

**University of Alaska Southeast  
Executive Provost Council  
Summer 2006 Report to Faculty Senate**

This is a report to the Faculty Senate on the policy decisions and other important information emanating from the Provost Council during the month of May through September, 2006. This summary is being provided to keep faculty informed of UAS administrative initiatives.

For additional information on any of these topics, faculty members should contact their Dean or Campus Director.

**ACCFT & UNAC Faculty Evaluation Committees**

The Provost announced that the 2006-07 ACCFT faculty evaluation peer committee members are Jo Devine-Acres, Marquam George, Elizabeth McKenzie, Priscilla Schulte, and Lynn Shepherd. The term of service of this committee is November 13, 2006 through February 26, 2007.

The UNAC Social Science and Natural Science peer cluster group committee consists of Brian Blitz, Ron Seater, Mike Stekoll, and Clive Thomas. The Education, BPAIS, and Humanities cluster group contains Janet Dye, Sue Koester, Dave Marvel, and Alice Tersteeg. These committees will serve from October 3 through November 8, 2006. The UNAC faculty evaluation MAU committee members are Jonathan Anderson, Lynn Shepherd, Sherry Tamone, Mary Claire Tarlow, and Robin Walz. Their term of service is January 13 through March 1, 2007.

Faculty evaluation process timeline documents are available in read-only format via the Web at: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/UAS/Academic%20Policies/academicpolicies.html>

**Convocation**

The Council organized and conducted the fall convocation event. Faculty were given opportunities to attend sessions presented by UA Board of Regents Chair Brian Rogers on the University of Alaska System and by Ron Baker of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities on accreditation. Additional sessions were available on Student Services, Introduction to Program Review, and UAS Strategies for Funding & Conducting Research. The Council encourages faculty to share feedback with them on this and future convocation events.

**Recent Management Appointments**

The Council is pleased to announce the appointment of several new UAS managers. Dr. Larry Harris was appointed in June as UAS' Dean of the School of Education. Dr. Harris comes to us from Idaho State University where he served as the Dean of the College of Education for nine years. Previously he served in similar roles at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and Wayne State College.

Dr. Dick Dent was recently appointed to the position of UAS Vice-Chancellor of Student Services and Enrollment Management. Prior to this appointment Dr. Dent served ten years as an educational consultant working with a wide range of post secondary education institutions on issues of admission, retention, financial aid, and loan management and default prevention. He also served for ten years as the Dean of Enrollment Services at Bastyr University in Seattle, five years with the College Board including the position of Executive Director of the College Scholarship Service, and has worked as a Director of Financial Aid at California State University, Los Angeles and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Joe Nelson, UAS' PITAAS Program Director was promoted earlier this summer into the new Associate Vice Provost position where he will be responsible for regional activities associated with UAS' pre-college pathway programs. In particular, he will be working directly with Southeast Alaska high school teachers to identify, mentor, and prepare students for college readiness in all fields of study. Mr. Nelson comes to this new role after two years as the PITAAS Director and previously serving as an attorney for Sealaska Corporation and the City and Borough of Juneau.

### **Vice Provost Recruitment Status**

The Dean of Arts and Sciences reported that the Vice Provost recruitment process began last July with position announcements posted in several Alaska newspapers, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and other trade journals. As of the end of September, 21 candidates have applied for the position. After preliminary screening the pool has been reduced to 18 candidates. The screening committee consists of Brendan Kelly (chair), Jeff Johnston, Chris Hay-Jahans, and Karen Donovan. They are slated to meet on October 12<sup>th</sup> to determine which candidates to interview via telephone. After these interviews, finalists will be chosen for in-person interviews. These persons will be asked to give formal, public presentations on a subject contemporary to the field of higher education academic support. After conferring with the screening committee, the Provost will make a final hiring decision.

### **UAS Six-Year Course Sequence Plan**

In coordination with the academic departments, Council completed a comprehensive review of the UAS six-year course sequence plan that led to a number of sequence changes for Juneau-based Arts & Science courses. In early October the Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences will be meeting with faculty and administrators at the Ketchikan and Sitka campuses to complete review of their courses and ascertain what changes to propose for Provost's Council approval.

Additionally, a number of Accounting, Business Administration, Law Science, Public Administration, and Information Systems changes are currently under review by the Council. Action on these courses is expected by the end of October.

### **Performance-Based Budgeting Report**

The Council completed a comprehensive annual report to President Hamilton on the progress UAS has made towards reaching its performance-based budgeting (PBB) targets and goals. This document will be reviewed with the president and members of his executive cabinet at an academic review meeting scheduled for October 9, 2006.

Copies of the PBB report can be obtained from the Provost's Office.