

# *From the Provost*

April 20, 2017



- **Celebration of Faculty Excellence – Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us to celebrate faculty excellence on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> on the Juneau campus in the Glacier View Room, 3-4:30 pm. I am pleased to announce this year's recipients for Faculty Excellence Awards are: TEACHING – Reid Brewer (Sitka), RESEARCH – Brian Buma (Juneau), SERVICE – Math Trafton (Sitka), ADJUNCT INSTRUCTION – Roby Littlefield (Sitka), and FACULTY ADVISING – Leslie Gordon (Sitka). We will be able to celebrate with the Sitka and Ketchikan faculty via video conference. Light refreshments will be served.

- **Second Annual Authors Reception – Friday April 21**

This Friday, the Friends of the Egan Library will host a reception honoring members of the UAS community publishing scholarly and creative work 2016. Please join us for conversation, drinks, and appetizers as well as “special” awards!

- **Faculty Evaluation/Review**

Reminder! UNAC and UAFT unit members intending to stand for tenure or promotion in the coming academic year must notify their dean or director by May 13<sup>th</sup> (end of contract).

- **Commencement**

I look forward to the opportunity to attend this year's commencement and invite you to robe and walk with your UAS peers in the processional for this spring's graduation ceremony. The Juneau campus commencement is scheduled for Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. (Faculty to arrive by 1:00 pm.) The Sitka campus graduation takes place on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Ketchikan campus holds its commencement on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. *Please note the new time.*

- **GER Assessment**

Thank you to those of you that have participated in the Provost's Assessment Committee survey. As we prepare for the 2019 NWCCU Accreditation process, it's particularly important to get your feedback on assessment issues on campus, specifically GERs. If you have not yet received a survey please ask for one from your Dean, Director or Department Chair.

- **Faculty Handbook Annual Review**

The UAS Faculty Senate is in its final review of the AY 17-18 UAS Faculty Handbook. Most of the changes are minor housekeeping (names of forms, email addresses, website updates), and changes to direct the reader to their collective bargaining agreement. Contact your faculty senate representative to review the final draft. It is expected to be approved by early May, and will become effective July 1, 2017.

- **Plan for Fall Convocation**

Fall Convocation is just around the corner! This year it will be held on August 22-23, 2017. Please contact me or your faculty senate representative with ideas for desired sessions or convocation topics.

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

