

Committee Updates (January 19, 2022)

[Some edits still required]

Campus-Wide Updates:

- There is an HR Training Calendar that has all of the upcoming workshops and trainings available to employees. Check it out and register for any topic that is of interest to you at <https://www.alaska.edu/hr/labor/training/>.
- Louisa Cryan, UAS business partner, encourages UAS Staff to attend the [Guided Conversation Sessions](#) if they can. Guided Conversations” sessions to help connect you to your largest work resource, your peers! These participant-led sessions are held to offer employees an avenue to share in your successes and collaborate in areas of opportunity with your co-workers. The topics vary each semester. Keep checking back to see if a topic that interests you comes up.
- Your W2s should now be available at [UA Online](#). Sign in and go to the Employee Services section.
- [Save the Date: Town Hall 27 January](#) with Interim UA President Pat Pitney from 1-2 PM. Feel free to [submit questions](#) before the meeting.

President’s Update (Eric)

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Vice President’s Update (Ke)

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UAS Title IX Committee (Open)

- Jessi Driscoll is the new Title IX point of contact for Ketchikan campus

Web Strategy Committee (Eric/Colin)

- Released Library, Juneau, and Sitka websites to production
- Working on improving performance for search engine optimization purposes and ease of maintenance

Master Planning Committee (Ke)

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Chancellor’s DEICS Committee (Jessica/Michelle Lampton)

- We met last month on December 17 for a one-hour meeting and did introductions and backgrounds, heard from the Chancellor about her vision for the committee, and discussed the agenda for January as well as set some homework for the next meeting. We will be meeting again later this month to discuss experiences with past similar committees' successes and failures and what can be of use to us now, our meeting

frequency, and having discussion about methods and means we can use to go about achieving the committee's commission/goals.--Michelle Lampton

Post COVID Workplace Project (Eric/Colin)

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Staff Health Care Committee, Staff Alliance (Louisa Cryan)

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Joint Healthcare Committee, UA (Jessica, Traci)

- We've been reviewing UA health care benefits on the [HR Website](#). In the process we have learned that [Touchcare](#) is a health care concierge service now available to UA employees. The people at Touchcare can help you understand your health benefits, negotiate health bills, compare costs, and find a provider in your area.

Ad Hoc Committee (Denise)

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Staff Alliance General Meeting (Ke/Eric)

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Sitka Update (Kim)

Events

- All Campus meeting, Jan 21st - 9:00am

Personnel Changes

Open Positions

- [Testing Center Specialist and Website Technician](#)
- [Academic Advisor Northwest Coast Indigenous Arts](#)
- Eleyna Rosenthal - Title III, last day Jan 13th

Campus Concerns

- Other staff positions not being rehired
- Compensation not in line with cost of living increases and inflation.
- Feeling good about UAS COVID response and guidelines

Ketchikan Update (Jessica)

Events

- Faculty/Staff Development Day on Jan. 4th

Personnel Changes

- Louie Scott has resigned- his last day was Dec. 22nd
- Shellie Tabb has resigned- her last day will be Jan. 14th
- We are looking for a new [Term Assistant Professor of Health Science](#)

- We are looking for a new [Term Assistant Professor of Maritime Transportation](#)
- We will also be looking for a replacement for Shellie's position - job posting coming soon

Campus Concerns

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Juneau Update (Traci)

Events

- First week of instruction starts on the week of 10 January.
- Alaska Civil Rights Day Holiday - campus closed - 17 January.

Personnel Changes

- Kathryn Portelli has given notice and the Alumni and Development Office are recruiting for the [Development Officer & Annual Fund Manager](#) position. Review of applications begins on 12 January.
- Annie Kessler accepted the Credentials Evaluator position at the Registrar's Office on 12/20/21. Welcome Annie!
- Marina Ogai's last day in the Registrar's Office was on 12/22/21.
- The Registrar Office is recruiting for two front counter positions ([Student Information Specialist](#)). Review of applications begins on 14 January.
- Facilities Services has a new building maintenance mechanic. He will be taking over Dave Behrends duties and helping out our Carpenter, Plumber, Electrician, and Heating system staff. Welcome!
- Sam Kito's last day in Facilities was on 12/1/21. Facilities is recruiting for a new [Project Manager](#).
- Louisa Cryan is now working in HR as the Senior Business Partner. She began work on November 22. Prior to working in HR, Louisa was the Administrative Manager for the School of Education. The School of Education is recruiting for a new [Administrative Manager](#).
- Recruitment for the School of Education Director is ongoing.
- Margret Bergerud is now the Deputy Title IX Coordinator. Her first day was on 1/13/22. Welcome Margret!
- Ke Mell's last day with UAS will be Friday, 1/28/22. Congratulations Ke!

Campus Concerns

- There has been an increase in COVID positive test results as people start to return from travel and take COVID tests at the airport. Keep up to date with the latest campus information by visiting uas.alaska.edu/pub/covidstatus.
- Staff compensation is not in line with changes in cost of living.
- Sidewalks have been plowed, but are often slick. Staff can pick up a pair of ice grippers at Facilities Services. Contact Facilities at uas.facilities@alaska.edu for more information.
- If anyone spots an icy spot on the walkways, please notify Facilities Services so they can send their team to spread salt and sand.
- Look for the Facilities Newsletter to come out in the next couple of weeks with some updates on construction projects this summer.
- For the next 3-6 weeks the UAS Rec Center will host Riverbend Elementary School students. You may have heard that the school flooded during the winter closure and over 200 students and staff have been displaced. The Juneau community is working together

to bring a solution to the Juneau School District.