

## Connecting Us –Faculty, staff & student

Maintain and improve processes that assist faculty and students to promote, support and maintain a safe and healthy community and classroom experience for all.

*New Dean of Students means we have an opportunity to keep what is working and improve what is not.*

Department is working on resources specific to faculty needs. Current topic areas are listed below. If there are topics that you would like us to address please email me at [UAF-Deanofstudents@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-Deanofstudents@alaska.edu).

- Faculty Guide to FERPA
- How to respond to Hurdles (dealing with disruptive behavior in the classroom)
- Faculty Guide to Student Conduct
- Faculty Guide on Center for Health and Counseling and Disability Services

In addition to these resources, I am also working on possible presentations.

One example is a presentation called *Don't Cancel that Class*. I am working with several other departments to coordinate this program. *Don't Cancel that Class* is designed to offer education and training in the classroom beyond the subject matter. Presentations are an option for faculty as a replacement lecture in lieu of cancelling class.

### Why?

As part of the university's strategic plan, learning is taking place inside and outside the classroom. This is another opportunity to integrate life skills with the content knowledge of the classroom. Given our student demographic, many students come to UAF, take classes or earn a degree, and leave without ever benefiting from the services available to them, which are included in their student fees. As their student fees fund this, it is important they are given additional awareness regarding access to these services.

If any faculty are interested in advising or participating in the *Don't Cancel that Class* program please contact me at [UAF-Deanofstudents@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-Deanofstudents@alaska.edu).

Our goal is to have this program up and running by fall 2017.

## RESOURCES

### Behavioral Intervention Team

It can be difficult and out of our comfort zone to reach out to people in need, particularly when we may not know the person very well. BIT is a campus initiative that seeks to encourage all of us to make our campus safe, supported, and cared for. The goal is to help provide resources to our community, to notice and refer potentially worrisome behaviors or situations *before* they result in harm. A person that receives help sooner, rather than later, may be less likely to experience more severe symptoms or cause harm to self or others. Thus, BIT is a *supportive* process, not a disciplinary or punitive one.

BIT is dedicated to a proactive, supportive, and coordinated approach to the identification, prevention, assessment, and management of the safety and well-being of the UAF community.

If you are concerned about someone, or someone is displaying concerning behavior or disruptive behavior, you can report this through the on-line BIT referral form. The team will review the information and evaluate how we can best support the person and our community. For more information please go to [www.uaf.edu/deanofstudents](http://www.uaf.edu/deanofstudents).