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Hello UAF! Welcome to your monthly Staff Council update!

TRiO Day!

Thursday, February 22, 2018
Noon – 2pm

Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program designed to help first generation, disabled and low income students succeed in attaining a 4-year degree. TRiO Day is a national day of celebration, reflection and action focusing on the efforts of programs like SSS across the US.

A few years ago, a survey found that **52% of UAF students** were first generation.

"National TRIO Day," a day on which the nation is asked to turn its attention to the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the investment necessary if they are to become contributing citizens of this country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made.

-- H. Con. Res. 278 (Concurrent Resolution designating February 28, 1986 as National TRIO Day)

UAF Safety Minute!

Green Dot – Green Dot has been revived! Lots of trainings are available; please consider attending, and joining the Green Dot movement.

Wellness – Remember to get up and walk around after sitting down for hours!

Budget

The BOR submitted a budget request for $341 million, and a capital budget request of $50 million. The governor's budget came in at $317 million with $0 for capital budget. However, he did propose a new revenue generating idea which includes a three-year temporary employment tax, at 1.5% and capped at $2,200/year, to fund an economic recovery capital budget that would include deferred maintenance. None of the tax money would be used to fund the general government. This proposed tax would include people who work in Alaska but don't live here (estimated at 15% would come from out of state workers).Though unlikely, if it were to pass as presented, UA would receive $70 million for deferred maintenance.

Read the Board of Regents Communication and Budget Workshop presentation here.

UAF's Planning and Budget committee was accepting proposals for increasing research dollars and enrollment through February 16th. Staff Council has representatives on the committee to review and score the proposals.

Thank you to Sue Mitchell and John Smelter for your participation in that process!

Office of Management and Budget's FY17 at a glance handout, presented by OMB's Briana Walters and Faye Gallant.

EDIR Online Directory Discontinued

Effective February 2, 2018, EDIR has been discontinued. The new UA directory is people.alaska.edu. This directory pulls your information from UAOnline. Staff should login to UAOnline and verify that their directory information is accurate.

Housing at UAF

Residence Life is looking to promote themselves, and is going to take an aggressive role in recruiting students to stay in the halls. If your department is holding a student-oriented event, consider inviting housing. Residence Life would like to take every opportunity they can to speak with students about housing, and would appreciate an invitation to events at which they can directly interact with students.

Chancellor's Remarks:

- Chancellor White and Staff Council president Kara Axx meet every two weeks. Any questions or comments that Staff Council has can be directed to Kara, to be addressed at those meetings.
  - If you have something you would like brought forward, contact your Staff Council representative!
- **Enrollment Challenges and Opportunities Forum – Feb. 27**

  Chancellor White wishes to stress that enrollment is everybody's job, not just Admissions'.
- To watch the February 6 Budget Forum, click here.
  - The slides from this forum are included here.

Notes from January Leadership Workshop

The leadership workshop on Jan. 18 focused on developing a strategy to generate broad support for UA. There were presentations by President Johnsen, Miles Baker, and Colleen Kerr from Washington State University. A panel discussion was held to discuss effective outreach and education, and activities to develop a common understanding of a culture of communication. Networking to tell the story of why UA and UAF are important is vital year-round, as well as during the legislative session.

Read the Leadership Workshop Summary.

Provost Search Committee: the committee is reviewing applications, and will hold interviews in March. On campus visits will be in April.

Faculty Senate Updates

Faculty Senate has multiple updates:

- New bachelor's, hoping to draw in new students: Sports and Recreation Business (BSRB)
- Updated bylaws for the Committee on the Status of Women (CSW): hoping to expand their purview to encompass adjunct women faculty
- Four new ad hoc committees: Blue Book Revision Editor's Committee, Faculty 180 Committee, AAR Process Advisory Committee and Title IX Policy Advisory Committee.
  - Ad hoc committees can have members from outside Faculty Senate!
- Soliciting feedback for changing credit hours from 60 to 50 hours, with 50 hours being the national standard. The advantage would be to allow course sharing with UAA, since currently, course blocks do not align. The disadvantage is a reduction in contact hours.
- Asking for changes to UA regulation for GER alignment.
- Working on a resolution commemorating the 30th anniversary of Faculty Senate.

Guest Speaker: VC Keith Champagne

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Keith Champagne is working to increase student enrollment, bridging classroom-based learning with experiential learning, and looking to create more experiential learning activities for students at UAF. He would like to see this achieved through collaboration efforts with other departments across UAF's campuses.

He has inherited Athletics, and is passionate about the role athletics has to play in the student experience. He believes it is a way to recruit and retain students, and is working toward a means of increasing participation in Athletics, understanding that "students don't like or trust administration".

New Tanana Loop Shuttle Route

There is a new shuttle available, with service from the Administrative Services Center, on College Road, up to campus. There are multiple stops and the route runs from 7:30am to 6pm, making the circuit every 20 minutes.

Here is a copy of the route map!

Benefits of this new route:
PPAs, do you need to bring paperwork down to HR? Now you can do so, without needing to worry about parking! The route stops on upper and lower campus, allowing for convenient access from your office.

Anyone else needing to visit Human Resources or the Procurement office now has a ride down to the Administrative Services Center. Additionally, the Facilities building is one of the dedicated stops, so new employees, or employees needing new keys can stop by the Key Shop as well.

Save the Date:

- Banner 9 Disruption Schedule
- Staff Recognition and Development Day is Wednesday May 9th
- **UA Make Students Count Award nomination:** Deadline – March 17
- **Chancellor's Cornerstone Award nominations:** Deadline – March 23.
- **Science for Alaska lecture series from the GI**
  How shrinking glaciers are affecting Alaska's coastal ecosystems –
  Presented by Eran Hood
  Tuesday, February 20 at 7pm

  Where:
  Raven's Landing Center,
  1222 Cowles Street, across from the Noel Wein Public Library.

  The Science for Alaska lectures are held on Tuesdays, January 30, 2018 through March 6, 2018. They will be recorded and available online afterwards.

Always feel free to contact your Staff Council Representative to have an item or issue brought forward for discussion.

The members of Staff Council are the voice for non-represented staff across the UAF community. Staff Council acts as a change agent and brings concerns and issues up for consideration.

Find my representative!

To review the official Staff Council agenda and handouts, or to hear the official recording, please visit the Staff Council website.

– Jessica Allard, Staff Affairs Chair

Staff Council's Next Meeting:
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
9:30 AM - Noon