

# Committee Updates (August 11, 2021)

## Campus-Wide Updates:

- MFA enabled for everyone and required for Banner users.

## President's Update (Eric)

- I will be resigning as Staff Council President to focus on caring for a new family member. I look forward to working with our current Vice President and the to-be-elected President for a smooth transition.

## Vice President's Update (Ke)

- None

## UAS Title IX Committee (Open)

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## Web Strategy Committee (Eric/Colin)

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## Master Plan Implementation Committee (Ke)

- UAS is in the process of hiring a Master Planning consultant to develop an updated master plan for the UAS campuses. This project will result in the updated Master Plan being presented to the UA Board of Regents at their June 2022 meeting. I have volunteered to represent the UAS Staff Council on the Master Plan Advisory Committee. Feel free to reach out to me with your questions or concerns as we move forward, or directly to Sam Kito, 796-6028, skitoIII@alaska.edu, Project Manager for the Master Plan.

## Compensation Committee, Staff Alliance (?)

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## Post COVID Workplace Project (Eric/Colin)

- Draft regulations have been sent to General Counsel, and from there to Interim President Pitney's Office.
- The element regarding the university's right to inspect the workplace has been modified to be limited to occupational safety concerns and liability claim investigations.
- There will be another public comment period before the new regs are adopted, target date is Sept. 30

## **Staff Health Care Committee, Staff Alliance (Louisa Cryan)**

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## **Joint Healthcare Committee, UA (no UAS representation right now)**

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## **UAS/UA Administrative Review, UA ()**

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## **Ad Hoc Committee (Denise)**

- Ad-hoc committee. There is a newly formed subcommittee of the ad-hoc committee. The person that was newly elected as Staff Alliance president is leading that charge.
- Our top three goals are:
  - Propose changes to current BOR bylaws, policy, and regulations that strengthen and affirm shared governance and, specifically, staff governance
  - Look for opportunities to remind leadership that including staff is not the same as including staff governance (e.g. standard comment in SA chair's BOR report)
  - Look for opportunities to emphasize how power dynamics influence decision making and that multiple perspectives and lenses need to be considered (and sought) when making changes
- Currently, as a group, we are going through the BOR policy that applies to governance and commenting on it.

## **Staff Alliance General Meeting (Ke/Eric)**

- Affinity groups proposal

## **Sitka Update (Kim)**

### **Events**

- We will be open to the public the week before classes start, August 16th. Our hours will be limited, noon until 5:00pm. All UAS faculty and staff are welcome to be in their offices from 8:00am until 5:00pm but the exterior doors will only be open noon until 5:00pm. Once classes start, we will ensure the campus is accessible for students taking classes after 5:00pm.

### **Personnel Changes**

#### Open Positions

- [SUPPORT Specialist](#)
- [Academic Advisor \(Northwest Coast Arts\)](#)
- [Academic Advisor \(Health Sciences\)](#)

### **Campus Concerns**

- Be BEAR Aware - there have been current bear sightings on the island.

## **Ketchikan Update (Jessica)**

### **Events**

- New Student Orientation/Campus Tour on August 19th from 4pm to 6pm (Specifically for new Ketchikan campus students)

### **Personnel Changes**

- Laurie Williams- Administrative Assistant/Travel Coordinator retired on July 30th
- Charmaine Robertson is the new Professor of Science

### **Campus Concerns**

- All persons on campus are required to wear a mask unless they are in their own office and socially distanced

## **Juneau Update (Traci)**

### **Events**

- [Welcome Week](#) for students August 19 (Thursday) to August 27 (Friday)
- Housing Move-in is August 19

### **Personnel Changes**

#### Retired

- Jan Crichton - Registrar's Office - retired Friday July 20 after 43 years of service
- Dave Behrends - Facilities - retired in June after 14 years of service

#### Recent Hires

- Trudy Brown - new Instructional Designer in the CELT office
- Romee McAdams - Senior HR Business Partner
- Beverly Keefe - Arts and Sciences Administrative Operations Manager - July 19
- [Carin Silkaitis - New Dean of Arts and Sciences - July 12](#)
- [Ryan Wark - new Office of Equity and Compliance Director](#)
- [Mary Lou Madden - Interim Director for the School of Education](#) - July 9
- Sean McCarthy has stepped into a new role as the Associate Director of Residence Life
- Annie Kessler - Student Information Specialist - Registrar's Office
- Mary Graves - Library Assistant Interlibrary Loan and Outreach Services
- Mandy St. Clair - Facilities Services Administrative Assistant
- Dana Wade - Facilities Services Plumber
- Paige Dillard - new Financial Aid Technician
- Kelsey Walsh - UAS School of Education is the new field placement and travel coordinator

#### Open positions

- [Director of School of Education](#)
- [IT Support Specialist](#) (UAF Lena Point)
- Facilities has been hiring grounds crew for 6 months. If you know anyone interested, have them visit [careers.alaska.edu](https://careers.alaska.edu) to apply.
- Campus Life Team is looking for multiple staff positions.

### **Campus Concerns**

- COVID - Juneau is high risk and employees are starting to return to campus.
- UAS continues to have funds available to support students who have been financially impacted by COVID. More information can be found at the UAS Homepage COVID Plan

and FAQ link.

- New and returning students coming as the semester start ramps up. The enrollment management and student affairs team is excited to welcome students to a new academic year.
- If anyone would like to engage with students during campus Welcome Week and New Student Orientation, please contact Sean McCarthy.
- If you are looking for HR, they swapped places with the Development Office.
- Also, Ryan Sand, UAS' Emergency Management Planner is now reporting to the Chancellor instead of Facilities.
- Ryan Sand (Emergency Management Planner) and Ryan Wark (Equity and Compliance) are both located in lower Novatney
- The Alaska College of Education is now/again the UAS School of Education