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Dear UAA Community,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Bruce Schultz will serve as University of Alaska Anchorage's Interim Chancellor beginning on January 4, 2021 and until a permanent chancellor is named. That search will begin later this month.

In my many conversations with Bruce, and in listening to the thoughts he expressed during the virtual town hall, it became clear to me that he would bring a steady hand and long history of commitment to student success to the interim chancellor position. He was instrumental in preparing UAA for the fall semester under a COVID environment, and he knows how to mobilize the UAA community to address the critical issues it faces. I believe Bruce will be an asset to UAA and to the University of Alaska system, and I am happy to welcome him to the leadership team.

Many of you know Bruce's long history with UAA. As Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, he has led the development of a culture of assessment, created the Military and Veterans Student Services Office, supported a multi-year transformation of UAA's enrollment services operations, and effectively restructured student affairs to improve effectiveness while addressing significant reductions in funding.

I want to thank the Review Committee and our HR team for their work in considering all 90 nominations, and all of you for your involvement in the discussions about the qualities we sought in the interim chancellor and for participating in the town halls. I believe that Bruce exemplifies the attributes you articulated, and we all look forward to his leadership of UAA in the coming months. I also look forward to working together with you on the selection process for the permanent chancellor.

Sincerely,  
Pat Pitney  
Interim UA President