



Dear Board of Regents,

Over the summer UAA completed the first phase of the prioritization process, with all academic and administrative functions assessed in terms of alignment with mission and Shaping Alaska's Future. This fall UAA will conduct the post-prioritization process, to assess all academic programs and administrative functions that have been placed in the "transform" and "further review" categories. Those responsible for the programs in these categories will be asked to provide additional input and recommendations in light of the prioritization report. Chancellor's Cabinet will hold a series of meetings and make final recommendations, which will be available by the end of Fall 2014. Implementation of the recommendations will coincide with the development of FY17 budget priorities and PBAC.

Although the prioritization process has caused a sense of uncertainty in some quarters, this across-the-board effort is giving UAA an opportunity to focus future efforts and become a stronger institution. The alignment between prioritization and Shaping Alaska's Future will also provide a good foundation for moving forward in alignment with the University of Alaska's strategic direction.

I am saddened by Provost and Executive Chancellor for Academic Affairs Elisha "Bear" Baker's decision to retire at the end of this year. Bear has provided exemplary leadership during his many years at UAA and I have benefited greatly from his counsel. I am pleased he will continue to see the post-prioritization process through.

As we begin the 2014-2015 academic year, there is much to be proud of at UAA. The Alaska Airlines Center (AAC) opens in early September, the Engineering & Industry Building is on schedule and on budget, our alumni chapters and involvement are growing and UAA faculty and staff are providing customer service that is truly remarkable. As one parent remarked to me: "I want you to know that all of the staff that I dealt with at UAA were exemplary in all of their communications. ... If these individuals represent the level of professionalism at UAA, I am very grateful my daughters have chosen this university to pursue their higher education."

Best regards,

Tom Case

Tom Case, Chancellor



Campus Kick-Off 2014 was a great success; the excitement of a new year beginning was everywhere.



The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate selected UAA and the Stevens Institute of Technology as co-leads for a new Center for Excellence for Maritime Research. Each partner will receive an initial \$1 million cooperative agreement for operations through June 2015.



Green & Gold Gala Sept. 27



This year UAA honors Alumni of Distinction Ted Trueblood, president of Tryck Nyman Hayes Inc. (Ret.), M.S. Engineering '80; Cristy Hickel, program director of Sports Programs for Youth Development, Education & Recreation, B.Ed. Physical Education '86, M.S. Interdisciplinary Studies '80; and Virginia Groeschel, aviation design engineer, B.S. Civil Engineering '06.

Title IX and collegiality

More than 1,000 UAA faculty and staff have completed Title IX training since June. UAA has also provided Title IX training to UAS.

UAA Shaping Alaska's Future

Law School partnership with Willamette

The official signing of the MOU between Willamette School of Law and UAA establishing a 3 + 3 law school takes place Sept. 11.

Leadership transitions



Bart Quimby is the interim dean for the College of Engineering. Bart was also awarded emeritus professor status in May.



Bonnie Nygard is the interim dean for the Community & Technical College. Bonnie has served as associate and interim dean for CTC and assistant provost for Workforce Development & Career Pathway Planning.



John Mouracade, Ph.D., is interim dean for the University Honors College. John has been a faculty member in the Department of Philosophy since arriving at UAA in 2005.



Dan O'Connor is the new college director for Prince William Sound Community College.

Jim MacKenzie is the new assistant vice chancellor for Development. Jim has more than 20 years in non profit, public and private sector management and leadership experience in Alaska.

Dr. John R. Nofsinger holds the William H. Seward Endowed Chair in Finance.

Mark Trahan will return to UAA for a second year as the Atwood Chair of Journalism.

Student Achievement and Success

UAA's Office of Student Affairs developed an online One-Stop Advising page that reduces 38 different banner screens to one screen and 23 clicks to two clicks, to aid advisors and students.

Beginning in fall 2014, advising and orientation are mandatory for all first- and second-year degree-seeking students.

UAA students in kinesiology-related majors placed fifth in the American College of Sports Medicine Student Bowl.

Matt Ostrander won the 2014 Global Debate and Public Policy Challenge in Budapest, Hungary.

Partnerships with K-12

The Anchorage School District held the 2014 Elementary Cross-District In-Service at UAA during which ASD and UAA leadership emphasized their partnership.

UAA signed an MOU with the Anchorage School District paving the way for students enrolled in high school to receive dual credit (high school and college) for college courses at UAA.

UAA's 2014 Summer Engineering Academies, sponsored by BP, served 362 middle and high school students, with waiting lists of more than 50.

Prince William Sound Community College expanded its dual credit program with the Copper River School District.

Public and private partnerships

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation awarded a three-year, \$2.4-million grant to a network of universities (including UAA and UAF), to increase the number of American Indian and Alaska Native students obtaining advanced degrees in STEM disciplines.

Kenai Peninsula College provided support to firefighters and support personnel during the Funny River Horse Trail Fire, including housing, classroom and IT support.

Mary Jane and Ed Phelps established the Frank and Jennie (Kalkman) Clark Scholarship with a gift of \$26,000, to support local students at Mat-Su College.

Mat-Su College celebrated the establishment of a new Mat-Su area alumni chapter with a barbecue in July.

Research supporting Alaska

Dr. Betty Monsour served as executive chair, and UAA researchers presented work at the 20th International Epidemiological Association's World Congress, held in Anchorage in August.

UAA briefed the incoming chair of the Arctic Research Council, Admiral Robert Papp, on social, economic, health and biological Arctic research at UAA as well as work being done by ANSEP.

Accountability to the state of Alaska

The College of Business and Public Policy's experimental economics program has been ranked in the top 10 percent of programs of its kind worldwide.

\$avvy \$eawolf- Financial Literacy@UAA provides workshops about student loans.

The UAA/APU Consortium Library received grants to make library resources and tutoring services available to all residents of Alaska.



UAF took delivery of the Research Vessel *Sikuliaq* on Lake Michigan in June. The *Sikuliaq*, pictured here during winter testing in the Great Lakes, is now en route via the Panama Canal to Hawaii, where it will pick up a team for its first funded science cruise in October. The ship will operate in the Pacific Ocean until January, when it heads to Alaska. Bering Sea ice trials begin in March. The ship will be available for funded operations in Alaska waters in summer 2015. (Photo by Val Ihde.)

ACHIEVEMENTS

UAF received an \$18.8 million award from the National Institutes of Health to fund statewide biomedical research and student training focused on the interface of health, disease and the environment in people and animals. The five-year award will continue support for an NIH Institutional Development Award Network of Biomedical Research Excellence linking university-based researchers and students from UA's campuses in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau to meet both the research and workforce needs of Alaska's cities and rural communities. Brian Barnes with the Institute of Arctic Biology will serve as the principal investigator.

Researchers with the International Arctic Research Center collaborated with the National Park Service to produce a 24-page booklet, *State of Change*, describing climate change in Alaska's national parks. The guide is available in Alaska's 15 national parks and online.

UAF graduate student Laura Starr is pairing ecology and economics in her research. Starr, who is studying natural resources management, was recently awarded a \$25,000 Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant to continue her work. She is only the second UAF student to receive a SARE award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the past 26 years.

The Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration planned to host the Alaska Unmanned Aircraft Systems Interest Group annual meeting Sept. 15–18 in Anchorage. The meeting was open to interested government, industry and private participants in the field of unmanned aircraft systems and robotics, and potential users.

The UAF Alaska Satellite Facility celebrated the opening of its newest NASA-sponsored antenna, AS3, in June. Satellite observations monitored by AS3 will contribute to detailed mapping, observation of sea ice and severe weather patterns, and global climate change research. The 11-meter dish antenna supports the NASA Near Earth Network, which provides various satellite information services. The Alaska Satellite Facility is part of UAF's Geophysical Institute.

IN PROGRESS

UAF's Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity offered a series of trainings on sexual harassment and the federal Title IX law during the summer. Materials are being distributed throughout the campuses to inform students, staff and faculty of their legal rights and responsibilities. The federal Office of Civil Rights is conducting a compliance review of UA campuses.

The review of UAF's Sustainability Master Plan draft is underway. The report identifies ways to make buildings more efficient, cut electricity consumption and reduce vehicle traffic to campus.

WHAT'S NEXT

The 2014 Arctic Science Conference, sponsored by the Arctic Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, will take place Sept. 27–28 in the Murie Building on UAF's West Ridge.

Nanook Rendezvous Alumni Reunion will take place Sept. 26–27 in Fairbanks. We will celebrate all classes, with special recognition for the classes of 1964 and 1989. The weekend will take place in conjunction with Starvation Gulch, a Nanook tradition going back to 1923.

The UAF Launchpad initiative provides university software programmers with an e-commerce platform to distribute their software. The initiative, developed by the nonprofit Nanook Innovation Corp., builds on the efforts at the Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization to license technology and create startups. Through this initiative, inventors are able to gauge the marketability of their products with the advantage of learning what consumers want. They can then modify their technology to quickly adapt to a changing market.

THROUGH THE LENS: RECENT IMAGES

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

September 2014



The leading edge of Frozen Debris Lobe A has crept to within 142 feet of the Dalton Highway, pictured here in the central Brooks Range in June. The trans-Alaska pipeline's buried route through the Dietrich River valley is visible at lower left.

UAF and state researchers have identified 23 frozen debris lobes less than a mile uphill of the highway. Lobe A, the closest, could hit the highway within a decade. Another lobe is visible on the mountainside behind Lobe A.

The lobes are made of rock, gravel, sand, silt and organic matter. Researchers also were surprised to find liquid water at below freezing temperatures inside Lobe A.

Read more at www.uaf.edu/aurora/.



Photos, clockwise from left

Students and staff of the Alaska Business Week summer camp pose on the Fairbanks campus in August.

Current and former firefighters with the University Fire Department march in the 2014 Golden Days parade through downtown Fairbanks in July. The department celebrated its 50th anniversary this year.



Michael Cook, with UAF's Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration, holds a quadcopter with Alaska State Trooper Elondre Johnson after a demonstration in July of how emergency responders can use unmanned aerial vehicles.

Toolik Field Station, on Alaska's North Slope, bustles with activity in June. The UAF Institute of Arctic Biology operates the station, which hosts scientists from around the world who conduct Arctic-based research.



Chancellor's Report

Chancellor John Pugh

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September 2014 Meeting



Richard Dauenhauer receiving the University of Alaska Foundation's Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence at the Egan Library in June, 2013.

Photo credit: Henry Masters

Richard Dauenhauer: Scholar, Poet, Translator and Historian

The University of Alaska Southeast mourns the passing of retired faculty Richard "Dick" Dauenhauer. Dauenhauer passed on from inoperable pancreatic cancer the morning of August 19, 2014 at the age of 72. A Russian Orthodox service was held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Juneau August 28 followed by burial at the Alaska Memorial Park. A celebration of his life and contributions to Alaska was held August 30 at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.

As President's Professor and a former Alaska Poet Laureate, Dr. Dauenhauer was instrumental in developing the Alaska Native Language program and inspiring creative writing at UAS. He was the 2013 recipient of the University of Alaska Foundation's Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence, the largest single award made annually by the UA Foundation's Board of Trustees. Dauenhauer began teaching at the university in 1984. He was jointly appointed President's Professor of Alaska Native Languages and Culture at UAS and UAF in 2005. He retired from UAS in 2011.

During his tenure he designed and taught courses leading to the Tlingit language minor. He created several joint educational programs between the university and Alaska Native tribal organizations in an effort to preserve Alaska Native languages and cultures. Dauenhauer served as the state's poet laureate from 1981 to 1985, an honor his wife Nora holds through 2014. They are the first couple in Alaska

to have both been named state writer laureates. Dauenhauer was recognized twice with the Before Columbus Foundation's American Book Award for *Anóoshi Lingít Aaní Ká, Russians in Tlingit America: The Battles of Sitka, 1802 and 1804* and *Haa Tuwundágu Yis, for Healing our Spirit: Tlingit Oratory*.

In an obituary in the *Los Angeles Times*, writer Jill Leovy writes, "Dauenhauer made recording, transcribing and advocating for the Tlingit language his life's work. He trained a cadre of teachers and translators to continue his efforts. He sought not just to revive the fast-disappearing tongue, largely relegated to the thoughts of a few surviving tribal elders, but to win acceptance for its use."

Dauenhauer gave Tlingit oral history the status of literature, "the same as the highest forms of English literature," according to Alaska Native languages faculty and program head Lance Twitchell.

Brand New Residence Hall Opens for Fall Semester



Project Manager Nathan Leigh leads staff including Chancellor John Pugh assisting students on move-in day

The University of Alaska Southeast Juneau campus opened its first on-campus first residence hall on Fall Semester move-in day, August 27, 2014.

UAS Director of Campus Life Eric Scott told *Juneau Empire* reporter Katie Moritz that "he hopes excellent student experiences in the new residence hall lead to even more freshmen in coming years. The hall has 110 student beds and is not full for the semester. He said more students are supposed to move in for the spring semester.

Even without all the new beds full, this crop of freshmen wouldn't have fit in the old residence hall — Banfield Hall has only about 80 beds, freshman adviser Nathan Bodensadt said.

The new hall boasts huge picture windows with views of Auke Lake and the surrounding mountains. A common area, closed-off study spaces and a meeting room offer different environments within the building. The rooms are suite-style, with two sets of two roommates sharing a bathroom and a kitchen. The building was designed by MRV Architects.

The hall's first inhabitants come to the Auke Bay campus from across the country. Most are from Alaska but others hail from about 20 other states, including Missouri, Texas, Utah, Pennsylvania, Washington, Oregon and California.

Freshman Dallin Jones moved to Alaska sight-unseen for the biology program at UAS. His friend and roommate moved from Boise with him.

As for Alaska, freshmen flocked from all over the state to UAS this year. A group of six young men from Scammon Bay took a long, multi-leg flight from their Western Alaska community of 474 people to move in. With a graduating class of only 19, almost a third of the town's seniors are attending UAS and living in the residence hall.

UAS recruiters came to Scammon Bay and 'talked to us and convinced us to come,' Norman Charlie said."



Keni Campbell

New Chancellor's Special Assistant

Keni Campbell began working as the Special Assistant to UAS Chancellor John Pugh in July 2014. Ms. Campbell was hired as Alumni Relations Manager in 2006, eventually adding the fundraising duties of Annual Fund Manager. Prior to coming to UAS, she worked for the Alaska Council of School Administrators and the Juneau School District. She has a Bachelor

of Elementary Education from Alaska Pacific University, and has earned the designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). Ms. Campbell has lived in Juneau since 1995 with her husband and two grown children. She is a member of Rotary International, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.



Chris Washko

New Director of Sitka Student Success Center

Chris Washko was previously Director of Residence Life and Wellness Education at UAS on the Juneau campus and shouldered a wide variety of administrative responsibilities in the UAA system, including Director of Student Services and VP of Academic Affairs at Prince William Sound Community College. "I got

interested in Student Affairs while I was still a student. I loved being involved, and so I stayed at my college in Alma Michigan as a hall director. But I wanted to move to Alaska, so I took a job in Galena working with students in that remote location," he said.

Chris has a BS and a BA from Alma College, a Master's in Student Affairs and Higher Ed Administration from Indiana State, and is currently finishing his Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies and Counseling from UAF. He is excited to be in Sitka and to work with the excellent Student Success Center staff.

He loves hiking, teaching travel courses, and reading to his young son.



L-R: ODS climbers Chelsea Bomba, Forest Wagner and Ariel Svetlik-McCarthy

Outdoor Studies Central Brooks Range Climb

Outdoor Studies program head Forest Wagner and student climbers Chelsea Bomba and Ariel Svetlik-McCarthy climbed the West Ridge of Shot Tower in the Arrigetch Region of the Central Brooks Range August 9-10, 2014. The climb took place over a period of 24 hours and consisted of 12 pitches over 1,300 feet. To approach Shot Tower, the group flew from Coldfoot, Alaska 100 miles west to the Alatna River, then backpacked with 90-pound packs into the Arrigetch peaks. The full course took place from July 31 to August 17, 2014. The expedition was the focus of the Expedition Rock Climbing class, offered as an upper division elective for students in the BLA program's Outdoor and Adventure Studies emphasis.

Convocation 2014



Chancellor John Pugh addresses staff and faculty at Fall Semester Convocation, August 14, 2014. Photo Credit: Joel Mundy