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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: December 21, 2018
TO: Summit Team
FROM: Jim Johnsen 
SUBJECT: Follow-up from December 13 Summit Team Meeting

I was unable to attend the December Summit Team meeting, so VP for Academics, Students, and Research Paul Layer led the meeting in my absence. Thank you, Paul.

Title IX

The U.S. Department of Education released proposed changes to the rules that govern how universities handle complaints of sexual assault and harassment in November, and we are collecting feedback from across the system. Governance groups are submitting comments, the Title IX team is compiling all of the comments, and the Chancellors will work with me to prepare the final response – which we will review with the BOR Title IX Committee by January 28.

The VRA deadline for our annual audit is rapidly approaching, and Title IX staff around the system are working diligently to meet the deadline. Mary conveyed her appreciation to all UA Title IX coordinators. The university will submit thousands of pages of documentation. While we are not perfect, I am truly impressed by the dedication of our Title IX team.

Online Title IX training for students will be ready for the Fall 2019 semester. A climate survey is also being prepared. Please encourage students you know to complete the climate survey.

UA Alumni Survey

Heather Haugland from the McDowell Group was introduced and presented a summary of the draft UA Alumni Survey. In the past this extensive survey was done every year from 2006-2012. The last survey was completed in 2014.

Student experience and affordability were new categories this year. Overall, results are very similar to the 2016 survey. The report is still in draft form; Paul asked all to review the report and provide comments to Saichi. This information will be used to improve student retention and achieve enrollment goals.

Government Relations

Miles and I just returned from D.C. to introduce Dustin Bryant to the Congressional delegation, key committee staff, and others. The trip was very beneficial not only in getting Dustin started in D.C., but also to reconnect with our delegation. There will likely be a natural disaster bill next year for wildfires, hurricanes, etc., and Alaska may be able to use funds from this bill, should it pass, for costs related to our recent earthquake. Specific meeting topics were: budget, earthquake, energy research, Title IX, Arctic policy, land deficit, and maritime training.

Conversations have been ongoing with Governor Dunleavy regarding the land-grant issue and he is in D.C. meeting with President Trump about getting the state's 5M acres appropriated. Hopefully, this will include UA's long-awaited land.

It is likely that there will be a partial federal government shut-down. This does not affect us directly, but may slow progress. There were discussions about earmarks returning -- focused on the public and non-profit sector.

The legal challenge between Bart LeBon and Kathryn Dodge is holding up the final composition of the House. President Johnsen, Michelle, and Miles had a brief call with the new OMB director Donna Arduin regarding the budget last week. Something will be released by December 15, but it sounds like it will be more of a framework. There is potential that a version of the Walker budget will be announced.

There has been a change in reporting lines within the state administration. Individual departments' administrative services directors will not be reporting to their Commissioners, they will report to the OMB director Arduin. Chancellor White asked whether this will affect the university. Michelle said she did not get the sense this will affect us. Director Arduin is looking to partner with the university, and she understands that predictability is important for us. The Governor's overall goal is to come up with a budget that matches revenue.

Earthquake Update

Chancellor Sandeen provided an update on UAA's status with regard to the earthquake. She gave high marks to the UAA Incident Management Team for their exceptional response to the emergency. Within minutes of the earthquake, the team was in contact. They needed to identify another location for the

emergency operations center because their current office was damaged. Trained employees were assessing damage and had completed their assessment by the end of the day. Regular communication (via text, social media, and email) was being provided to the campus community on a regular basis. All employees were sent home and campus was closed. It turned out that the Alaska Airlines Center floor was fine after having sustained falling ceiling tiles and water damage. Student housing was assessed – over 900 students live on campus. Wednesday of the following week the campus was re-opened.

Chancellor Sandeen gave a heartfelt thank you to UAA Campus Security, the Incident Management Team, faculty, and staff. Students are being provided with support systems and counseling as a result of post-traumatic stress. Seventy people from the facilities team pitched in and they are still in recovery mode. There is concern about what happens in May when the ground thaws. Repairs will be ongoing throughout the holiday break. Thanks to Gary Turner who loaned two facilities people to UAA. Megan Olson said a video will be sent to ST regarding what UAA went through related to the earthquake. The Department of Education wanted an immediate response about what was happening, which UAA provided. UAA also gave an update to NWCCU. All students will be given the opportunity to complete their student learning outcomes. Video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFXzqXEyBuM&feature=youtu.be>.

As soon as the FEMA assistance program is open we will apply for funding reimbursement.

Ryan Buchholdt, Kim Mahoney, Ron Swartz, and Tim Edwards will present information about the Nov. 30 Anchorage earthquake at the National Campus Safety Summit in February. Tim requested the team make a presentation about the earthquake event. Though the agenda had been set, Tim and the team were put on the agenda and have a full hour on the first day of the Summit.

Michelle suggested an earthquake after-action meeting and stated a report will be completed by Statewide and all universities' risk management services. A suggestion was made that HR policies need to be reviewed. A review of how a tsunami warning is communicated and our planned response are very important. Cross-communication between universities is extremely important. There was somewhat of a lack of connected communication to UAF's Seward, Kodiak, and Anchorage facilities.

The group celebrated that the Paramedicine program recently received accreditation. Congratulations.

Academic Council (AC)

AC is looking to coordinate Health programs across the system related to the Strategic Pathways project. Dual enrollment processes around the system are being reviewed through Academic Programs. This topic is very important to the Legislature. We can be proactive in promoting these programs. The faculty initiative fund proposal period is open. There are three tiers within the proposal: Tier I is for large collaborative projects that are 12 to 18 months in length and have a budget over \$30K; Tier II is for 12-month projects with a budget of no more than \$30K, and Tier III is for projects that are 12 months or less with budgets of no more than \$10K.

Business Council (BC)

Plans have been made to use pool funding for an IT programming position, which would be tasked with helping to shepherd projects related to financial systems. Travel program and JV workflow processes are in progress and the bugs are being worked out. There is not a “drop dead” date for Banner 8 to go away. Currently, we need to have Banner 8 for some important data entry. Ellucian is working on fixes, but the process is slow.

Community Campus Directors Council (CCDC)

CCDC had their monthly meeting yesterday, but will not meet again until Feb. 6. Subcommittee 4 will serve all campuses to identify partnerships. Feb. 19-20, 2019, campus directors will meet.

Human Resources Council (HRC)

The Compensation Report will be released when the team has all of the many pieces of information that combined will contain the final report. Many sections of the report are dependent upon other sections. Once the information is vetted for accuracy, we will distribute the report widely and hold information sessions to explain the results. The FAQ sheet has been updated and will be distributed after the break. The question was raised about when student compensation will increase. After the faculty, staff, and executive compensation study is complete, the student compensation will be reviewed.

Minimum wage is going up in 2019. 6070 negotiations start next week.

Institutional Research Council (IRC)

With regard to health and teacher education, there are a number of groups working with program data. IR teams at each university are working with their registrar. The goal is to simplify and refine how we are tracking data.

Paul, Alesia, and Gwen are researching credentials of value compared with our degrees. They are looking to create consistency across the system with how we track and define credentials of value.

IT Council (ITC)

The new CITO Mark Kondrak will take over as the new Chair after he arrives on Jan. 21. ITC is interested in how Banner 9 implementation is affecting the organization. The IT management team is researching how to secure data as people leave the organization.

Research Council (RC)

RC is re-framing metrics used and tying them to goals.

Student Services Council (SSC)

The Portal project is in progress; we will receive the first draft from Academy One tomorrow.

Teacher Education Council (TEC)

Congratulations to UAF on the Paramedicine program accreditation. Steve was not present, but Chancellor Caulfield reported that Steve will hold a strategic planning session after the New Year to formalize goals.

University Relations (URC)

No report – URC didn't meet because they were focused on the Leadership Forum. The team is working with other departments related to the Compensation Study and the Culture of Respect Initiative. With regard to budget, there have been public questions related to the management of Community Campuses. We are using the Strategic Planning work as a starting point; will keep you updated. URC is working on the upcoming communication effort: how do we communicate about the WB website, the portal project, the changes made to the alaska.edu platform, and how are they all connected? Statewide will work together first and will share the outcome.

URC will meet with Dean Atwater and Chancellor Caulfield on a larger marketing effort for the College of Education.

Chancellor Caulfield informed the group that Joe Nelson is moving on to a different position. He will be working in a paid board position at Sealaska, an organization he has been part of for many years. We wish Joe well.