



Staff Council News • Meeting #293 • August 14, 2018

Hello UAF! Welcome to your monthly Staff Council update!

Chancellor's Remarks: Provost Prakash

Provost Prakash thanked the officers for inviting her to this Staff Council meeting, and stated that she appreciates all the hard work staff do for the university. She is excited and passionate about her new position, and invited everyone to feel free to come and visit her if they have questions or wish to discuss an issue.

The university is due for accreditation in the 2019-2020 academic year. This is a massive responsibility for the institution and will require everyone's involvement.

The Chancellor's full cabinet is working on a Risk Register and Strategic Plan. The Chancellor's memo is linked here: [Strategic Planning and Goals](#). Questions or comments about the Strategic Plan can be directed to [Kara Axx](#), Staff Council President.

Compensation Study:

The administration and faculty portions are complete. The staff section is expected to be complete and the report ready by October or November. The presentation on the findings of the study will be made available online. The administrative hold on PD changes and merit based compensation changes will remain in effect until the report is finished, so as to prevent errors in the report's findings.

Staff Alliance has requested that an official communication be released on the matter, and retro pay for employees if requests which were put on hold are approved after the completion of the study.

<p><u>Nerland Hall</u> Nerland Hall is reopening this semester! The residential facility is being rebranded as a super single, meaning that it will feature a double room for one single student. The cost was reduced. Upgrades are being made, and the facility will be for students 21 and older. Students will still be required to get a meal plan unless they are a graduate student.</p>	<p><u>Staff Morale Committee</u> The Staff Morale committee is putting together a presentation on their survey findings. The plan is to present to the Chancellor and the Chancellor's Cabinet.</p>	<p><u>Travel Cards</u> Most travel cards will expire at the end of August. Please note, this does not include Procards, which will expire next year. If you have a travel card, your new card will be available for pick up at Procurement and Contract Services, at the Administrative Services Center, 3295 College Road, Suite 103.</p>
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Title IX:

Margo Griffith attended the last Chancellor's Cabinet meeting to discuss Title IX reporting. It is important to fill out Title IX form because it protects faculty, staff, and students. The university is responsible for Title IX reporting.

Events!

Constitution Day

September 17, 2018, 3-4PM
Wood Center Ballroom

Amy Lovecraft will discuss the development of the Constitution and its relationship to the three branches of government, in particular the presidency. This is a free, public lecture and refreshments will be served.

Chancellor's Convocation

September 18, 2018

HAARP Open House

August 25, 9am-3pm
Gakona, Alaska

This is a free family-friendly event, and a food truck will be on site to purchase lunch. There will be a bus available. Bus tickets are available at the GI store.

GI Poker Flat Research Range Summer Public Tours

Thursday, September 6, 2018, 2PM
This tour is free!

Master Planning Committee Meeting September 25-27

The Master Planning committee is working on a Master Plan. The plan potentially includes renovations to old facilities, new facilities, a parking garage, and improvements in transportation. Staff are welcome to attend and provide feedback to the committee.

*Staff Council's Next Meeting:
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
9:30 AM - Noon*

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.

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- Jessica Allard, Staff Affairs Chair
