

**University of Alaska Southeast
Executive Provost Council
Winter Report to Faculty Senate**

This is a report to the Faculty Senate on the policy decisions and other important information emanating from the Executive Provost Council during the months of October 2007 through February 2008. This summary is being provided to keep faculty informed of UAS administrative initiatives.

For additional information on any of these topics, faculty members should contact their Dean or Campus Director.

1. Performance-Based Budgeting Review with President Hamilton

The Council completed a comprehensive annual report to President Hamilton on the progress UAS has made towards reaching its performance-based budgeting (PBB) targets and goals. This document was reviewed with the president and members of his executive cabinet at a meeting in October 2007.

2. January Convocation

The Council organized and conducted the spring semester convocation event. Chancellor Pugh gave a presentation on the state of the university that included an explanation of recent UAS Strategic Plan update activities. Faculty were given an opportunity to attend workshops on the strategic plan and re-accreditation project.

3. UAS Re-Accreditation Project

The Vice Provost reported that the re-accreditation committees have been meeting, gathering data, and analyzing how UAS meets the various elements of the nine accreditation standards of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

The Vice Provost also reported that the commission has set UAS' re-accreditation team visit for October 7-9, 2009. He provided council a copy of the revised project timeline and noted that it includes presenting a draft self-study report to faculty at the January 2009 convocation. He also provided council with a proposed budget and a work flow that will ensure an efficient and coordinated use of UAS' re-accreditation project administrative resources. Copies of these documents can be found on the accreditation website located at the following address: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/accreditation/index.html>

4. Academic Catalog Revision Project

The Council is actively working with the Provost's Office in the annual project to revise the academic catalog so that it reflects administrative and program changes including new degree programs, and changes to faculty and staff. A draft of the revised catalog will be posted on the Web by the end of this month. Faculty are encouraged to review the document and work with their school Administrative Manager on any additional proposed changes. Shortly afterwards the provost will review and approve these edits. A final version of the catalog is expected to be posted on the Web in mid-May; printed copies will be available later in the summer.

5. Electronic Faculty Activity Report

The provost reported that this spring UAS will be proceeding with implementation of the Electronic Faculty Activity Report (eFAR) computer system. The Provost's Office will be populating the system database with faculty information, setting up all the user identifications and reviewer profiles, and training faculty and their administrative staff on the new system's usage. Preparations will be in place to allow faculty to begin using the system by early summer. The provost encourages faculty to enter their academic year 2007-08 activity into the system. She explained that one of the benefits of the system is that it provides faculty with a convenient way to keep track of all their service, research, and scholarly activities. This will be particularly useful when they prepare for their comprehensive evaluations.