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To Whom It May Concern:

The faculty of the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) voted to approve moving forward with applying for membership to UArctic. UAS leadership also supports membership to UArctic.

Our reasons include:

- We can promote and offer select courses internationally through UArctic for the leadership, visibility, and connections it would provide, including bringing students to UAS on exchange
- Membership may provide opportunities for our students to access institutes, symposiums, and classes for exchange with arctic member institutions.
- UArctic thematic networks can provide opportunities for research, teaching and creative activities through networking, collaborative research initiatives, and openings for funding.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for membership.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karen T. Carey
UAS Chancellor

2023 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

Applicant: University of Alaska Southeast

Country: United States

Membership Category: Arctic

Membership Type: HEI

Profile Description:

The University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) is a regional university serving all of Southeast Alaska through campuses in Juneau, Ketchikan, and Sitka. At UAS one will commonly hear the phrase 'three campuses--one university,' reinforcing the concept that all campuses contribute meaningfully to the institution's mission. All share in the university's decision-making processes and contribute to advancing student achievement and success. UAS is one of three separately-accredited universities that make up the University of Alaska (UA) system. With no community colleges in Alaska, UAS has a broad purpose–-providing 'community college,' baccalaureate, and graduate programs within a single institution. Programs are offered either in person or online, in order to meet student needs across the entire state. UAS has long been recognized for offering programs of distinction in teacher education and educational leadership, marine biology, liberal arts, business and public administration, health information management, and fisheries technology.

UAS' institutional history dates back over four decades. In 1980, the University of Alaska Southeastern Senior College merged with Juneau Douglas Community College to become the University of Alaska Juneau. In 1987, UAS was formed from three academic entities—University of Alaska Juneau, Ketchikan Community College, and Islands Community College in Sitka. Today, the three campuses address important regional and statewide needs, leverage resources, and meet critical postsecondary education and training needs in the region.

Southeast Alaska is geographically remote from the rest of Alaska and accessible only by water or air. The region includes the Inside Passage—an array of islands, channels, and fjords abutting coastal mountains, icefields, and glaciers. The Alaska Marine Highway, which connects Southeast communities by ferry, is a vital part of regional transportation and Alaska Airlines provides service to larger communities. Juneau serves as Alaska's city capital and the region's economy is dependent upon government, tourism, fisheries, and mining.

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

- Alaska Native Studies: Art, Language, and Studies
- Programs on the Environment
- Teacher Preparation Programs
- Health Science
- Mariculture and Ocean Science