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Welcome!

Spring Start-Up

UAS Accreditation & Core Objective Update

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Mission, Vision and Values

Mission:

The University of Alaska Southeast is a student-centered university that provides instruction in liberal arts, professional, and technical fields. On the homelands of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples, we serve the coastal environments, cultures, economies, and communities of Alaska, through interdisciplinary education, workforce development, and scholarship, research, and creative activity. (Approved by the Board of Regents February 2021)

Vision:

The University of Alaska Southeast is recognized as a destination of choice for students seeking excellent academic programs and engaging learning opportunities that integrate the coastal environments, cultures, economies, and communities of Alaska.

Values:

Excellence, Diversity, Access, Collaboration, Sustainability, and Stewardship



NWCCU Accreditation Timeline

- Mid-Cycle Report and Virtual Visit - April 2022 - DONE!
- Annual Report - Due 8/1 via NWCCU portal
- Year 6: “Standard 2: Policies, Regulations and Financial Review” Report & *Off-Site Review* - April 2025
- Year 7: “Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness” Report & *On-Site Visit* - April 2026



Summer 2023: Begin preparing PRFR report

- Standard Two Focus Areas– Governance, Resources, and Capacity:

<input type="checkbox"/> Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Freedom
<input type="checkbox"/> P&Ps - various	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Integrity
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Library Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical & Tech Infrastructure

- Executive Cabinet to serve as PRFR Steering Committee
- Faculty and Staff participation on focus area work groups



Outer Coast - Accreditation Through Member Sponsorship

- Outer Coast (OC) is a postsecondary institution in Sitka offering a transformative, immersive, self-governed education for students from diverse academic backgrounds
- Seeking NWCCU accreditation through sponsorship by UAS to confer Associate of Arts degrees - plans cohorts of 20 students
- OC and UAS agreed in October to *explore* the respective tasks and responsibilities in anticipation of a fall 2024 college opening
- Build pipeline of OC students to UAS, opportunities for UAS faculty to guest lecture and OC students to visit our campuses



Mission Ties to Core Objectives

- Core Objective 1: Provide Access to Higher Education for all Students
- Core Objective 2: Deliver Academic Excellence through Instruction, Scholarship, Research and Creative Expression
- Core Objective 3: Increase Student Success
- Core Objective 4: Be a Great Place to Work for all Employees
- Core Objective 5: Maintain Relevance through Productive Relationships within Southeast Alaska
- Focused attention on C.O. progress at monthly Chancellor's Cabinet meetings



Core Objective 1: Provide Access to Higher Education for All Students

- UAS has identified enrollment targets from Fall 2021: 1% growth in Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, and 2% for Fall 2025.
- To guide efforts to reach these goals, in the fall of 2022, UAS adopted the new Strategic Enrollment Plan (SEP) that focuses on recruitment, retention, and marketing efforts designed to boost enrollment.
- The SEP will be reviewed and updated during Spring 2023.



Core Objective 2: Deliver Academic Excellence through Instruction, Scholarship, Research and Creative Expression

- In academic year 2023, UAS is offering 78 degrees, endorsements, and certificates. Thirty-four programs are offered face-to-face, 7 via distance, and 37 with an option of e-learning or face-to face
- In Fall of 2022, construction began the Auke Bay Integrated Science Building creating a new home for teaching and research associated with UAS' distinctive marine-oriented environmental and interdisciplinary science programs
- Overall faculty numbers have increased since 2019 but overall faculty goals still need to be set



Core Objective 3: Increase Student Success

- New Annual Program (Learning Outcome [PLO]) Assessment template
- Published PLOs in UAS course catalog (NWCCU requirement)
- Launching spring 2023, a climate survey of undergraduate student to gauge the student experience at the university. What are we doing well and where can we improve? Survey results will help us improve services to students, and improve student success (retention and graduation rates)



Core Objective 4: Be a Great Place to Work for All Employees

- Educational Attainment Incentive Program - approved by the system office, UAS early adopter
- Great College To Work For survey highlight areas for improvement.
- Overall employee demographics numbers have increased from 2021 to 2022 but total employee goals need to be set



Core Objective 5: Maintain Relevance through Productive Relationships within Southeast Alaska

- UAS & Goldbelt Tram Kootéeyaa Project – Goldbelt Tram made a generous gift of \$30,000 in support of the UAS Alaska Native Carving classes
- Revived the agreement with Perseverance Theater to maintain a close working relationship in the support of student learning and education in the humanities
- Renewed agreement with Southeast Regional Resource Center to deliver non-credit and credit co-sponsored condensed courses for students sponsored through the ACA grant and courses delivered through the UAS School of Career Education





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Thank you!
Questions?