



# Staff Council News • Meeting #299 • February 12, 2019

Hello UAF! Welcome to your monthly Staff Council update!

## Events

### National TRiO Day at UAF

Thursday, February 21, 12-2 PM  
Wood Center, MLL - Cake will be served!  
Learn what TRiO programs are all about and what this day means to students who benefit from their services!

### Brown Bag Lunch: Dealing with Difficult People

Friday, February 22, Noon-1pm  
Gruening 301  
Video Conference: [video.fairbanks.edu](https://video.fairbanks.edu)  
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Knowing how to deal with difficult people is an important skill. Learn to stay calm, deescalate conflict, and maintain your dignity even when dealing with the difficult people in your life.

### Poker Flats 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, March 9, 8PM - Midnight  
Free Shuttle from campus!

Open Forum: Staff Morale  
Tuesday, March 19, 1-2 PM

## Announcements

Res Life is removing the 3 in-class credit hour enrollment requirement for housing, due to overwhelming student feedback.

OIT finished upgrading the video portal [Lecture Capture](#). Instructors who teach

### Safety Minute

Do your part to help stop the spread of germs during flu season! Higher levels of stress can lead to weakened immune systems; please remember to wash your hands and prevent sickness in your areas!

### Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor White has started a week every 7 years, and is scheduled

UAF. Accreditation is based on 5 core themes, defined and selected 10 years ago. At that time, the accreditation process was changed from an accounting sense to a "what is your mission, can you meet your mission, and how can you demonstrate it?" sense.

To read more about accreditation at UAF, please see our [Accreditation](#) page.

### Use of Annual Leave vs. Leave Without Pay (LWOP)

At Chancellor's cabinet, a comment was received about supervisors asking their employees to use LWOP to save money on their budgets, however department budgets do not work in this way.

Supervisors cannot approve more than 10 days of LWOP per year, and employees should not be taking LWOP if they have annual or sick leave available.

### Guest Speaker: Sterling Steward, Athletics

Sterling Steward, UAF Athletics Director, has a vision for athletics at UAF: to develop program that is highly competitive and can give back to UAF. Athletics is

aiming to function in the black in five years, and to be able to hand over scholarships to students in need. Athletics needs the whole UAF community to support athletic programs: come to games, encourage athletes, wear the brand!

Further, Athletics would like to see full community involvement with UAF sports, to include representation in as many local businesses as is possible Athletics is changing their ticket vendor, allowing them to reduce ticket prices f-1.5(i)-e.[ea-0.6(ng1C5.5( w)1.9(1(.3( t)1.7(i)10.3(c)-8(k)1(e)-1.5(t)1.1hd1u36 67-1.5(t)1.1hd1u3])cd(c)9.4