

Committee Updates (August 17, 2022)

Campus-Wide Updates:

- Convocation is August 16 and 17. Learn more at the [Convocation website](#). Convocation is available for all employees.
- Public Testimony - August 29 from 4-5pm.
 - Public testimony provides the university community and all Alaskans the opportunity to talk directly with regents. Each caller will have two minutes to offer thoughts, feedback or updates on topics or issues related to the University of Alaska system. Public testimony is held in advance of the board's September 1-2 committee meetings and full board meeting on September 8-9.
 - To testify, please call 1-866-831-8713 between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. [Click here for guidelines and tips on providing public testimony](#). Written testimony is also accepted via emailing ua-bor@alaska.edu.
 - To listen to public testimony via livestream: alaska.edu/bor/live/.
- First day of instruction - Aug 29, 2022
- Campus Closed for Labor Day - Sep 5, 2022
- Board of Regents Meeting - September 8-9
 - Tune in via livestream: alaska.edu/bor/live/
 - Meetings are open to the public. For further information, or if reasonable accommodations are needed, please contact Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents, (907) 450-8010 or ua-bor@alaska.edu.
- Check your email for a message from Lori Klein about the Dean of Students Candidates. Tune into the forums when you are able and meet the candidates.

President's Update (Jon)

- As we move into the Fall semester, the COVID protocols will remain as is for now
- I am serving on the UA Controller Search Committee as UAS representative

Vice President's Update (Michelle)

- I have been working with Staff Alliance to plan the retreat that will take place at UAS on September 6th and 7th before the BOR meeting. Jon and I will be leading a campus tour on Tuesday, September 6th at 4pm for our Alliance members that will be here from UAA, UAF and SW. We hope to see you in your offices!

UAS Title IX Committee (Jessi)

- It is time to complete your [Title IX training](#). Visit the [Title IX website](#) for more information about Title IX on the UAS campuses.

Web Strategy Committee (Traci/Katie)

- Did not meet for most of summer.
- Sign up for Siteimprove workshops to learn more about Siteimprove.
- Working on an accessibility improvement plan to bring us to compliance.

Master Planning Committee (Andie)

- No updates at this time.

Chancellor's DEICS Committee (Traci/Jessica)

- This committee has not met during the summer. Your staff representatives for this are John Ingman (Sitka Campus), Clair Fitzpatrick (Ketchikan Campus-recently nominated), and Davina Cole (Juneau Camus-recently nominated). The staff co-chair position is currently vacant. Please reach out to your member at large if you are interested in being a co-chair. More information about the committee can be found at the [DEICS Committee](#) page.

Staff Health Care Committee, Staff Alliance (Jessica, Traci)

- No updates at this time.

Staff Alliance General Meeting (Jon)

- Staff Alliance are drafting the FY24 Compensation Memo to the President
- The President dedicated \$100,000 towards staff development. Last fiscal year, UAS received \$6,000 of those funds.
- Staff Alliance will hold its retreat in Juneau during the week of the September BOR meeting.
- CHRO Memry Dahl established a recurring monthly meeting with Staff Alliance and Campus Staff Council Presidents

Upcoming Employee Trainings

- Friday, August 12 10-11am
 - **Siteimprove Accessibility Session**
Designed for Departmental Web Developers
Focused session on how to use Siteimprove to help identify and remediate the most common accessibility issues found on web pages. They'll be touching on identifying PDFs, but not how to remediate them at this time. [Zoom link](#) Reach out to Colin Osterhout for more information.
- Wednesday, August 31 12-1pm
 - **Supervisor Brown Bag Forum**
UA HR's Talent Acquisition team is rolling out a Brown Bag Lunch Forum specifically for Supervisors. This hour will be set aside for supervisors to join the TA team to bring forward and discuss any TA related questions. These may include Classification, Compensation, Recruitment or DEI items. Please join us at **noon on the last Wednesday of each month!** Please visit [myUA](#) for the Zoom meeting login.
- Wednesday, September 14 12-1 PM

- **Expanded Brown Bag Lunch Forum for Supervisors on Remote Work**
 UA HR is hosting this Brown Bag Lunch Forum specifically for Supervisors. This will be a very casual hour that will be set aside for supervisors to discuss any remote work related questions. These may include any topics such as how to assess jobs for remote work, recruitment & retaining employees, challenges with flexible schedules, etc. Please join us at **noon on the second Wednesday of each month!** Please visit [myUA](#) for the Zoom meeting login.

- Wednesday, September 14 2-3pm
 - **HRC Training Session - Diversity and Inclusivity**
 HR Coordinator Training Session - Diversity and Inclusivity
 Designed for HR Coordinators.
 Delivered by the HR Talent Acquisition Team
 - Description: Cover policies, practices and UA culture.
 Expected Learning Outcomes: Awareness of Diversity & Inclusivity and UA policies and practices
 - Please sign up at least one day prior to the event. Zoom information will be sent to you the day of the event. To sign up please visit [myUA](#).

- Wednesday, September 21 2:30-3:20pm
 - **Remote Work Training - A Practical Guide to Remote Work**
 This training session will give employees and supervisors an easy, constructive overview on starting and maintaining effective remote work environments. This training will cover:
 - Setting your schedule and designing your remote work space
 - Choosing Technology
 - Staying Connected
 - Building Trust in your Team
 - Avoiding Burnout

You must sign up to receive the zoom information the day of the training. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the training session is scheduled to begin please reach out to Tasha Leach, tmevans@alaska.edu, LEE training coordinator, to receive the zoom link. To sign up for this training session please visit [myUA](#).

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- Up your online security game with these IT training videos! These modules should keep track of your progress, so pick up where you left off.
 - [Phishing](#) | ~ 10 min
 - [Malware](#) | ~ 10 min
 - [Mobile Security & Third-Party Websites](#) | ~10 min
 - [Passwords](#) | ~10 min
 - [Physical Security & Unintended Disclosures](#) | ~10 min
- Just a reminder. We (all of UA) still have [LinkedIn Learning](#) through December. Feel free to sign up!! There are over 150 licenses available.
- Contact the Safety Team (Ryan Sand and David Pikul) for training requests or safety equipment. They are currently conducting fire safety training, self-defense, active threat response, fentanyl (dangerous drug) response, bloodborne pathogens, stop-the-bleed (tourniquet)/first aid, and vehicle driving safety. (from the June 29 Chancellor's updates)

Sitka Update (Katie)

Events

- Backpack Giveaway sponsored by Sitka Tribe of Alaska on Aug. 6
- Sitka Campus Convocation Aug. 22 (8am - 2pm)
- Sitka Start Orientation Aug. 25th

Personnel Changes

- New Health Sciences Professor, Grace Roller
- New Welding Instructor, Luke Gives (pronounced give us)
- New Business Office team member, Mary-Alice Henry
- New Title IX contact is Aklei Helen Dangel
- Protection of Minor responsibilities is now coordinated by Kristin Scotchmer

Campus Concerns

- Seeking [Administrative Assistant](#)
- UAS Merchandise available for purchase in local store (Russell's)

Ketchikan Update (Jessica)

Events

- Blueberry Festival Booth on August 6th
- Faculty / Staff Development Day on August 19th
- New Student Orientation on August 25th

Personnel Changes

- Lisa Dale is our new Maritime Trades Program Coordinator
- Tessa Nelson is our new Student Services Assistant / Marketing Coordinator
- Jessica Driscoll is our new Student Services Manager / Academic Advisor
- Meadow Muench is our new Grants Coordinator / Fiscal Tech
- James Ryan is our new Writing and Communications instructor
- Michelle Cornwall is our new CNA instructor
- Chris Boss is our new Maritime instructor
- Scott Kline is our new Welding instructor

Campus Concerns

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Juneau Update (Traci)

Events

- August 25 - Housing Move-In - volunteers needed
 - If you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your time to assist students and their families with moving, providing campus information, and serving refreshments, please fill out the [Move Crew Volunteer Signup Form](#). Contact Sean McCarthy if you have any questions about student orientation activities or events.
- August 26 - New student orientation - Orientation Leader Volunteers needed
 - Fill out the [new student orientation leader volunteer form](#) to sign up.
- August 26 at 12-1pm - Lakeside Grill and Market

If you are interested in helping out with Orientation, but cannot commit to a full day, we would love to see you at our Community Luncheon! We are looking for staff, faculty, alumni, and clubs to join our incoming class on August 26th at 12 NOON for a catered lunch at The Lakeside Grill & Market. We will have booths / tables available for sharing information about your department, booking appointments, and marketing for upcoming events.

 - If you are interested in attending, please fill out the form below to reserve your place. Space is limited and priority will be given to those who fill out the form first: [UAS Community Luncheon Sign-Up](#)
- Interested in volunteering a few hours during the first week of classes? You can be a friendly face that helps welcome new students to campus. Fill out the [First Day of Classes Welcome Volunteer Sign up](#) form.
- August 27-28 - REC Center Closed for Staff Training - All day
- Sept. 2 from 3-5pm - UAS Campus Kickoff
 - Local businesses, nonprofits, UAS departments and clubs are invited to host a booth. **Please register by Monday, August 19** to ensure availability. To learn more, please visit the [Student Engagement & Leadership website](#).

- Sept. 10-11 - REC Center Closed - All day

Personnel Changes

- Levie Cumlat, our HVAC Tech, retired Jul 30, 2022. Levie has been keeping our buildings warm for 18 years and we will miss his all encompassing knowledge about how to keep our buildings running.
- Welcome Shannon Vantrease as the new administrative assistant in the School of Education. Shannon's first day is August 29 and is joining us after working at Lower Columbia College for the past 13 years.
- The School of Education [Field Placement Coordinator](#) position is posted with a review date of August 12.
- Residence Life is sad to announce that Mindy Bain has departed UAS. Mindy has been a steadfast member of the Residence Life team for many years. The position will soon be posted for recruitment.
- Welcome Ed Boone, our new cook in Dining Services!
- We are bidding farewell to Leah Gregg in August. Leah's taken an exciting opportunity with NOAA, and will be transitioning out of UAS on August 5. Her position as the ACRC Administrative Specialist with the School of Arts and Sciences will be posted shortly. We hope to have her successor in place soon. Congratulations Leah on your next job at NOAA!
- Taylor Young has joined Admin and I.T. Services as their new part-time Administrative Assistance Extraordinaire! Taylor also works as a music teacher for the Juneau School District. Welcome Taylor!
- IT Services is seeking a new [Classroom Support Technology Coordinator](#) for the Juneau Campus. Please encourage promising people to apply.
- Welcome Treanna White to UAS as a new Student Information Specialist (Registrar, Front Counter)! Treanna starts on August 29th.
- Enrollment Management and Student Affairs would like to let us know that they still have recruitment open for the following positions: [Rural Admissions Counselor](#), [Admissions Counselor](#), [Exchange & Study Abroad Coordinator](#), and [Mental Health Counselor](#). If you know anyone interested in joining our team, encourage them to apply!
- As many of you know, Deb Rydman, Career Services, is working remotely out of state. She can be reached by phone and email.
- The Bursar's Office is still recruiting for a [Lead Cashier](#).
- Yolanda Cordero, UAS Billing Specialist, will be leaving the UAS Bursar's Office mid to late September. Keep an eye out for the recruitment.

Campus Concerns

- Staff Compensation
- Equity
- There are three Crafts & Trades positions posted on the [Careers website](#). If you know any electricians, general maintenance mechanics, or people interested in grounds and landscaping, please encourage them to apply.