

Committee Updates (June 7, 2023)

Campus-Wide Updates:

- Staff Council Election Results - read the May Newsletter for more information and to get to know your new representatives. Everyone ran unopposed this year so the following members were direct-appointed per [our bylaws](#).
 - Ketchikan Member-at-Large - [Lana Clark](#)
 - Juneau Member-at-Large - [Kelly Donahower](#)
 - Vice President - [Peter Sommers](#)
- Staff Recognition and Development Day - Check out the May Newsletter for more information. Share your highlights and check out what your colleagues have to say from the day using the [Staff Recognition and Development Day Padlet](#).
- Please complete this [brief survey](#) about Staff Recognition and Development Day 2023.
- Incoming Chancellor Aparna Palmer will be starting a little early with UAS on June 19. She will overlap with Chancellor Carey for those last few weeks in June.
- We have a virtual "[Thank you to Chancellor Karen Carey](#)" up and ready for submissions. Karen's last day is just around the corner.

President's Update (Jon)

- No updates

Vice President's Update (Michelle)

- Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Vice President. During this role, I've learned a ton about shared governance not only at UAS but in the UA system as well. I look forward to handing over the reins to Peter Sommers as he takes over the role of VP for the next two year term.

Web Strategy Committee (Katie)

- Jennifer Gross has been promoted to the Web Coordinator
- Search for Web Developer position will commence soon

Chancellor's DEICS Committee (Courtney MacArthur)

- This committee posted their [first annual report](#). Review the report to learn more about what the committee has been up to for the past year.

Staff Health Care Committee, Staff Alliance (Jessica)

- Some Faculty (UA-wide) are unhappy with the health rebate program. Faculty do not appreciate being taxed on the rebate program and they believe that the program requires too much work to earn the rebate. Expect to hear more in the Fall about if faculty will be pushing to have the rebate program removed. *Note: Health cost would not be reduced with the removal of the rebate program.

Staff Alliance General Meeting (Jon)

- No updates

Upcoming Employee Trainings

- Don't forget to claim your LinkedIn Learning license to take advantage of the professional development opportunities available in LinkedIn. [Request a license](#) at any time.
- Contact the Safety Team (Ryan Sand) 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.
- Friday, June 16, 11am-12pm
 - **Using Reason to Resolve Conflict**
[Sign up at MyUA](#)
Whether they take place in the workplace or in one's personal life, conflicts are inevitable; however, that does not mean that they must always be damaging. This workshop discusses how you can replace pure emotion with rational decision-making when dealing with conflict.
- Wednesday, June 21, 2-3pm
 - **HR Coordinator Training: UA HR 101 Teams and Roles**
[Sign up at MyUA](#)
Meet the UA HR team and discover the variety of roles the teams play to carry out UA HR Business. Not to be missed session as we discuss the top five most asked questions (and answers).
- Stay up-to-date on upcoming trainings on the [HR Training Page](#).

Sitka Update (Katie)

Events

- Hosting a movie night on campus as part of Pride Month in partnership with Sitka Pride (June 15; 7pm)
- Campus summer potluck in the Hanger (June 23 and July 28)
- Office shuffling and construction will be occurring throughout the month of June, including the business office, admin office suite, and front desk area.
- Outer Coast College staff and faculty will be utilizing Sitka Campus office spaces for the summer while the Sitka Fine Arts Camp is unavailable to them

Personnel Changes

- The Student Success Center (SSC) and testing services is down a staff member; re-hiring plans are in the works

Campus Concerns

- Campus Director, Paul Kraft, is off campus on annual leave (May 29 - June 16)
- Assistant Director, Jill Hanson, is off campus on annual leave till June 12
- Randy Nutting and Greg George will be the point people to connect with for Sitka Campus needs / concerns

Ketchikan Update (Jessica)

Events

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Personnel Changes

- Nick Utterback has been hired as our new Testing Center Specialist.
- Shellie Tabb is our new Student Services Assistant at the front desk. Shellie's first day will be June 19th.

Campus Concerns

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Juneau Update (Traci)

Thanks everyone for allowing me to serve as your Juneau Member-at-Large. This has been an invaluable experience. I hope everyone makes time to serve on shared governance at some point during their career at UA. In fact, I look forward to seeing your name on the ballot next year! This has been a great way to get to know staff, better understand UA governance, and listen to campus concerns. I know you'll be in good hands with Kelly Donahower as the next Juneau Member-at-Large.

Personnel Changes

- UAS School of Education has a new Interim Dean. Welcome Dr. Carlee Simon.
- Ashley Morehouse has joined the Office of Records and Registration on April 24 as our new Student Information Specialist. Welcome Ashley!
- Dash Hillgartner, Director of Admissions, last day was May 5. The Department of Admissions will report directly to Lori Klein in the interim.
- JoMarie Alba will serve as the Alaska Native Student Retention Specialist starting on June 19.
- A new Case Manager has been hired to support student services in the Counseling department. Devin Tatro will be joining the team on August 1, 2023. Welcome Devin!
- As you know, director Lynne Johnson retired at the end of April. The search for a new [Director of Development & Alumni Relations](#) is underway.
- While the search for a Director of Development & Alumni Relations is underway, UA Foundation has assigned [Megan Riebe](#), Associate VP for Development for the Foundation, to serve as Interim Director for UAS. Through the summer, Megan will be here in Juneau for about a week at a time, alternating between her job in Anchorage and here in Juneau. If you get a chance, pop over to meet her! We are thankful Megan is willing to take this on in addition to her normal duties for the Foundation.

- Lindy Carroll's last day as the Administrative Specialist for Technical Education Center, School of Career Education was Monday, May 15, 2023.
- Mallory Nash's last day was May 19, 2023. She has accepted the role of Education and Talent Manager with Greater Spokane Inc. Good luck Mallory on your next adventure!
- We will be losing Timothy Eby, one of our project managers, at the end of the month.
- Facilities is also trying to fill positions for Carpenter, Building Mechanic, and several grounds positions. If you know anyone looking for work, encourage them to apply at careers.alaska.edu.
- Welcome Emma Johnson to the UAS IT Helpdesk as a full time staff employee. We are glad to have you onboard.
- Welcome Rylee Johnson as our new Rural Admissions Counselor this August! Rylee is a recent UAS graduate.
- Jennifer Gross has accepted Alison's offer to become our next Web Coordinator. Thank you Jennifer for stepping into this new role!

Campus Concerns

- If you are planning an event, or helping other staff, faculty, or students to organize their events, the Creative Agency has revamped their "[How to Organize Events](#)" page with all the resources you will need. This page is listed in the sidebar of all the campus calendar pages.
- Finding childcare has been exceptionally challenging post pandemic. Are there any partnerships available that can be formed with the university and child care centers?
- Staff Recruitment has been difficult. Is there anything we can do to promote our benefits to help attract applicants?