TO: Director Kenai Peninsula College

FROM: Director Student Services

SUBJ: Report for June 2015 College Council Meeting

ADMISSIONS/REGISTRATION:

Admissions:
Admissions to both the AAS in Digital Art and the AAS in Computer Electronics has been suspended. The AAS in Occupational Safety and Health has been moved to UAA. Students now must apply through the Anchorage campus.

Graduation:
KPC awarded the following degrees for spring 2015:
21 AA General Program
3 AAS Digital Art
6 AAS General Business
4 AAS Industrial Process Instrumentation
12 AAS Occupational Safety and Health
2 AAS Paramedical Technology
40 AAS Process Technology
5 Petroleum Technology Certificates
2 Welding Certificates

Starting in fall 2015 KPC will charge a $40 Graduation Application Fee.

Registration:
Nothing to report

FINANCIAL AID:

During the month of May we were able to assist many of our summer students with their summer revision requests. For the first time, federal regulations have allowed 14/15 summer students to request monies from 15/16 Pell. These funds are applied to 14/15 summer tuition and fees through the revision request process. This is especially beneficial to students who will be finished with their programs at the end of the Fall 2015 semester and won’t be attending in Spring 2016.

In May we also:

- Finished processing Fall 2015 semester scholarships. Notified students of awards as well as how to participate in Attitude Gratitude.

- Assisted with KPC commencement setup, ceremony, and cleanup. It was rewarding to see students we had assisted with financial aid, receiving their diplomas.

- Represented KPC at SOHI and KCHS graduating senior award ceremonies by presenting 2015/2016 High School Tuition Waiver Scholarship Award Certificates. Arranged with Chris Stuive for KPC to be represented at CIA for graduating senior awards.

- Paper scholarship checks were processed from outside resources in the amount of $6,030.00.
• Reduced paper copies and storage by uploading student hard files into OnBase. This will save money as we will no longer need to purchase file folders at $37 per box along with hanging folders and labels.

**STUDENT HEALTH CLINIC:**

Closed. Staff off contract until August.

**CAREER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER:**

**SERVICE-LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

**Service-Learning Appreciation Luncheon:** On April 23, 2015, CCEC hosted a luncheon to showcase and celebrate the efforts of students, faculty and community partners who participated in service-learning projects that enhance student learning and benefit Kenai Peninsula communities.

**SERVICE-LEARNING COURSES 2014-2015**

Eleven courses at KPC’s Kenai River and Kachemak Bay Campuses participated in service-learning projects during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Partnerships and projects included:
1. The sixth semester of Psychology students led by Paul Landen, KRC associate professor of psychology helped to boost secondary student success by mentoring local high school students—in partnership with People Promoting Wellness through Community Action and Kenai Alternative High School.
2. KPC Chemistry students led by Toby Long, KRC assistant professor of chemistry partnered with Soldotna High School Chemistry students and KPC’s Educational Technology Team gamification expert (Richard Webb, KPC instructional designer) to develop and test out face-to-face and online games to assist high school students with learning chemistry concepts. In the coming months, KPC students will be bringing some chemistry gamification apps they have created to market.
3. Terri Coward, KRC Adult Basic Education instructor helped combine an ABE College & Career Awareness workshop and a college survival skills course into a 10-week (Necessary Education Technology and Skills) workshop. The workshop introduced participants to career options in the community through engaging in community service with local non-profit agencies.

**PARTICIPATING COURSES**

**FALL 2014**
1. Fundamentals of Biology I
2. Introduction to Human Services
3. Marine Mammal Biology
4. Survey of Chemistry
SPRING 2015
1. Abnormal Psychology
2. Cultural Anthropology
3. Fundamentals of Biology II
4. General Chemistry
5. History & Systems of Human Services
6. Introduction to Composition
7. NETS (Career & College prep workshop)

# FACULTY / STAFF: 7 # Hours Logged: 164

# STUDENTS: 78 # Hours Logged: 1110

# COMMUNITY PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS: 32

VETERAN SERVICES COORDINATOR

71 Veteran students are attending summer courses at KPC.

The Veterans Lounge and Veteran Services Coordinator’s offices moved from the Residence Hall to the second floor of the McLane Building Room 275. The move will provide students more convenient access to the lounge and other veteran services.

Veteran Services would like to thank Kevin Sturgill for his service as one of the original VA Work Studies hired by the VSC. Kevin was instrumental in standing up the Veteran Services section and key to developing the processes utilized to assist veteran students today. Kevin graduated this spring with a degree from the Rad Tech program and is employed at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna.
We would also like to welcome William Baker, who has replaced Kevin, to the Veteran Services Team.

**NATIVE AND RURAL STUDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR**

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<td>I was able to attend the Kenaitze First Fish of the year celebration. This is an annual event that is always fun and entertaining. This year the event was well attended by tribal leadership and guests from all over Cook Inlet. Chris Stuive and I were able to connect with community members and discuss programs for students in an informal setting. I met with tribal members that are in charge of high school students programs and they would like to help these student enroll into our JumpStart program. I will meet with the representatives the next week to confirm students who are interested in attending the Dena’ina Language class in the fall.</td>
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