

From the Provost

October 24, 2018

We are just slightly more than midway through the semester. **Please reach out to students** and ask how they are doing, if they need assistance – either tutoring or counseling – and how we can make sure they are successful. This time of year gets increasingly stressful for everyone.

The Provost's office is happy to welcome **Kristen Handley**, the **UAS Director of Institutional Effectiveness** who started earlier this month. Her office is in Hendrickson 210 and her email is krhandley@alaska.edu.

Spring Start Up

Please mark your calendars for Spring Start Up January 9 and 10. We will stream the sessions on the morning of the ninth. Stay tuned for more information about breakout sessions.

REMINDER - Accreditation is COMING!

UAS will be undergoing our seven-year accreditation with a site visit to take place on April 24, 25, and 26, 2019. If you have not done so yet, please mark your calendars and watch for upcoming information about the self-study report and the site visit.

PAC-GELO

The Provost's Assessment Committee working on the General Education Learning Outcomes has been meeting and working on rubrics for *Empirical Reasoning* and *Creative Thinking*. They will be holding a workshop in mid-December to evaluate the rubrics and I hope many of you will consider participating. This is an important part of our Accreditation!

Northwest Coast Arts

The Northwest Coast Arts Program is going strong with the addition of Wayne Price. His classes are full and we will be looking for ways to expand the program. Keep an eye on the Totem Pole; it is changing everyday with Wayne's great carving.

CELT, Digital Fellows, Teaching Squares

There are a number of CELT Workshops coming up in November including "Open Educational Resources 101" on November 8, "Student Engagement Strategies for the University Classroom" on November 16, and "Embedded Tutoring" on November 30. Please go to the CELT website for more information. Digital Fellows applications have been received and are currently being reviewed. An announcement of the new Fellows is coming soon! Teaching Squares has been a great success – I have heard great things from participants. I hope we can expand this to all faculty in the near future.

Reminder: The Research and Creative Activity subcommittee of Faculty Senate and Provost Karen Carey invite you to contribute citations or descriptions of your **faculty publications** and **creative works** for distribution to the UAS community on a regular basis. Submissions related to significant recognition are also encouraged. The purpose of this effort is to help raise awareness of the work of colleagues throughout our regional university. Please submit via this [Google Form link](#).

Happy Halloween!