

Staff Council March 2020 Newsletter

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Staff Council Updates

COVID-19 Response

Staff Council in conjunction with Staff Alliance is monitoring the situation with the goal to advocate for staff wherever is appropriate and to help with the flow of information as necessary. Our next Staff Alliance meeting is on March 24. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to bring to the statewide level. You can do so anonymously through our <u>suggestion box</u>.

More up-to-date information on the COVID-19 situation can be found here. Please be mindful that this is a new and emerging situation where many things remain unknown. Work with your supervisor to address your concerns as they emerge.

Staff Development Day Postponed

Staff Development Day was scheduled for May 21. In light of recent events, we are indefinitely postponing Staff Development Day and will revisit the idea when normalcy (or new normalcy) returns.

Staff Council Nominations & Elections

Nominations for the following positions will be happening in late April. Start thinking about who (yourself included) you might consider nominating. More information about Staff Council and roles may be found here:

- President
- Secretary
- Ketchikan At-Large
- Sitka At-Large

Upcoming Meeting Information

Staff Council general meetings happen monthly. The next meeting is:

- Wednesday, April 8 from 1:00pm 2:30pm
 - o Online: https://alaska.zoom.us/j/582653545
 - Agenda, committee reports, and prior meeting minutes <u>may be found</u> <u>here</u>.

On Our Radar

VC Ciri's Brown Bag

Vice Chancellor Michael Ciri hosted a COVID-19 brown bag discussion on Tuesday, March 17.

Good discussion was had. The recording may be found here.

Chancellor's Forum

The Chancellor held a forum on Thursday, March 19 and provided insight into some ongoing discussions on the COVID-19 response and budget planning. Much of that forum is summed up on the Chancellor's webpage. The recording of that can be found here.

During the forum, there was some discussion of changes to some admissions requirements and academic calendar changes. While changes are currently tentative, please be aware that it appears some calendar changes may be on the horizon and could impact students we work with.

It's Award Season

Please consider submitting your nominations for Staff Excellence awards and Staff Makes Students Count awards. **Nominations have been extended to March 27**.

• Staff Excellence

- <u>Purpose</u>: To recognize outstanding staff excellence in service to the UAS Community, and toward accomplishing and enhancing the UAS mission.
- <u>Eligibility</u>: All UAS benefit eligible, non-executive staff, including Local 6070.
- Click here for the SEA Nomination Form.

Staff Makes Students Count

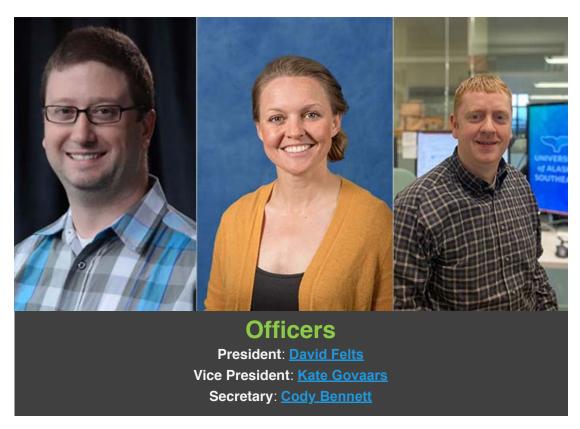
- <u>Purpose</u>: The award recognizes staff who have provided outstanding service to UA students.
- <u>Eligibility</u>: All regular full-time permanent and part-time permanent exempt and non-exempt staff employed by the University of Alaska are eligible.
- Click here for the SMSC Nomination & Information Packet.

Did you know...

UA Statewide has provided guidance for how to track COVID-19 on your time sheet.

First, please reference the <u>University of Alaska Coronavirus Information</u> <u>webpage</u> for the most up-to-date information coming from the statewide level.

On the bottom of that page, UA has put out policy guidelines, including how to track COVID-19 on your <u>time sheet</u>. Please note that you should be working with your supervisor to address your specific situation.





What is Staff Council?

The UAS Staff Council Association is the communications link between UAS non-represented staff, the University administration, the Chancellor and the specific University assemblies, councils and/or committees. The association is represented by an elected body of officials comprised of non-represented staff members from the Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka campuses.

Have a suggestion for us or leadership?

Do you have questions you would like Staff Council to pose to leaders? Submit them via our <u>Suggestion Box</u>.

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