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SUBJ:

"MyUA"

In less than two years we have made significant progress in our electronic services via Banner and UAonline. Our preliminary objectives for the UAonline concept were to increase access to university services and information, decrease institutional hurdles that inhibit student satisfaction and success, and to realize efficiencies where possible. One simple yet powerful example of our success can be measured in the simple fact that the majority of UA students now register for their courses via UAonline. We have also expanded UAonline to include services for faculty and staff members alike.

There is no doubt that the power of the web provides unique opportunity for the entire university community. Through the evolution of UAonline we have certainly demonstrated the interconnectedness and interdependence of all parts of the university to better serve our students, staff, and faculty. Although additional components of UAonline will continue to be developed, it is clear to me that we must take this effort to the next level and establish an interactive virtual environment that connects the entire University of Alaska system. Therefore, I have directed Mike Sfraga, Steve Smith, and their applicable staff members to begin the conceptual development of a university-wide web portal called "MyUA." Please note that our efforts to date will serve us well as we prepare for this important next step. Indeed, many components of UAonline and several associated initiatives either in development or currently deployed will form the critical foundation for MyUA. We are on the right track so let's continue building for the future.

In recognition of the importance we place on student success, development of MyUA will initially focus on student services to include enrollment management and related services.

Thank you for supporting this very important initiative.

Cc: Mike Sfraga, Steve Smith