

From the Provost

October 20, 2016



- **Southeast Conference**

The Southeast Conference was held in Petersburg September 20-22, 2016. Dean Vickie Williams, Professor Katy Spangler, Ketchikan Campus Director Priscilla Schulte, Sitka Campus Director Paula Martin, Director of Development & Alumni Relations Lynne Johnson and I attended and presented about UAS and Strategic Pathways. The Annual Scholarship Banquet and Auction was held at the Sons of Norway Hall. Ten students were awarded scholarships for the 2016 academic year ranging from \$500 to \$2,500.

- **Strategic Pathways**

Strategic Pathways teams for Phase 2, including Human Resources, Institutional Research, Student Affairs, University Relations, E-Learning, Fisheries and Community Campuses are well underway and Implementation Teams for Phase I have nearly completed their work. Implementation plans can be found at President Johnsen's website. <http://www.alaska.edu/pathways/> **PLEASE NOTE:** Public Testimony can be provided to the Board of Regents from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on October 31, 2016. UAS had excellent participation from our students, faculty, and community members at the last Public Testimony. The Board of Regents will be meeting November 10-11, 2016 in Fairbanks and will discuss Strategic Pathways from 12:30 to 5 p.m. on November 10.

- **Education Commission of the States (ECS)**

On September 28, 2016, I had the opportunity to meet with Jeremy Anderson, President, and Sara Shelton, State Relations Strategist, with the Education Commission of the States. Nancy Norman, one of Alaska's state commissioners to this organization, invited Mr. Anderson and Ms. Shelton to come to Juneau and learn more about the state. The ECS conducts research, issues reports regarding education policies, provides counsel on proposed legislation and testifies to committees and legislators as third-party experts, and brings together leaders from across the nation to discuss current trends and future potentials. Please check out their website at www.ecs.org.

- **Professional Development Series**

Assistant Professor Heather Batchelder provided faculty and staff with an excellent presentation regarding Credit for Prior Learning on October 14, 2016. Thank you Heather! Several of us will be following up on issues raised to insure all academic standards are met. Please be sure to attend the next event scheduled for November 11, "Supporting Our Veteran Students."

- **Other**

I continue to meet one-on-one with faculty and staff to get to know everyone better; attend faculty meetings; meet with Deans and Directors weekly; interact regularly with the Provosts at UAA and UAF; review, discuss, and analyze accreditation and program review documents as we move forward with our NWCCU accreditation visit in 2019; and contemplate the budget for 2018, as well as a myriad of other activities. I am always available for further discussion about any of these items or any concerns you might have.

Have a **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**