



UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

Staff Council March Newsletter

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- 6/10:** Chancellor's budget forum
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Staff Council Updates

Staff Makes Students Count Award

The Staff Make Students Count Award is a UA-wide recognition of staff who have provided outstanding service to students anywhere in the UA system. The university president presented the awards at the June Board of Regents meeting.

This year's UAS award goes to....

[Louis Scott](#), Arts & Sciences Outreach Advisor - Ketchikan

"His calming force and focused energy when coordinating deadlines and assignments have brought many a student back from the brink of stress headaches.

"Louie's ability to balance positivity and production is hard to match. With his mentorship, I was able to complete my degree and land on the Chancellor's list for my final University of Alaska semester.



"He really is a joy to work with and our local campus is fortunate to have him assisting the leaders of tomorrow."

Congratulations, Louie!

Staff Excellence Awards

The [Staff Excellence Awards](#) recognize outstanding staff excellence in service to the UAS Community and toward accomplishing and enhancing the UAS mission. Congratulations to our 2020 Staff Excellence Award winners!



Leah Gregg - Juneau

"I believe Leah deserves to be recognized with a Staff Excellence award. She is an incredibly hard worker, and she is conscientious about completing tasks in a timely manner. She's always eager to learn new skills and cares deeply about making sure she is doing things right and not making mistakes. She's not afraid to pick up the phone or send an email to ask questions or admit when she doesn't know something. At this point I can't imagine ACRC functioning without her."



Louisa Cryan, AKCoE Administrative Manager - Juneau

"Every office or work unit needs what I call a "deck boss." This is the person that keeps it all together by paying close attention to the myriad of details tied to unit activity. Ms. Cryan excels at this lead role for the Alaska College of Education and deserves this recognition. Each of the faculty and staff members in the unit would agree with this. She is a star."



Tessa Nelson, Registration and Business Office Assistant - Ketchikan

"Tessa joined the staff at UAS Ketchikan in the summer of 2019 but quickly became an essential part of our team. While hired to support Registration and Business Office functions on campus she joined us at a time where the campus was trying to cover essential functions after budget cuts prevented us from refilling other vacant positions and Tessa was quickly and repeatedly asked to do more."

Sonia Felts, Accounts Payable/Travel - Sitka



"Sonia always goes above and beyond to be prompt, friendly, and accurate while doing her job. She is often found walking from office to office tracking down faculty or staff that she is working with. Sonia always has a smile, is always professional, and has a great sense of humor."

COVID-19 Response

The UAS Covid Response team meets weekly and is working through operational manuals for returning to service through the phased approach put in place by UA. The Chancellor recently sent an announcement that we have moved into Phase B. The current hope is to be in Phase C by the time fall semester starts. Look for announcements from leadership for reopening specifics. If you have concerns, please address those first with your supervisor. Kate Govaars sits on the Covid Response team on behalf of Staff Council and can field outstanding concerns. UAS status and description of the phases may be found [here](#).

Who would you like to see as our interim chancellor?



We are conducting a quick poll to see who you would prefer to see as our interim chancellor in hopes of sharing this information with President Johnsen. The list presented is inclusive of members of the Chancellor's Executive Cabinet; however, we encourage you to write in other options as well as your rationale and the qualities you value for the position. Additionally, we encourage you to write the President's Office with your recommendation.

Submissions are anonymous.

[Respond Now](#)

Upcoming Meeting Information

Staff Council General Meeting

- **Wednesday, June 10 from 1:00pm - 2:30pm**
 - Online: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/582653545>

- Agenda, committee reports, and prior meeting minutes [may be found here](#).

On Our Radar

Chancellor's Q&A on BOR Actions and the Budget for UAS Employees

At the request of the UAS Staff Council, we invite you to join us this week, Wednesday, June 10 from 4-5 pm for a Q&A session with Chancellor Rick Caulfield, where he will address your questions and concerns about actions of the Board of Regents, the Budget, and more.

Zoom meeting: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/97548161607>

Wednesday, June 10, 4:00-5:00 pm

Chancellor Caulfield's Retirement Party

Rick Caulfield, UAS Chancellor - **Last Day 6/30**

Virtual Retirement Celebration - Wednesday,
June 24, 4:00-5:30pm at

alaska.zoom.us/j/98983470037

If you have a memory and/or a photo to share, please do so using [this google form](#)!



Did you know...

Your new staff council members will be taking on their roles in July.

Congratulations to the following incoming Staff Council Officers and Members at-Large! Thanks to everyone who nominated candidates. The incoming members are getting up to speed and will take over their respective roles in July. We're glad to

have you on the team!



Eric Lingle
President
(Juneau)



Colin Osterhout
Secretary
(Juneau)



Kim Davis
Member At Large
(Sitka)



Gwenna Richardson
Member At Large
(Ketchikan)

Staff Council Officers and At-Large



Officers

President: [David Felts](#)

Vice President: [Kate Govaars](#)

Secretary: [Cody Bennett](#)



Members At Large

Juneau: [Denise Carl](#)

Sitka: [John Ingman](#)

Ketchikan: [Shellie Tabb](#)

What is Staff Council?

The UAS Staff Council Association is the communications link between UAS non-represented staff, the University administration, the Chancellor and the specific University assemblies, councils and/or committees. The association is represented by an elected body of officials comprised of non-represented staff members from the Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka campuses.

Have a suggestion for us or leadership?

Do you have questions you would like Staff Council to pose to leaders? Submit them via our [Suggestion Box](#).

This is a semi-regular update from your staff governance sent to those on the governance list serv.