

PRESENTATION BY FINALISTS FOR **Academic Dean**



COLLEGE OF RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

University of Alaska Fairbanks

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College of Rural and Community Development (CRCDD)
invites the public to watch and give feedback on presentations by the
finalists for the position of the campus Dean.**

The finalists will give a 45-minute presentation via Zoom as part of the selection process.

A 15-minute question and answer session will follow the presentation. Audience members will be asked to complete an online feedback form for each candidate.

Presentation Zoom links:

Dr. Deborah Howe - April 28, 3:30pm: tinyurl.com/f946n77y

Bryan Uher - April 29, 2:00pm: tinyurl.com/rx5kvnpi

You may provide feedback on the candidates by going to webpage:
tinyurl.com/2r3uf7wk

CRCD Dean Candidates

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Deborah Howe, PhD, FAICP



Deborah Howe is a professional planner and community development practitioner with over three decades of higher education experience. As a practice-focused professor at Portland State University, she was deeply committed to experiential learning as reflected in her guidance of 80 student-initiated planning projects with nearly two dozen winning awards for addressing complex societal challenges. She taught in the Tribal Administration Program and led national and tribal workshops on land use planning. Her nationally recognized academic and professional leadership was the basis of PSU's selection to host the editorial offices of the Journal of the American Planning Association. During her tenure as a Temple University department chair, she coordinated faculty, students and staff on four campuses instituting video conferencing to enhance program quality and access and to reduce costs. She secured the nation's first accreditation of a planning program using this form of delivery.

As Oregon College of Oriental Medicine president, Deborah brought an academic focus to a small, nonprofit school. This work included a complete curricular overhaul leading to revised and new programs and a deep dive into enrollment management resulting in admissions team reorganization, digital marketing investment, and expansion of student support services. She worked with faculty to improve teaching methods, led discussions with community leaders on extending Chinese medicine to underserved communities and oversaw the expansion of fundraising. Deborah is currently developing a foundation and completing restoration of a Victorian house on the Oregon coast.

**April 28th, 2021 at 3:30pm (Alaska Standard Time),
join the Zoom presentation at: tinyurl.com/f946n77y.**

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Bryan Uher, MPA



Bryan Uher is the Director for the Interior Alaska Campus and the current Acting Dean for the College of Rural and Community Development at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Bryan graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a Bachelors of Arts in Rural Development and received a Masters of Public Administration: Rural Development from the University of Alaska Southeast. Born in Anchorage and raised in Trapper Creek, Alaska, Bryan enjoys outdoor activities along with traveling to rural locations across the state.

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