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Executive Management Committee Update...

Workload Agreements for 2005-2006: Committee members finalized Workload Agreements (which were due to Wayne last Friday) and the 2005-2006 Draft Committee and Service Assignment spreadsheet was updated to reflect workload agreements.

5th Year MBA for Science Majors: Some of the science programs on campus are interested in working with the SOM to offer a 5th year MBA for their science majors. Greg met with John Craven from the Physics Department to discuss this idea. Greg and the Executive Management Committee went over the proposed MBA requirements handout and made a few changes that Greg will submit to John. This will be discussed further at the next Executive meeting. (See Executive Management on Page 2)

Business Leader of the Year Banquet

By Faith Henry

The 29th Annual **Business Leader of the Year Banquet** was a smashing success! Over 250 UAF, SOM, and community members turned out to honor **Ginger Stock-McKenzie** at the March 24th dinner. The scholarship fundraiser could not have gone any better. A new aspect for fundraising was introduced by the dessert silent auction, from which all proceeds will also go towards the ASB scholarships. The School of Management extends a **big thank you** to all the staff and students who participated in the event. The evening went off without a hitch thanks to all your extra time and effort. Thank you doesn't say it all!



Ginger Stock-McKenzie

Words from Wayne

Thanks to the entire faculty for a wonderful first year as Dean; Barbara and I have been blessed here in Fairbanks. We, as a school, have accomplished much this year; next academic year will be as eventful and as successful as this year.

I will be representing UAF SOM at the Annual Meeting of the International AACSB in San Francisco during the week of April 18, 2005. I will provide a summary of the key ideas that come out of the conference in the next newsletter.

In the first week of May, Dr. Jerry Trapnell, a former colleague of mine at Clemson University and currently Vice President of all accreditation services for all of AACSB, will be speaking to the accounting faculty on obtaining reaccreditation. Jerry will have an audio conference with our accounting faculty on May 3rd between 1:00 and 2:00 pm in Bunnell 201.

The SOM is actively moving ahead with the Business Accelerator (Nanook Tech), the College of Rural Alaska partnership in which our first ambassador will be in place at Bristol Bay in September 2005, the Leadership Institute (we have restarted this initiative), the UAF Biotechnology Program, and a new 5 year MBA program joint with the hard sciences (which is underway). A common theme running through all of these activities is entrepreneurship. The SOM is beginning to take its place in a more central role around campus as a School that can innovate and add value to UAF.

Thanks to the entire faculty and staff that are involved with our new activities. If there is a particular area in which you want to become involved more deeply, please let Greg or I know.

Executive Management Committee Meeting Summary... (Continued from Page 1)

Accounting and Information Systems (AIS): The committee approved moving AIS to Business Administration. Ping Lan will be the supervisor for these courses (AIS 101—Effective Personal Computer Use and AIS 310—Introduction to Information Systems. Ping will review the "quiz out" test (for AIS 101) that is administered out of the front office. Paperwork to change AIS to Business Administration will be submitted next fall.

Notification Policy When Out of Town: The committee discussed how faculty should notify the school when they will not be teaching classes (i.e., they're out of town). It was decided that faculty will notify Greg Goering when they will be gone. Greg will write up the draft policy and it will be voted on at the next meeting.

SOM Web Site: The SOM Website is in the electronic rendering stage. After a couple of proposal revisions, timely delivery of the website content, and a sketch of the homepage, the electronic designing process has begun. Faith Henry and the Executive Management Committee are working to streamline the process and get the new website up and running within the next 6 weeks. The current website is still functional and will be updated as needed, but will be phased out. Any questions or comments regarding the website can be directed to Greg Goering or Faith Henry.



Wayne Marr

2004-2005

Executive Management
Committee Members:

Greg Goering, Chair

Jacob Joseph

Steve Landry

Laura Milner

Mike Pippenger

David Porter

Doug Reynolds

Tom Robinson

Craig Wisen

The Executive Management
Committee meets every Monday
afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in Room
201.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. E. Thomas Robinson



Tom Robinson

Tom has a long history with UAF. He was instrumental in the initial and subsequent maintenance of the SOM and the separate Accounting Program accreditation to The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). He is past chair of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems and past Director of the Accounting Program at Fairbanks. In addition to his service as Professor, he currently serves the SOM as the Client Services Director. In addition to the CPA certification he earned the CMA certificate being one of the first residing in Alaska. He is involved in professional organizations in addition to the Alaska Society, where he is completing his second term on the Board of Directors. He has maintained his membership as a non-resident member of the Wisconsin Institute of CPAs and membership in the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA, currently serving as the Alaska representative on the AICPA Virtual Grassroots Panel), American Accounting Association (he has served on national committees, currently serving on the First Courses in Accounting in the Teaching Curriculum Section of the AAA), Institute of Certified Management Accountants, and the Institute of Management Accountants.

Tom has served numerous other local, regional, and national organizations including the Downtown Athletic Club (charitable, scholarships, etc.), Fairbanks Golf Association, Nanook Club Life Member, University of Alaska Fairbanks Nanook Athletics, Central Collegiate Hockey Association Office Official, Ducks Unlimited USA (various past positions, currently State Trustee and National Delegate as well as on the Board of Directors for Alaska DU). Additionally, his entrepreneurial spirit was involved for more than a decade in the operation of a World Class fishing lodge in Alaska. Additional business positions included service in the University of Wisconsin Education system and working with the firm of Deloitte & Touche.

Tom was married to Raye Ann in May of 1974 and in June, they packed their basic belongings in their pick-up truck and drove to Fairbanks to start his position with UAF. They immediately fell in love with Alaska and have been here ever since. They have two children, Melissa and Edward, both UAF graduates! Melissa is a manager and software engineer for a Philadelphia firm and Edward is in his third year teaching English at the North Pole Sister City in Japan.

He truly enjoys the role as an educator and has a number of past students that remain in touch with him. He has been selected for numerous awards from students and educators, with the most precious from students, the most recent being "Professor of the Year-Service" presented in April 2004 (also awarded in 2002) and as a finalist of the 2005 Robert Piacenza Teaching Excellence award through the UAF honors program.

Tom is completing his 31st year with the UAF. He will be awarded professor emeritus at the May 2005 graduation. Thanks to all Tom has done and continues to do for UAF and the SOM!

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#### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- Client Services Committee meeting, Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:10 p.m., Room 201
- Accounting Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. at the Westmark-Goldroom
- Nanook Spring Fest—no classes! Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>
- SOM End-of-the-Year BBQ, Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, outside Schiabile, time to be announced
- Last Day of Classes, Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Final Exams, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>
- Staff Council Appreciation Day, Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, noon to 2:00 p.m., Wood Center
- Commencement, Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>



*Ann Kirk, GAAP's hardworking VITA Officer*

While Ann has acquired invaluable tax preparation and leadership experience, she has also learned that being GAAP's VITA Officer can make one quite famous! During the current tax filing season, Ann has been interviewed on TV twice and has been highlighted in news articles appearing in both UAF's Sun Star and the Fairbanks Daily News Miner.

GAAP 05-06 Officer Elections Results:

GAAP President:  
**Scott Seigmund**  
GAAP Vice President:  
**Crystal McGill**  
GAAP VITA Officer:  
**David McGraw**  
GAAP Program Officer:  
**Emily Lan**  
GAAP IT Officer:  
**Erica Hansen**  
GAAP Secretary:  
**Jill Woster**  
GAAP Treasurer:  
**Bambi Konetski**

## GAAP Completes Successful Tax Filing Season

Great Alaskan Accounting People (GAAP) is a UAF's student accounting organization that helps transform students into competent accounting professionals who are immediately ready to add value to the firms that hire them after graduation. Every year GAAP provides free tax preparation assistance to the UAF community as part of the IRS sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Over the last four months, GAAP volunteers have invested well over 800 hours to ensure the success of the VITA Program, making it GAAP's largest community service activity of the year.

This year GAAP's VITA Program was coordinated by Ann Kirk. As VITA Officer, Ann attended IRS tax training in Anchorage (thanks to the generous funding from the School of Management), taught volunteer training seminars, maintained all records in compliance with IRS procedures, and supervised the volunteers throughout the semester.

All volunteers were required to complete IRS training materials and pass tests before preparing any tax returns for clients. VITA training packages were distributed in December, tests were completed by the end of January, and the volunteers prepared tax returns in Wood Center every Saturday from early February until April 10. They also provided special extended hours on April 15 to assist taxpayers rushing to meet the annual tax filing deadline.

Participation in VITA is an outstanding opportunity to help serve the UAF community. Anyone is welcome to volunteer their time. GAAP recommends that all accounting students participate in VITA to help prepare for their income tax course (Accounting 330, Income Tax), to acquire experience applying the knowledge already learned in Income Tax, or to simply learn more about Federal income taxes. Many prior accounting students have also learned that the practical experience filing tax returns in VITA is highly respected by recruiters during Accounting Week (held annually during October). In addition to the professional benefits of participation in VITA, volunteers found it very personally rewarding to help someone complete the dreaded chore of filing his/her Federal income tax return, often enabling them to receive a large tax refund.

In addition to Ann Kirk, the following UAF students volunteered their time this year to make VITA a success: Lori Allen, Bethe Davis, Dominik Fraijo, Michele Giddings, Erica Hansen, Bambi Konetski, Crystal McGill, David McGraw, Jake Kolipano, Emily Lan, Stephanie Majors, Megan McGlinchy, Gavin Northey, Maria Sutherland, Letoya Ward, Jill Woster, and Xiaolin Zhang.



**Bethe Davis and other GAAP members assist students with their taxes.**

The Client Services Committee and the Research Forum were allocated money for the 2004-2005 academic year to support proposals for faculty development/client services and to support travel (related to research activities).

### The School of Management's Mission

Adding value to Alaska, the North and their diverse peoples, by creating, sharing, and promoting business knowledge in a cooperative environment.

| <i>Award Recipients 2004-2005 Academic Year</i> |                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Client Services Committee</b>                |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Applicant</b>                                | <b>Conference/Event</b>                                                                           |
| Ken Abramowicz                                  | 2005 American Taxation Association Meeting                                                        |
| Ping Lan                                        | Business and Economic Research (CIBER) 2004 and College Teaching & Learning (TLC) Conference      |
| Jacob Joseph                                    | Business and Economic Research (CIBER) 2004 and College Teaching & Learning (TLC) Conference      |
| Doug Reynolds                                   | Experimental Study                                                                                |
| Kevin Chiang                                    | Financial Management Association Meetings                                                         |
| Laura Milner                                    | Alaska Travel Industry Association Conference                                                     |
| Ann Kirk (Senior/Acct Program/GAAP Officer)     | Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Training                                                   |
| Mike Davis                                      | Financial Accounting and Reporting Section (FARS) meetings of the American Accounting Association |
| Mark Herrmann                                   | Dell 2300 MP Projector                                                                            |
| Steve Landry                                    | AAA Western Regional Conference                                                                   |
| Susan Herman                                    | Organizational Behavior Conference                                                                |
| Laura Milner                                    | 2005 National Conference of AIBL                                                                  |
| <b>Research Forum</b>                           |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Applicant</b>                                | <b>Conference/Event</b>                                                                           |
| Doug Reynolds                                   | Global Peak Oil Gathering                                                                         |
| Ping Lan                                        | Business and Economic Research (CIBER) 2004 and College Teaching & Learning (TLC) Conference      |
| Jacob Joseph                                    | Business and Economic Research (CIBER) 2004 and College Teaching & Learning (TLC) Conference      |
| Steve Landry                                    | International Business and Economics (IBER) Conference                                            |
| Steve Landry                                    | Allied Academies Conference                                                                       |
| Craig Wisen                                     | 2005 Hawaii International Conference on Business                                                  |
| Hank Wichmann                                   | EBER Conference                                                                                   |
| Mike Davis                                      | Publication Fee                                                                                   |
| Jacob Joseph, Kwangseek Choe and Steve Landry   | Publication Fee                                                                                   |
| Kwangseek Choe                                  | 5th Annual Hawaii Int'l Conference                                                                |
| Ping Lan                                        | 5th Annual Hawaii Int'l Conference                                                                |
| Lily Dong                                       | 2nd Video Ethnography Workshop                                                                    |
| Steve Landry                                    | 5th Annual Hawaii Int'l Conference                                                                |

### Travel Reminders!!!

Please turn in all of your travel receipts to Melissa no later than 10 days after the conclusion of your trip. UA travel regulations require that the expense report be turned in to the travel office within 15 days. After 90 days, UAF does NOT reimburse travel expenses.

## Kudos for our Students and Graduates...

**Current MBA student Clare Eden** has received a Permanent Fund Internship with Kennedy and Associates in Seattle. Current MBA student Jennifer Ma has received a Permanent Fund Internship with the Alaska Permanent Fund in Juneau.

**2004 SOM MBA Graduate Wayne Don** is leaving military life and has accepted a position at Southcentral Foundation in Anchorage as a Systems Administrator where he will be supervising 80 people in the primary care Center in the medical services position. In his capacity as UAF Assistant Professor in the Military Science Department, Wayne served as Faculty Advisor this year to NABL (Native American Business Leaders), where he successfully mentored a group of 4 SOM students (Joel Titus, Heather Dingman, Michelle George, and Jacqueline Smith) to raise their own funds to attend the recent National Conference of AIBL (American Indian Business Leaders) in Seattle. Wayne is also a co-author with Dr. Steve Landry and Dr. Art Warbelow on the article, "Nunivak Island Mekoryuk Alaska (NIMA) Corporation: An Examination of a Native Village Corporation's Strategy Development." (Forthcoming in: The Journal of the International Academy for Case Studies.)

## SOM Faculty Senate Representatives

*Thank you to the following faculty members for representing the School of Management!*

**Ping Lan** *Faculty Senate Representative 2004-2006* (2-year term; elected Spring 04)

**Jim Collins** (**Susan Herman**, alternate) *Faculty Senate Representative 2005-2007* (2-year term; elected Spring 05)

**Mike Pippenger** *Faculty Appeal and Oversight Committee 2005-2007* (2-year term; elected Spring 05)

**Vacant** *Faculty Appeal and Oversight Committee 2005-2006* (1-year term; election Spring 05).

## UAF Staff Council RAFFLE

Please see Faith (SOM's staff council representative) to purchase tickets for the raffle which will benefit the Carolyn Sampson Memorial Scholarship. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Staff Council Ice Cream Social (12:00 - 2:00 p.m.), Wood Center multi-level lounge area.

If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the Newsletter, please contact Debbie at [fndlf1@uaf.edu](mailto:fndlf1@uaf.edu). Thank you!



SOM NABL officers with Adam Beach, co-star with Nicolas Cage in "Windtalkers," at the recent American Indian Business Leaders Conference in Seattle, Washington.



Faith Henry

SOM Information  
Officer and Student  
Advisor and Staff  
Council Representative!