

From the Provost

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• UAS Faculty Excellence Awards - \$1,000 each

The purpose of the Faculty Excellence Award is to recognize and award faculty excellence in teaching, research, service, adjunct instruction, and faculty advising. Nominations can be made by faculty, staff, students, research colleagues, or community members. Please take this opportunity to support faculty and recognize them for their contributions to UAS. It's an easy process – submit your nomination online today! Deadline is Monday, April 3th. http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/faculty_excellence.html

• College of Education

The University of Alaska College of Education at UAS is moving forward. An Implementation Steering Committee has been appointed by President Johnsen. Chancellor Caulfield serves as the Chair and members include the three Provosts; Steve Atwater, Dean at UAF; Cindy Fabbri and Amy Vinlove, faculty from UAF, Jonathan Bartell and Cathy Coulter faculty from UAA; and Virgil Fredenberg and Katy Spangler from UAS. Professor Paul Ongtooguk from UAA has been identified as one of the two Alaska Native Studies Council representatives who will also serve on the committee. We have had three meetings thus far and are making good progress.

• Professional Development Series

Thank you to Kolene James, Coordinator of the Native and Rural Student Center and staff for the delicious presentation *Food Sovereignty Friday*, and to Denise Carl for being available to facilitate a discussion on the *Faculty Advisor Toolbox*. The next Professional Development Brown Bags presentation will be *Recruiting 101-Summer Opportunities to Raise Enrollment* on April 14, 2017 led by Margo Connolly-Masson, our Admissions Counselor. I hope you will attend.

• Workgroup on Assessment

As previously mentioned, a group of faculty attended a conference last month entitled the Association of American Colleges & Universities "2017 General Education and Assessment: Design Thinking for Student Learning." This is in preparation for the upcoming NWCCU Accreditation in 2019, to address assessment issues on campus, specifically GERs. The members of this workgroup facilitated a discussion on March 24th based on what they learned from this conference. Voice Thread presentations and all slides (as a single PDF) are available using the link on the Provost's main web page. (The Provost's Assessment Committee members are Andrea Dewees, Robin Gilcrist, Alberta Jones, Colleen McKenna, Math Trafton, and Ali Ziegler.)

• Faculty Activities

Congratulations to Dr. John Radzilowski, Associate Professor of History, who recently published an article on the problems of repatriating art stolen during World War II: "Thieves Stealing from Thieves, Victims from Victims: The Culture, Morality, and Politics of Stolen Art in Twentieth Century Poland," *The Polish Review*, vol. 61, no. 4(2016). He is also author of a short review article on the work of late historical Oskar Halecki: "Oskar Halecki and the Past and Future of East Central European History," which is forthcoming in the Canadian journal *East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies*. In addition, Dr. Mique'l Dangeli, Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Studies, is to be congratulated for her recognition nationally as a distinguished indigenous artist and as a member of the 2017 DIVERSE Class of Emerging Scholars *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.

- **Commencement**

Commencement planning is already taking place. The Sitka Campus graduation takes place on Friday May 5th, and Ketchikan campus holds its commencement on Saturday, May 6th. Here in Juneau, we start at 2 pm on Sunday, May 7th.

Please remember I am always available for discussion about any of these items or any concerns you might have.

