

# *From the Provost*

September 10, 2018

## **Welcome Back!**

It is great to see everyone again and I am looking forward to a great academic year. Welcome to Stephen Atwater, Executive Dean of Education, Leslie Gordon, Director of the Sitka Campus, and Thomas Thornton, Dean of Arts and Sciences and Vice Provost for Research and Sponsored Programs, and all of our new faculty and staff.

## **Convocation and Adjunct Faculty Orientation**

Convocation was held on August 21 and 22<sup>th</sup> and Adjunct Orientation was held on August 25. Both were a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended. Special thanks to Elders Dr. Marie Olsen and Fran Houston for their traditional welcomes. Special recognition was given to faculty serving on the Provost's Assessment Committee and to the Digital Fellows.

## **UAS Annual Strategic Priorities**

On Monday, August 13, thirty-six administrators, faculty, and staff met to identify the 2018-2019 Strategic Priorities. Two priorities emerged from the meeting: 1) Increase enrollment, retention, and completion, and 2) Enhance instructional quality through scholarship, teaching, and learning. Stay tuned for information about Enrollment Strategic Plan, Recruitment Plan, and Strategies to address these new priorities.

## **Accreditation is COMING!**

UAS will be undergoing our seven year accreditation with a site visit to take place on April 24, 25, and 26, 2019. Mark your calendars and watch for upcoming information about the self-study report and the site visit.

## **CELT, Digital Fellows, Teaching Squares**

We are planning some exciting activities for faculty this semester through CELT, our Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Many of you heard about Teaching Squares at Faculty Assembly and we will be rolling the program out soon. Stay tuned for applications for the Digital Fellows program. Faculty accepted to the program will be eligible to use \$1000 for exploration of digital tools and three credits of release time for the spring 2019 semester.

## **Research and Creative Activity Citations**

The Research and Creative Activity subcommittee of Faculty Senate and Provost Karen Carey invite you to contribute citations or descriptions of your **faculty publications** and **creative works** for distribution to the UAS community on a regular basis. Submissions related to **significant recognition** are also encouraged. The purpose of this effort is to help raise awareness of the work of colleagues throughout our regional university. Please submit via [this Google Form link.](#)

**Welcome to the 2018-19 academic year! Have a great semester!**