Welcome to Dana Merriman. Dana is an attorney joining UA’s Office of the General Counsel. She worked most recently as a Title IX and Civil Rights Investigator in UAF’s Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity.

UA received feedback from OCR on UA’s Title IX policy and regulations. OCR commented positively and requires a limited number of changes; we are in discussion about timelines. On the topic of OCR – Inside Higher Ed reported that OCR’s workforce is down 11 percent since last year.

President Johnsen’s letter outlining Title IX issues to U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos was well received in Washington D.C. as well as with the OCR Seattle office that UA works directly with.

The Everfi contract for the new online student training is in place and the training is available. The student training communication plan was developed by a team of TIX Coordinators, Deans of Students, Registrars (attached). Employee training communications will be done in coordination with other employee outreach this fall. Title IX team is meeting with UAA Academic Innovations & eLearning developing a locally built online student training for Fall 2019.

The university is looking at proactive measures to further encourage students, staff and faculty to bring forward any Title IX concerns and reports. We continue working to improve the safety of our campuses and provide a positive place to learn, live and work.

Oct 2-3 UA will bring ATIXA to Fairbanks to deliver Title IX Investigator training.

September 1st is the next published VRA reporting deadline. “Action Item A: Title IX Coordinators” requirements are due.