

## *From the Provost*

November 18, 2015



### **Academic Innovation Fund Opportunity**

The UAS Provost's Office would like to remind everyone that the Academic Innovation Fund is accepting applications for the AY 15/16 school year. The purpose of the fund is to support instructional innovation and enhance the quality of teaching, scholarship, assessment, and community engagement at UAS.

Fulltime staff and faculty from all three UAS campuses are eligible for an award up to \$2,000 to help fund projects and activities that support our UAS mission with special focus on our core theme of enhancing teaching and learning. More information can be found on the Faculty Resources website: [http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/faculty\\_resources.html#development](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/faculty_resources.html#development)

### **Spring Startup**

The annual UAS Juneau Spring Startup is scheduled for January 6-8. The agenda is still being drafted and will be available soon. This year, Adjunct Faculty will enjoy a get-together to socialize with each other, deans and department chairs in an informal environment. For more information on Spring Startup including the draft agenda and CPR sign up, please see our Spring Startup website here: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/springstartup.html>

### **Spring Registration**

Registration for UAS program students opened on November 9<sup>th</sup> and will open for all students on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Remember to register early!

### **ALICE Training**

In the past month, UAS has offered two ALICE active shooter trainings led by CBJ Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Tom Mattice and JPD Lt. David Campbell. Around 30 Juneau faculty and staff attended the trainings that covered what to do in the event of an active shooter on campus. The UA produced video "Shots Fired" is available online here: <http://uas.alaska.edu/pub/safetyvideos>

### **URECA Opportunity**

The UAS Research and Creative Activity Committee's 2016 award cycle has started and awards of up to \$2,500 are available to undergraduates to support costs associated with student led projects. The deadline is December 13 - more information can be found here: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/research/>

### **School of Management**

Associate Professor Dr. Kathy DiLorenzo, UAS MPA Director, attended the Institute of the North's Alaska Dialogue program on Fiscal Policy held in Girdwood, Alaska October 12 and 13. Dr. DiLorenzo delivered comments on the impact of the current budget crisis on Alaska's government departments, state employees, and its citizens to approximately twenty State Legislators and numerous state decision makers.

The School of Management welcomed their new Academic Advisor Shayla Sulser to the team. Shayla brings eight years of experience working at the Registrar's Office.

Assistant Professor Dr. Charla Brown and Assistant Professor Collen McKenna attended the Western Council Region 7 annual meeting for The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) in San Francisco October 21 to 23. Dr. Brown participated in a Best-In-Region competition and presented on the topic of utilizing text messaging to enhance student-faculty engagement. She was awarded Wilson Fund in support of her travel.

Associate Professor Michael Boyer's comprehensive property management guide titled *Every Landlord's Guide to Managing Property: Best Practices from Move-In to Move-Out* was published in late October.

### **Health Science Department Move**

The phase 2 remodel on the TEC center is near completion and the Health Science Department, including the UAA AAS RN Nursing program, has successfully made the permanent move there from their old location in the Hendrickson Building. The new space is equipped with a new lab and computer classroom.



### **Sitka**

Sitka faculty in Fisheries Technology and Biology have been busy with WhaleFest, partnering with the Sitka Sound Science Center and also with Juneau UAF faculty; over a dozen students from other campuses attended WhaleFest and programs organized by the faculty.

Artist Teri Rofkar will be offering a Northwest Coast Art workshop starting Nov. 9, on Woolen Weaving, the art of Ravenstail weaving and will also include how to process mountain goat wool.

Planning is underway for the first UAS Sitka Phi Theta Kappa initiation ceremony, to be held Nov. 19.

### **Ketchikan**

Senator Bert Stedman toured the UAS Ketchikan Regional Maritime and Career Center on October 23. Interim Provost/Campus Director Priscilla Schulte and Assistant Director of Business Operations Wendy Miles shared plans for the renovation of the lower campus and updated the senator on progress and next steps of the project.



Chancellor Caulfield visited the Ketchikan campus November 13 and met with faculty, staff and students. He discussed the state of the budget and answered questions from students.

Assistant Professor of Natural Science Chris Donar presented research on marine invasive species to a large group of Ketchikan residents on November 13 as part of the SE Alaska Discovery Center's Friday Night Insight program.

UAS Ketchikan has hired Kasia Polanska to fill a term Assistant Professor of Sociology and Government position for the spring semester. A national search for a 4-year term professor is underway.

## Upcoming Events

11/18	Ask UAS Presents: "Making Music with the Rasmuson Foundation	6:30pm Ziegler Bldg - Ketchikan
11/20	Last Day to Withdraw from Full-Term Classes	
11/21	UAS Annual Native Film Series: "Drums of Winter"	2:30pm Egan Library - Juneau
11/23	Spring 2016 Registration Opens for All Students	
11/26-27	Campus Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	
12/9-11	Board of Regents in Fairbanks	
12/7-12	Final Exam Week	
12/24-1/1	Campus Closed for Winter Break	