State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget

University of Alaska Sitka Campus Component Budget Summary

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Component: Sitka Campus

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Component Mission

The Sitka campus is a learning community recognized by its members and constituents as:

- A campus providing academic and support services to first-time college students in both general education and career education programs,
- An open-entry post-secondary institution,
- A virtual college specializing in the distance delivery of programs and services to meet rural students' needs, and
- An educational resource serving partner communities, agencies, schools and industries through rapid response and customized services to meet social, cultural, economic, workforce and professional development needs.

Further, the Sitka campus seeks within the above vision to:

- Support the study and preservation of Native Alaska culture and traditions.
- Assist in the development of the social and economic well being of the region.
- Support the study of the region's resources.
- Support the development and implementation of public policy.

Component Services Provided

The Sitka campus, located on Japonski Island in Sitka Sound, is the largest extended campus within the University of Alaska Southeast. It offers high quality post-secondary academic and workforce training programs, and opportunities for lifelong learning. The campus has two distinct programmatic areas: an academic and transfer studies center, and a vocational-technical and continuing education center. Within these two centers, extensive programs in support of the Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High Schools are offered, as well as distance-delivered instruction to the rural communities within Southeast Alaska. The Sitka campus is fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, with its last evaluation review satisfactorily completed in 1999.

The Sitka campus provides some residential campus programs, including campus-based housing, and a wide range of counseling, advising, library and learning resource services.

Degrees & Certificates offered:

Associate of Applied Science Degrees: Apprenticeship Technology, Computer Information and Office Systems Support, Environmental Technology, and Health Information Management.

Associate of Arts

Certificate Programs: Accounting Technician, Computer Information and Office Systems Support, Environmental Technology, Law Enforcement, and Welding Technology.

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Component Goals and Strategies

Sitka Campus Goals include:

<u>Unity</u>

Continue to develop and expand cooperatively produced and delivered programs with other University of Alaska units, other universities and colleges, State and municipal government agencies, school districts, native organizations, and other public and private organizations and corporations; where such cooperation enhances program responsiveness to changing needs, enhances program participation, or enhances content quality.

Responsiveness

Identify changing educational and training needs of Alaska citizens, industries and governments, primarily within Southeast Alaska, and work to develop and deliver programs to address these needs.

<u>Access</u>

Provide maximum access to programs, particularly within Sitka and its neighboring rural communities. Such access should include both a wide variety of programs and a well sequenced delivery schedule, both being necessary to support the varied goals, and demographic and cultural characteristics of those seeking access.

<u>Quality</u>

Ensure that program offerings maintain the most current standards of knowledge and expertise within all content delivered to promote the greatest opportunity for success by the recipients. Quality assurance requires the university to: Recruit and retain high quality faculty and staff using compensation packages that are market competitive and promote stable retention.

Recruit, retain, and train Alaska students to contribute to the economic future of the state.

Efficiency

Pursue efficiency through enhancement of educational programs and their delivery, while restraining support services to those which provide benefits to the participants within the educational experience.

To accomplish these goals, the Sitka Campus is pursuing the following Strategies:

Maintaining a Solid Foundation

Fixed Costs:

Satisfy faculty and staff compensation and other fixed cost increase requirements.

Keeping Pace with Technology

Pursue cooperative partners and funding sources from non-State entities to implement, enhance, or maintain adequate technological infrastructures within rural communities.

Meeting Alaska's Employment Needs

Vocational Education:

In cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency and other governmental entities, expand the number of topics and technical support services offered and the number of rural communities receiving the Alaska Small Public Water Training/Technical Assistance Center program.

Enhance the curriculum breadth of the Environmental Technology program and the number of rural communities receiving the program.

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In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other governmental and private entities, develop and implement the Wood Products Utilization program. The program includes feasibility research into alternative wood products, their uses and their production processes; provides assistance to small businesses interested in producing the products; and provides workforce training to those who will be seeking employment within the new industries.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

Maintaining a Solid Foundation: Fixed Costs:

Satisfying compensation and fixed cost increases is essential in preventing reductions to programmatic expertise, reductions to program offerings, or impairment in the scheduling of course offerings thereby affecting access.

Ensuring current and compatible technological infrastructures between urban and rural delivery centers is critical to ensuring successful delivery and accessibility of distance programs. Further, ensuring quality and responsive adaptation of curriculum into distance delivery technologies is also critical to distance programs.

Meeting Alaska's Employment Needs:

Establishing and maintaining cooperative partnerships with many governmental agencies (federal, state, and local) as well as private industries, is critical in accurately assessing what employment needs are currently unmet, and in determining what necessary program training is needed. The degree of cooperative partnerships further enhances the response time from assessment to delivery of programs, and helps minimize development and delivery cost impacts through sharing of the financial burden.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

The third year of the Environmental Technology Department, National Science Foundation Grant to enhance advanced technology education in rural Alaska is providing a rural technical educator to work with students taking distance courses in their home communities. The rural technical educators will also encourage young people in rural communities to consider technical careers by visiting and making presentations in rural schools. The Environmental Technology has worked closely with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation the special project contracts to help meet the training and technical assistance needs of the state.

The Sitka Campus is in the second year of a five-year US DOE Title III grant to enhance access and success of Alaska Native students in Southeast Alaska. The program, in collaboration with four other rural Alaska campuses serving a high percentage of Alaska Native students, provided more support for students in the regions outreach communities, developed two new programs, and provided faculty with an opportunity to develop courses for more effective distance delivery.

Other significant projects include participation in the Wood Utilization grant awarded by the US Dept. of Agriculture and continuation of a four-year Carl Perkins vocational education grant to develop secondary/postsecondary partnership offering welding, construction technology and small engines programs.

USDA has also awarded the Sitka Campus a two-year grant to expand an existing 12-credit Community Wellness Advocate (CWA) training program currently offered in Southeast Alaska as a collaborative effort between UAS Sitka and the Native-run Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC). The primary goal is the development and distance delivery of a 30-credit statewide program focusing on nutrition and healthy life style choices as the basis for disease prevention and health promotion for women, infants, and children as well as other rural community residents.

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Statutory and Regulatory Authority

No statutes and regulations.

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Component Financial Summary

			All dollars in thousands
	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	3,523.0	2,907.4	2,738.6
72000 Travel	325.2	20.4	215.5
73000 Contractual	1,719.1	1,351.6	1,510.4
74000 Supplies	511.3	558.8	596.7
75000 Equipment	11.7	0.0	9.0
76000 Land/Buildings	188.6	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	34.2	72.0	30.6
78000 Miscellaneous	5.9	16.9	12.4
Expenditure Totals	6,319.0	4,927.1	5,113.2
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	1,222.1	311.1	311.1
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,927.0	1,927.0	1,995.5
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.5	57.4	60.0
1010 University of Alaska Interest Income	0.0	0.1	0.0
1015 U/A Dormitory/Food/Auxiliary Service	296.8	493.2	0.0
1038 U/A Student Tuition/Fees/Services	1,064.6	1,082.6	0.0
1039 U/A Indirect Cost Recovery	170.4	96.0	0.0
1048 University Restricted Receipts	1,637.6	959.7	2,689.2
1174 UA Intra-Agency Transfers	0.0	0.0	57.4
Funding Totals	6,319.0	4,927.1	5,113.2

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

The Sitka campus will focus on strategies to improve success for new students and students-at-risk. A new student advisor will be hired to work closely with these students to assess learning needs, develop learning strategies, and to monitor effectiveness. In addition, the new student advisor will assist students with learning disabilities to develop appropriate learning plans. As a result, an increased number of undeserved Alaskan students will enroll, improve their academic performance, and their rates of completion.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

				All dollars in thousands
	<u>General Funds</u>	Federal Funds	Other Funds	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	1,927.0	311.1	2,689.0	4,927.1
Adjustments which will continue				
current level of service: -UofA transfer Alaska Community College Federation of Teachers Salary Incr Systemwide 45-3-0002	11.4	0.0	3.6	15.0
-UofA transfer Ak Higher Education Crafts & Trades Employees Salary Incr Systemwide 45-3-0003	2.5	0.0	0.6	3.1
-UofA transfer United Academic Adjuncts Salary Incr Systemwide 45-3-0005	5.4	0.0	1.3	6.7
-UofA transfer Non Bargaining Salary Incr Systemwide 45-3-0006	32.7	0.0	17.0	49.7
-UofA transfer Fixed Costs and Staff Benefit Increases to Components 45-3-0007	16.5	0.0	95.1	111.6
-UofA Base Adjustments 45-3-0008	0.0	0.0	-60.0	-60.0
-UofA Base Adjustments 45-3-0008	0.0	0.0	60.0	60.0
FY2004 Governor	1,995.5	311.1	2,806.6	5,113.2

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	FY2003	FY2004		
	Authorized	Governor	Annual Salaries	1,596,459
Full-time	35	39	Premium Pay	0
Part-time	4	4	Annual Benefits	497,579
Nonpermanent	0	0	Labor Pool(s)	751,948
			Less 3.77% Vacancy Factor	(107,386)
Totals	39	43	Total Personal Services	2,738,600

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
[No valid job title]	0	0	0	8	8
Accountant	0	0	0	1	1
Accounting Technician	0	0	0	2	2
Accounts Clerk	0	0	0	1	1
Administrative Assistant	0	0	0	1	1
Administrative Clerk	0	0	0	7	7
Admissions Clerk	0	0	0	1	1
Assistant Professor	0	0	0	6	6
Associate Professor	0	0	0	2	2
Coordinator	0	0	0	6	6
Director (Campus)	0	0	0	1	1
Executive Secretary	0	0	0	1	1
Instructor	0	0	0	2	2
Maintenance Mechanic	0	0	0	1	1
Personnel/Payroll Technician	0	0	0	1	1
Technician	0	0	0	2	2
Totals	0	0	0	43	43

Position Classification Summary

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