

# *From the Provost*

April 23, 2018



## • **Celebration of Faculty Excellence – Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Please join the celebration of faculty excellence on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> on the Juneau campus in the Glacier View Room from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. I am pleased to announce this year's recipients for Faculty Excellence Awards are: TEACHING – Charla Brown, RESEARCH – Jan Straley, SERVICE – Susan Kendig, ADJUNCT INSTRUCTION – Chris Taylor, and FACULTY ADVISING – Jill Dumesnil. We will be able to celebrate with the Sitka and Ketchikan faculty via video conference. Light refreshments will be served.

## • **Search Committee Updates**

- **Sitka Campus Director:** Congratulations to Leslie Gordon who will serve as the Sitka Campus Director starting on May 13.
- **Dean of Arts & Sciences and Vice-Provost for Research and Sponsored Programs:** Three candidates had on-campus interviews recently. We anticipate having a new dean start July 1.
- **Executive Dean of Education:** Dr. Steve Atwater has been appointed the Executive Dean of the Alaska College of Education and he will begin at UAS on July 1.
- Other Searches underway include faculty members for Accounting, Northwest Coast Arts, Outdoor Studies, Educational Leadership, Special Education and Education Technology, a Data Manager for Education, and a Director of Institutional Effectiveness.

## • **Faculty Evaluation/Review**

Reminder! Faculty members intending to stand for tenure or promotion in the coming academic year must notify their dean or director by May 12 (end of contract).

## • **Provost's Assessment Committee**

This group has made great progress and has submitted an excellent report regarding Student Learning Outcomes for General Education Requirements. This group has done outstanding work on behalf of all faculty – thank you!

## • **Digital Fellows**

Reid Brewer, Robin Gilcrist, Kitty LaBounty, and Alison Zeigler have been participating in the Digital Fellows Program and are doing very impressive things in the classroom. Once projects are complete everyone will be hearing much more about their efforts. Ali Zeigler and I attended a workshop in New Orleans last week related to these projects.

## • **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. Juneau campus commencement is scheduled for Sunday May 6 at 2:00 pm. (Faculty to arrive by 1:00 pm.) Sitka campus graduation takes place on Friday May 4 at 7:00 pm. Ketchikan campus holds its commencement on Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 pm.

## • **Faculty Handbook Annual Review**

The UAS Faculty Senate is in its final review of the AY 18-19 UAS Faculty Handbook. 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, 2018.

## • **Plan for Fall Convocation**

Fall Convocation is just around the corner! This year it will be held on August 21-22, 2018. Please contact me or your faculty senate representative with ideas for desired sessions or convocation topics.