



Student Affairs colleagues were invited to join, engage, and explore two of the following Cafes throughout the day that are rooted in our Student Affairs core themes. Exploring issues together encourages new ways of thinking, creates new possibilities, and engages diverse perspectives. Below is a list of the themes that emerged through the discussions at each Cafe:

Student Learning & Success - Create opportunities that will authentically recognize the value of student experiences and learning development; this learning is success even without attaining a degree. If a student graduates from UAA with a 4 year degree and \$95K in debt, is that student successful? UAA should be more accountable for student debt, because we are for their success.

Student Centeredness - Emphasis on streamlining the UA system to meet student needs and advancing the state of Alaska for the people of Alaska; strengthening partnerships and communications to create a more consistency and pride across the UA system. What does school spirit mean to UAA?

Advance the Profession - Creating a culture where staff actively engage in research, professional development, and innovative use of technology. Greater emphasis on cultural competencies, embracing diversity, and reflecting the cultural diversity of the student body. Centralized Student Affairs on campus.

University & Community Partnerships - The unique significance and responsibility UAA has to Alaska's economic future and development. Does this significance and responsibility currently match our efforts in town and gown relations? Where do we meet and where do we fall short in best practices in this arena?

Student, Staff, & Faculty Well-Being - Connectedness and belonging brings purpose and meaning. Great appreciation in getting to slow down, connect with colleagues, and concentrate on issues that matter to everyone as a whole. Valued expressing their roles and beliefs in the larger campus values and seeing how they connect.