

Committee Updates (July 15, 2020)

Campus-Wide Updates:

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President's Update (Eric)

- SC / Chancellor Updates?
- Phase B Memo?
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Vice President's Update (Kate)

- **Newsletter:** Sent out a June & July newsletters instituting new quick polls. Engagement is pretty good, and we are getting good feedback from staff on the regular newsletter.
- **COVID Committee:** The committee meets weekly. A mask policy has been adopted. We requested more communication go out regularly from leadership. Michael Ciri has obliged with a significant update on 7/7/2020 with intent for it to be every other week.

Chancellor's Cabinet (Eric)

Chancellor's Report

- Tomorrow or Wednesday the BOR is announcing the new Interim President
- Systemwide outage happening right now.
- Re: the merger, Chancellor Carey had reached out to Interim President Rizik to ask to delay the
- merger. Rizik has asked to continue the conversation with the official new Interim President.
- Chancellor Carey said that even if the BOR would vote for a merger, it would take two years or more AFTER Board approval to be implemented. Karen asks that we remain calm and know that this is her top priority.

Vice Provost (Maren Haavig)

- Iteach scheduled for early August to assist faculty with adapting course content for online delivery.
- Dual enrollment: data assessment and sharing out
- Changes in the modality of courses from F2F to online is finished. Faculty teaching F2f will work with Ryan Sand for safety in the classroom. We will also be watching enrollment in those classrooms.

Administration

- Facilities: COVID prep work; materials have gone out around campus to 16 distribution sites.
- Behind with mounting sneeze shields at service center...needed to find a new contractor with an ETA in early August. Regular maintenance and summer cleaning is underway. Sitka door project is underway. HVAC system at the grill is an upcoming project.

Business Services:

- Rachel Jacobus has taken on the travel auditor role. Year end is underway:
- Friday is the last day to put transactions to FY20.
- Budget Grants & Contracts: LAST WEEK for FY20. Friday at 5 pm last moment for entering journals. Julie would like to see this done by Wednesday. Send information via email or docusign since Julie and her team are working from home.

IT

- prepping to help faculty for fall 2020. Owen Guthrie in Fairbanks is leading an effort to look at Canvas as a new alternative to Blackboard...that process is ongoing.

VC

- the Board would like to potentially review a budget in November, and so Michael will be keeping us in the loop re: needs to respond.
- Lots of COVID prep. Most recent conversation is on “open to the public” – whether or not we will be open for public walk ins or only open to employees and students. Stay tuned.

EMSA

- Dean of Students/Campus Life: 120 confirmed housing applications for placements (max capacity for fall is 150 students); housing applications closed last Friday (July 10th)
- Two confirmed move in dates: August 1 and August 20th; dining services will be responsive to students who do early move in;
- Lead Counselor search will wrap up soon;
- Rec will open July 20th
- Registrar: been working on updating courses; moving courses to new spaces; keeping the section coding the same for fall classes – this allows us to better serve our Veteran students;
- online catalog is live (!) – the pdf version comes next.

Creative Agency

- lots of COVID related things – new “hot spot” on the website to capture Fall 2020 Expectations. New social media policy – please check it out.
- Two new campaigns: general UAS ad that will run up north and a second focused on interdisciplinary studies;

Financial Aid:

- prepping for fall 2020 and looking towards calculating summer SAP; awards are continuing to be built for Fall 2020; Janelle gave a summary of how we are going to be using the funding for Fall 2020.

VC Lori Klein

- Admissions/recruiters are communicating with prospective students; Lori and the advisors are communicating with current students; encouraged the departments and schools to start reaching out to admitted students not registered (new and returning), especially online students and local students who would not need housing.
- Student relief funds still available;
- UAS has only one international student and we are working with them to respond to the changes in international conditions for fall 2020 enrollment.
- Welcome Jackie!

VC for AK Native Programs & Services

- PITAAS: been working on an annual report with SHI; anticipating a no cost extension that can be applied to campus: more support for the NRSC and expand programming in Sitka & Ketchikan;
- thinking about recruitment activities in PITAAS; classroom support materials; between 21-23 students who have applied for the scholarship (steady with past years).

AKCOE

- radio campaign is live and sounds great;
- SHI is hosting a culturally responsive education conference at the beginning of August.
<https://conference.sealaskaheritage.org/>

A&S

- getting classes settled for Fall 2020.
- Embedding our new language pathways program, led by UAS graduate Heather Burge. We have 18 new scholars selected through a process with SHI. They will receive full scholarships for a full load of classes this fall.
- Language Pathways certificate going through curriculum review. Box of Treasures program that funded the NW Coast emphasis under the AA is coming to an end (we'll be maintaining the program but transitioning off the program).
- Will be hiring another AK Native faculty member in the program (Lily Hope).
- Hoping to have visiting artist David Boxley in the spring! Research: new grant funding recently and hope for new funding coming up.
- Re: personnel – Noelle Gangle has left UAS; Maren has transitioned to the Vice Provost position; looking to fill one or both of those positions soon.
- Alison Bidlack is leaving UAS early to mid August;
- Sol Neely has resigned to take a position a position in Central WA.

Career Ed

- CNA class has authorization to have clinical as long as the student tests negative before the come in to clinical setting.
- Making changes to the Tech Center – working with Facilities
- currently working with Goldbelt on a behavioral health class;

Library

- virtual authors celebration August 17 @ 4 pm to honor those who published in 2019;
- we're considering library hours for the fall; will consider curbside services; will likely have reduced physical hours but extended online hours. Currently open by appointment – which is going well;
- working on a scenario of how to deal with patrons not willing to wear a mask;
- testing center is open by appointment
- CNA wants to use Accuplacer instead of self directed placement and there are avenues for this;
- Caitlin Purdome is leaving the library team and Elise is hiring.

Sitka:

- Nicole Rogers is leaving UAS Sitka after 30 years.
- Been meeting with Mt. Edgecumb superintendent on dual enrollment.
- Hoping to make an offer to fill the open academic advisor position;
- reaching out to students for Fall 2020.

Ketchikan:

- summer classes ongoing;
- fall enrollments are down in interesting areas;
- planning to unlock Ziegler building for registration in a couple of weeks;
- we have scheduled testing that we have to accommodate under COVID.

Development & Alumni:

- fundraising has been challenging with the merger messaging; etc.
- Just received a \$20,000 grant through the Foundation for underprivileged students to give financial support.
- There's a new fund with funding for dual enrollment students.

Institutional Effectiveness

- working on HR data to review methodology and code to report HR data to the federal gov through IPEDS (student faculty ratio, leadership position designation, etc).

Equity & Compliance

- Romee McAdams is our new Coordinator of Equity & Compliance
- Chase has moved down to Nevada and will be with us through most of July.
- New Title IX regs and policy should be in place by August 14

Faculty Senate

- Faculty handbook may change;
- working on electing a faculty senate president elect;
- David Noon takes over as Faculty Senate President next month;
- Request has been made to stop the merger study and have a more data driven cost benefit analysis of the whole system routing through system governance before going to the Board of Regents.
- Circulating a petition to support international students system wide.

Staff Council:

- Eric Lingle is our new Staff Council President
- Staff council is working on advocacy
- Main concern is the protection of staff during the reopen of COVID.
- Sent a memo to the President's office to ask that Staff Council have a seat at the table for the merger study;
- Thinking about expanding Convocation sessions for staff
- special election for Vice President for Staff Council.

Public Information Officer

- Evening at Egan is virtual this year.
- First week of August we restart A Juneau Afternoon presence;
- KINY Cap Chat once a month.

SPBAC (David, Kate)

- Have not had a recent meeting to provide updates on.

UAS Title IX Committee (David)

- Romee McAdams hired as new coordinator of Equity and Compliance. I expect that we will know her intentions with this committee soon

Faculty Senate (David)

- I had some ongoing contact with Heather Batchelder as we strategized around supporting UAS remaining an independent university

UAS Retention Subcommittee (David/Andie Scharen)

- I expect that Dean of Students Jackie Wilson will be deciding about the future of this committee

Web Strategy Committee (Eric)

- Colin and Eric have been off contract.

Master Plan Implementation Committee (Cody)

- There is no plan to meet the MPIC over this summer. The only update available was related to the Auke Bay Science Building (ABSB) project. From the director of Facilities, "We received bids on the ABSB in March. UAS Administration made a call to President Johnsen and have decided to postpone the project again. The low bidder has made an offer to hold open their bid until August 1, 2020. UAS has neither accepted or rejected this offer. UAS Administration will reconvene on this project mid-July to see if there is any merit in proceeding with the project this year. If UAS decides to proceed this year, we will send out some type of campus wide update."

Compensation Committee, Staff Alliance (David)

- This committee has not met that I have heard of. I expect Alliance to be appointing new members soon

Staff Health Care Committee, Staff Alliance (David, Louisa Cryan)

- This committee has not met that I have heard of. I expect Alliance to be appointing new members soon

Joint Healthcare Committee, UA (David)

- This is meeting monthly over the summer. I have volunteered to continue as a member if it will help.
- Answered questions about the change to the essential list and the new plan to save money using the manufacturers' discount programs. One employee was concerned that it would either greatly increase her costs or make her specific medication unavailable. I think that the concerns were alleviated.
- Discussed the wellness plan in light of a study that said that wellness programs are not effective. Our vendor discussed how a target-based plan like our is more successful than participation-based plans like in the study. They are planning to provide more info
- Reminder on the change to allow FSA claims to be submitted longer after the plan year ends than usual
- Discussion of the success of telehealth programs and the extension of more services being included
- Update on covid-related costs, which were not excessive and more has been save through telehealth
- New Transition & Benefits Director scheduled to start this month

Staff Alliance General Meeting (Kate/Eric)

- Staff Alliance is meeting with some frequency. Mathew Mund has met with BOR Chair Buretta gathering information on qualities staff wish to see in an interim. He has expressed concern that interim means no action, which is counter productive. The same

was expressed to Acting President Michelle Rizk when SA met with her a couple of weeks ago. A request for input was sent out from a digital consultant who is helping UA update their digital platforms (think Banner, BlackBoard) with the goal to better serve the students. Colin Osterhout will be serving as the UAS representative for that committee.

Morale Committee, Staff Alliance (Kate)

- Have not had a recent meeting

Sitka Update (Kim)

Events

- None

Personnel Changes

- **New Fish Tech Faculty:** Angie Bowers
- **New Fish Tech Staff (grant funded)** - Anna Laffrey
- **Fish Tech $\frac{3}{4}$ Term Position:** Hiring process
- **Facilities:** Sean Demello
- **Advising:** Still in the hiring process
- **Campus Director:** Dr. Paul Kraft
- **Leaving position,** Gabriella Barile - Academic Coach, Nicole Rogers - HR

Campus Concerns

- Proposed merger study with UAF
- COVID 19 - Planning Phase C

Ketchikan Update (Gwenna)

Events

- Faculty/Staff mtg tentatively scheduled for Aug 17 (as of right now supposed to be on campus)
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Personnel Changes

- No staff changes at this time
- Faculty - New hires - Jen Brown, Asst Prof of Anth; Ryan Houtcooper, Asst Prof of PT/Welding; Mike LaBarge, Asst Prof of MT (tenure track)

- Asst Prof of Science is recruiting - Matthew Pawlus resigned effective Aug 1 2020. Possible fill is Jan 2021.

Campus Concerns

- COVID and returning to campus Phase B to Phase C

Juneau Update (Denise)

Events

- Convocation August 11 -12
- Early housing move in August 1-4, traditional move-in August 20
- Classes start Monday, August 24

Personnel Changes

- Noelle Gangle last day Friday, July 10
- Sol Neely is departing UAS
- Heather Burge joined UAS as the Haa Yoo X'atangi Deiyí Our Language Pathway Project Coordinator
- Phillip Bode - Writing Center Director starting August 10
- Gabe Wetcher - Testing Supervisor in the Learning Center

Local Recognitions

- Lots of folks are working hard to navigate new situations with COVID - housing, dining, classes, etc - thank you to everyone working so hard!

Campus Concerns

- Many new folks in new leadership positions
- Proposed Merger
- Enrollments and how declining enrollments will impact budgets
- Next year's budget