer student research projects, publications, and consultations with an expanding group of stakeholders.
- For pre-award, we're gearing up for the sixth round of EPSCoR (pre-proposals are due October 1) and Jason Fellman will be the UAS PI.
- You can get the details in our latest newsletter and forthcoming 2021 Report. Contact
 Molly Tankersley mdtankersley@alaska.edu to get on the mailing list for all the latest
 news on ACRC, or check our website: https://acrc.alaska.edu/articles/index.html. (We
 would love to have more UAS faculty and staff join our mailing list!)
- The ACRC is also very pleased to welcome John Harley back as a Research Assistant
 Professor of Environmental Science. John was a Postdoctoral Fellow with the ACRC from
 2018 2020. His research interests are centered around environmental health and
 toxicology, and is currently focused on examining how traditional ecological knowledge
 can expand our understanding of harmful algal blooms and shellfish toxins. John's first
 day back at UAS was September 1.

Natural Sciences

- The Biology/Marine Biology program welcomes UAS Marine Biology graduate, JoMarie Alba, back as a Term Assistant Professor of Biology.
- The Biology faculty met with Dr. Marina La Salle, Director, Culture and History Department at Sealaska Heritage to discuss collaborations.
- Heidi Pearson gave the first Evening at Egan lecture of the Fall 2021 season: "Humpback Whales and Tourism in Juneau What Can We Learn from the COVID-19 Pandemic?"
- The UAS Math Club will be creating puzzles for the Whalesong again this year
- Andrzej Piotrowski is volunteering as a Math Coach for "Enigma," the math club for Juneau area high schools.

Business & Public Administration

- BPA submitted their ACBSP accreditation report
- We will be searching for a tenure-track faculty member in Accounting.

Social Sciences

The Ted Stevens Legislative Internship program is on track to begin again this spring. Elizabeth
Bolling has been actively recruiting within UAS and around the state in preparation for the
November 1st application packet deadline. Students do not need to be political science students

to be accepted into the program, and more information can be found at https://uas.alaska.edu/internprogram/ or by contacting Elizabeth directly at ebolling@live.com

Humanities

- Carin Silkaitis, Davina Cole and Liz Zacher are working with Sealaska Heritage on a series of
 promo videos highlighting Northwest Coast Art. There will be three 30-second videos that will
 feature UAS, our classes/instructors and these beautiful indigenous art forms. Davina is handling
 on-the-ground/shooting logistics, Liz is brainstorming narrative/through-line, and Carin will take
 the lead on storyboarding approvals/final creative input.
- Forest Wagner has been leading ODS programming over the last three weekends. He reported
 blue skies for the rock climbing outing and light winds for sea kayaking. Smiles all around coming
 from our students. Forest also sent some excellent photos for social media! We would love more
 of those from faculty.
- Kevin Krein was a guest lecturer in UAA's philosophy class on Kant.

Alaska Native Programs/PITAAS - Ronalda Cadiente Brown

- I continue to support the grants with Sealaska Heritage Institute:
- Box of Treasures: weekly meetings. The Box of Treasures grant is awaiting U.S. Department of Education review.
 - Language Pathways: weekly meetings. New staff hire, Judith Ramos joined UAS as program manager and relocated to Juneau from Anchorage and is onsite as of 9/12/21.
- The PITAAS Program completed fall 2021 scholarship awards in the amount of \$151,109 (27 Education program students) and Cultural scholarships awards in the amount of \$37,536 (31 students)
- David Russell-Jensen has accepted a position with Sealaska Heritage Institute. His last day is September 20. As an alumni of UAS and a dedicated worker, he has contributed greatly to our purpose and mission.
- I joined the School of Education retreat and faculty meetings to contribute to the development of core beliefs and recruitment planning in support of CAEP accreditation and program development.
- The Alaska Native Success Initiative steering committee committee held its first meeting on Sep 1, 2021, welcoming Dr. Pearl Brower as lead on this initiative. Joe Nelson has agreed to serve as co-chair of the UAS committee.
- Committee meetings in the past month included the Master Plan Advisory Committee, Honorary Doctorate & Meritorious Service Award, and Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Alaska Native Education.
- I continue to meet with the Association of Alaska School Boards and the Department of Education and Early Development representatives to explore the viability of a culturally responsive school leadership endorsement.

Public Information Office - Keni Campbell

- Evening at Egan Registration/viewing links to all Evening at Egan lectures can be found at uas.alaska.edu/eganlecture --- and all of our past lectures can be found on our UASoutheast Youtube channel.
- 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.

Recent UAS guests:

KTOO's A Juneau Afternoon program:

Heidi Pearson on whale research during the pandemic

Mischa Jackson on Alaska Native education and the importance of acknowledgement

KINY's Capital Chat

Mary Lou Madden on the UAS School of Education Carin Silkaitis, new Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

KINY's Action Line

Chancellor Karen Carey with a UAS Update

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:

- UAS Celebrates PITAAS scholar Melissa Brooks-Johnson, Named Interim Superintendent for the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District
- UAS Evening at Egan Speaker Mischa Jackson to Present "Alaska Native Education: The Power of Acknowledgment," September 17
- UAS Welcomes New Leaders in Alaska Native Studies, Equity & Compliance, and Education
- Evening at Egan Fall Lecture Series Begins Friday, September 10
- UAS Celebrates 2021 Faculty Excellence, Promotions & Tenure

Development & Alumni Relations - Lynne Johnson, Director

We hope you will join us for these upcoming events:

- Whales 101 with Dr. Heidi Pierson September 29th
- E*sports Space Reveal for Student Alumni at the Tech Center

 October 1st
- Tlingit 101 October 21st
- Giving Day November 9th

Egan Library - Elise Tomlinson, Dean

Library

- Starting September 13, Egan Library will be opening at 9 am Monday-Friday, instead of 8 am.
- The Egan Library's Childrens' Alaskana fund has reached endowment level. This means we will be able to start purchasing additional new books for the Katie Spangler Childrens' Alaska collection as soon as there are sufficient earnings in the fund. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this fund over the years.

Writing Center

 The Writing Center has hired several new tutors and Jessy is hopeful to be able to start offering Sunday hours soon. Multiple professors have brought their students to visit the WC or had a tutor visit their class. This is really boosting their appointment demand for both in person and for online appointments.

Learning/Testing Center

• The Learning Center is currently hiring students to tutor in Math, Biology, and chemistry. Things seem to be going smoothly, and they have a pretty strong cohort of regular students spending time in the LC. They have started administering exams for regular on campus courses, usage numbers there too seem to be well within a safe range to reasonably manage.

CELT

- Trudy met with the Faculty Senate to let them know what CELT has to offer this semester and invited them to participate in programs and to help spread the word.
- The first Tech Toolbox Tuesday workshop was this week. We're looking for more ways to spread the word and garner participation. Videos of the Tech Toolbox Tuesday programs will be posted, but the format has not been decided yet.
- Upcoming CELT Sessions for September and October https://uas.alaska.edu/celt/index.html

Tuesday, September 14

12:00pm

Tech Toolbox - Greenshot Demonstration

Friday, September 17

1:00pm

Accessible Tables and PDFs with Jenn Pedersen

Tuesday, September 21

12:00pm

Tech Toolbox - Accessibility Checking

Friday, September 24

1:00pm

Using Student Feedback to Immediately Improve Teaching

Tuesday, September 28

12:00pm

Tech Toolbox - Feedback Tools in Blackboard

Wednesday, September 29

2:00pm

Screencasting Tips and Techniques

Monday, October 4

12:00pm

Respondus Training

Friday, October 8

1:00pm

Courageous Space: Antiracism/Bystander Overview with Carin Silkaitis

Wednesday, October 27

1:00pm

Video Editing Basics

Friday, October 29

12:00pm

Digital Humanities 101 with Jennifer Ward

Ketchikan Campus - Dr. Priscilla Schulte, Director

- The Ketchikan Campus Library Committee is working on a list of books to replace those damaged in the sprinkler break
- The Maritime Training Center has completed several U.S. Coast Guard audits.
- The Ketchikan Indian Community Tribal Scholars students are taking a science class with Barbara Morgan and are working on their presentations for Indigenous Peoples Day.
- We are working on putting together the spring schedule.

Sitka Campus - Dr. Paul Kraft, Director

- Continue to meet with Sitka Tribe of Alaska on exploring opportunities to collaborate on educational programming
- Attended Southeast Conference in Haines
- Eleyna Rosenthal and Paul Kraft are working on the Sitka Health Summit, an event to select two health-related projects for the Sitka community
- Beginning the work of developing the spring schedule, modifying six year course sequence and future dual enrollment opportunities.

Facilities - Nathan Leigh, Director

• Everything you ever wanted to know about Facilities Services, and more, is in our latest edition of the Facilities Services newsletter "The Level."