

From the Provost

November 22, 2016



- **Strategic Pathways**

Strategic Pathways continues. Phase three teams are currently being identified and will include Finance; Risk Management; Land Management; Facilities; College of Arts and Sciences: Arts and Humanities; College of Arts and Sciences: Natural and Social Sciences; and Mine and Petroleum Training. Phase two teams (Human Resources, Institutional Research, Student Affairs, University Relations, E-Learning, Fisheries, Health and Community Campuses) will be reporting results of their meetings in mid-January. On November 10, 2016, the Board of Regents voted to eliminate our School of Management and move the programs under the School of Arts and Sciences. Dean Schmitt and Dean Williams are working to insure a smooth transition. The Board of Regents seems committed to one School of Education with UA and will have a special meeting on December 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. to vote on where the School of Education will be housed. Implementation plans for Phase 1 can be found at President Johnsen's website. Please stay tuned for further developments related to Strategic Pathways.

- **Professional Development Series**

Dr. David Noon, Deb Rydman, and Lori Klein presented a workshop on November 11, 2016, Veterans Day, about "Supporting our Veteran Students." Thank you David, Deb and Lori! Please remember to think of and thank our Veterans and Active Military personnel on Thanksgiving.

- **Northwest Coast Arts**

On November 16, 2016, Chancellor Caulfield, Karen Schmitt, Mique'l Dangeli, Lance Twitchell, Ernestine Hayes, Alberta Jones, Ronald Cadiente-Brown, Joe Nelson, Frank Coenraad, and I had the opportunity to meet with Robert Martin, President, and Princess Daazhrai Johnson, Trustee, from the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA). An MOU was signed between UAS, Sealaska Heritage Institute, and the IAIA providing numerous opportunities to partner together to enhance Alaska Native Arts.

- **Coast Guard**

The Executive Cabinet had the opportunity to meet with Rear Admiral Michael McAllister and Lieutenant Kody Stitz of the United States Coast Guard (and UAS Alum). We will be working on an MOU soon for the Coast Guard's College Pre-commissioning Initiative (CSPI) – a two year scholarship with a three year obligation for service in the Coast Guard as a commissioned officer.

- **Special Events on November 9, 2016**

The Power and Privilege Symposium on the Juneau campus was a huge success! A special thank you to Tara Olson, Nathan Bodenstadt, and all of the other staff, faculty and students who made this event special. The Ketchikan campus kicked off a spring semester series examining power and privilege through the story of one woman's life. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, written by Rebecca Skloot, is the story behind the HeLa cells, and touches on sociological, biological, ethical and philosophical issues. UAS Ketchikan will host a variety of spring events around and about the book culminating in a community symposium. Sitka was scheduled to host an event focusing on "Advancing Racial Equity: An ANDORE Dialogue with UAS Professors, Staff, and Students". However, the presenter needed to reschedule and the event will take place next semester. The Sitka campus was able to take part in the Sitka Native American Heritage Month celebration and parade in town. Also, the campus is pleased to host the display for the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Art Appreciation event through November 23rd.

- **Faculty Activities**

Dr. Robin Walz, Professor of History, presented at the Annual Conference of the Western Society for French History on new research strategies “Gallica, My Camera, and Two Weeks in France,” and was elected Vice President/President Elect of the U.S.-Canada French History Society. Dr. Walz participated in the Dada World Fair organized by City Light Booksellers in San Francisco and gave a presentation on the archvillain Fantômas at the premiere in Urania Descending in San Francisco, read from Impressions of Africa by Raymond Roussel and delivered a Malediction as Fantômas at the “Dada Bordello.” Robin has been busy!

Drs. Kevin Krein, Kevin Maier, and Sol Neely, took 42 freshmen from their Humanities 120 classes to Haines for Eagle Fest from November 18 through the 20th. How do I know? I also attended Eagle Fest the same weekend!

If you would like your activity highlighted here – please send information to me or provide it to our student assistants who will be visiting your offices at various times throughout the year.

- **Other**

Other activities and events included a meeting in Anchorage of the Behavioral Health Workforce that I was able to attend with Dr. Amanda Sesko. We have some plans for a program here at UAS! I continue to meet one-on-one with faculty and staff to get to know everyone better; attending faculty meetings; meet with Deans and Directors every other week; interacting regularly with the Provosts at UAA and UAF; reviewing, discussing, and analyzing 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 Thanksgiving