

# Committee Updates April 3, 2024

*[Some edits still required]*

## **Campus-Wide Updates:**

- **Tidal Echoes Launch** - Friday, April 5th, 7-8:30pm in Egan 112
- **Annual Oratory Showcase** - Friday, April 12th, 1-4pm, location TBD
- **UAS Authors' Reception** - Friday, April 19th, 5-6:30pm in the Egan Library

## **President's Update**

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## **Vice President's Update (Peter)**

- I met with Chancellor Palmer, we talked about the rec center fee and the need for support for staff council. She mentioned that she would bring up how to better support staff council at her next executive council meeting. We also talked about the wellness plan and rebate and that CHRO rejected the JHCC motion.

## **Web Strategy Committee (Katie)**

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## **Chancellor's DEICS Committee (Staff Co-Chair)**

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## **Staff Health Care Committee, Staff Alliance (Jessica and Kelly)**

- Motion: Approve rates for FY25 that do not include a wellness rebate. Motion passed: 6 yes, 4 no
- Motion: Eliminate the monetary incentive ("rebate") and points structure for the UA Wellness Plan. Encourage the university to provide voluntary access to wellness programs as part of the broader benefits package available to UA employees. Motion passed: 6 yes, 4 no

## **Staff Alliance General Meeting**

- The main focus of the meeting was to get more information about the rejection of the JHCC motion to end the wellness program and rebate. The funding source for the rebate will change and SW HR has started the process to look for a new vendor for the plan. We also talked about the make up of the committee to include more staff representation.

Staff Alliance is going to wait on motion to ask for a change of representation until we hear back from CHRO.

### **Employee Feedback & Assessment Steering Committee (Lana)**

- None at this time

### **Upcoming Employee Trainings**

TouchCare training

- Live training - [Sign up for one of TouchCare's Open Enrollment Training Sessions](#)  
One-on-one support - Schedule your 1:1 Open Enrollment consult with TouchCare

Benefits training

- Live training - [Flexible Spending Accounts \(FSA\) with ASIFlex](#)
- Live training - [Health Savings Accounts \(HSA\) with Bank of America](#)
- Live training - [Air and Ground Emergency Transportation with MASA](#)
- Live training - [Voluntary Benefits with Corestream](#)
- Live training - [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\) with ComPsych](#)

### **Sitka Update (Austin)**

**Events**

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**Personnel Changes**

**Campus Concerns**

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### **Ketchikan Update (Lana)**

**Events**

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**Personnel Changes**

- Jessica Driscoll has accepted another position here in town and is no longer with the university. Good Luck on your next adventure Jessi!

**Campus Concerns**

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## **Juneau Update (Kelly)**

### **Events**

- **Natural History Seminar: The ecological and social impacts of humpback whales, gray whale, and herring interactions in Sitka Sound** - Thursday, April 4th, 7pm-8pm in Egan 229
- **UAS Spring Carnival** - Friday, April 19th, 3:30-5:30 pm in the Mourant Courtyard

### **Personnel Changes**

- Please welcome Lauryn Framke - our new Alaska Native Student Recruitment and Success Coordinator!
- CJ Mariano is our new Student Information Specialist in Admissions/Reg/Fin Aid. Welcome CJ!
- Chris Natynski stepped into the role of Executive Director of Advancement! Welcome Chris!

### **Campus Concerns**

- April 12th from 3-4pm there will be another Title IX Listening Session for the entire UAS Community. I would encourage all to attend.