

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

OFFERED IN: The House Finance University Budget Subcommittee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Rep. Josephson

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska

APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska

ALLOCATION: Budget Reductions/Additions - Systemwide

ADD: \$424,500 (\$357,100 UGF 1004 / \$67,400 UNIV RCPT 1048)

EXPLANATION: This increment will complete the mandatory comprehensive advising program across the University of Alaska.

UAF College of Rural and Community Development Student Advisors

UAF CRCD campuses deliver courses that allow students to receive education and training in or near their home community. Rural campuses offer students certificate and associate degree programs that lead to jobs and the preparation needed to transfer to a baccalaureate program if desired. This project supports two student advisors to be housed at the Bristol Bay Campus and Kuskokwim campus. A Research Specialist will also be supported to perform degree audits, so that student advisors can contact non-completing, degree-seeking students to encourage them to complete their degree.

UAS First Year Advisor

The goal of this position is to continue to increase the retention of first-year students. The most critical transition in every student's career happens during the first six weeks.

This position will deliver services directed solely to first-year-students such as:

- Teach first-year courses that are currently not offered, building off new student orientation.
- Take a leading role in delivering a student leadership program focused on first year students.
- Manage and integrate critical student transition efforts that are currently offered on an ad hoc basis.

UAS Disability Support Provider

Students seeking accommodations for disabilities are one of the fastest growing sub-populations at UAS. On the Juneau campus, there has been a 73% increase in requests from 2009 to 2012. This increment is critical to fulfilling our student learning mission,

especially when the new 120- bed residence hall fills with a diverse pool of traditional-age full-time students in the fall of 2014. Currently UAS has a .5 FTE professional staff dedicated to providing this service and has been utilizing temporary hires to meet current needs. These positions will have a direct and positive impact on retention rates, credit hours, and efficiency of student services.