

From the Provost

August 2, 2017



- **Welcome Back Faculty!**

Monday, August 14th is the first day of the new academic year! I look forward to working with you and our staff, deans and directors to make this a productive year for our students.

- **UAS Fall Convocation**

Please join us for Fall Convocation on August 22-23, 2017. Faculty Senate President Megan Buzby and I have worked closely to prepare the agenda. Some of the items on this year's Convocation agenda include the McDowell Group survey update, the GER Assessments, and the Interdisciplinary Degree Proposal. The format has been redesigned so that faculty have the entire second day with their colleagues to focus on planning for the coming year. See you there! <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/fall-convocation.html>

- **Title IX Training**

In order to comply with the Office of Civil Rights mandate that all employees complete *annual* Title IX training, our Title IX Training Coordinator Lori Klein has provided instructions to access Title IX Online Training. She will also be offering in-person trainings during Convocation and will be offering trainings in Ketchikan and Sitka in September. <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/policies/titleix.html>

- **Wilson Fund and Academic Innovation Fund**

Faculty development resources are available to eligible faculty beginning in July of each fiscal year. Wilson Endowment Funds enable faculty to travel for participation in an academic conference program as a panel chair or paper presenter. UAS Academic Innovation Funds are available for faculty to use to support instructional innovation and to enhance the quality of teaching, scholarship, assessment, and community engagement at UAS. For more details please see the Development tab under Faculty Resources on the Provost's webpage. http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/faculty_resources.html

- **One Campus, One Book**

If you haven't already, please visit the One Campus, One Book website to learn more about the common reading selection *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel and the Faculty Resources available for using this book in your class. This year UAS has partnered with the Juneau Public Libraries to host the NEA Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. Additional community-wide partners will host Big Read events in Juneau September 15-October 31st.

<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/ocob/>

- **Alaska College of Education**

I am pleased to announce that Simone Jagers-Radolf joins our team (today) as the Project Manager for Planning the University of Alaska College of Education. She most recently was employed as the Operations Manager and Youth Entrepreneurial Specialist at the University of Alaska's Center for Economic Development in Anchorage and holds a BA in Sociology from the University of Arizona and a Masters of Peace, Development, Security and International Conflict Transformation from Innsbruck University, Austria, and a Masters of Gender and Peace Building from the United Nations Mandated University for Peace, Costa Rica. Working groups of the Alaska College of Education Steering Committee have been formed as follows: Educational Offerings; Student Services; Physical Facilities & Equipment; Library, IT Services & Instructional Design; Human Resources; Budget & Fiscal Planning; Innovative Partnership Models; and Data Management.