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# UAA Aviation Update to the Aviation Advisory Board Ralph Gibbs, Director







# The Old News

- 1.5 M aviation jobs over next 20 years
  - 6ooK piloting
  - 600K A&P
  - 300K aviation support personnel





#### **Five ATD Aviation emphases:**

- ATC
- AMT
- Administration/management
- Piloting
- Aeronautical Studies (2+2 completer degree)
- UAA Aviation provides training/education for all who <u>fly, maintain, control, and administrate</u> flight through the National Airspace System (NAS)





## What's new at UAA Aviation?

For piloting degrees,

- Added two AMEL trainers to the flight line
- Added two full time CFIs to staff
- Formerly- PT status required employees to take 4 month hiatus every 18 months, if they worked more than 15 hours per week.
- Worked with HR to create new CFI employment status making them adjunct faculty negating this requirement.





### For piloting degrees,

- Increased emphasis on "Growing our own" CFIs
- Added an Assistant Director of Aircraft Maintenance plus two FT maintainers
- Added an Assistant Director of Safety & Standardization
- Added an Assistant Director of Flight Operations





### For non-piloting aviation degrees,

- Now extending <u>transfer credit for all FAA</u>
   <u>certificates and ratings</u>, i.e. private through
   commercial AMEL plus all three flight instructor
- Total = 29 semester hours
- BSAT-Aeronautical Studies degree has 26 "any" aviation technical electives
- ATP AMEL equals 20 transfer credits for private ASEL through commercial AMEL add-on)





### Implication-

- Alaskan students can <u>complete their AAS and pilot</u> <u>certificates</u> through their local community college and FBO from <u>anywhere in the state</u>.
- Those same students can complete their UAA nonpiloting <u>Aviation BS entirely online</u>, receiving transfer credit for their local flight training.
- Foot print for aviation education will begin covering entire state of Alaska





#### In state partnerships-

- UAA aviation has partnered with the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) to deliver secondary level aviation training.
- Providing access to fully developed Blackboard ™ online delivery modules for Private Pilot coursework





- For AMT, adding a 5<sup>th</sup> faculty to begin development of an online modality for significant portions of our A&P curriculum (in response to RFP from AACA).
- For ATC,
  - Looking at online AAS degree with summer sessions in Anchorage during radar/enroute lab.
  - To be marketed to lower 48 high school graduates.
  - Added FAA dispatcher certificate to curriculum





#### Student recruitment

- Regional carriers coming to campus to recruit our piloting, AMT and management students
- Horizon is now recruiting and interviewing on campus, and in some cases offering to help students with a portion of their flight fees.
- Stipends range from \$7.5K to \$10K with either a 1 or 2 year obligation.
- Other partners include PenAir, RAVN, Compass, Mesa, and SkyWest
- Looking for partnerships with Grant, NAC, ACE, and more!!
- Additionally, please consider becoming a part of our <u>industry</u>
   advisory board, looking over our shoulders to keep our programs
   relevant to your needs.





#### In conclusion

- Working to increase the availability of aviation expertise to the Alaskan aviation industry and projected worldwide shortfall, AND,
- Working to attract non-Alaskan revenue streams by forging 2+2 partnerships with lower 48 aviation community colleges or just by attracting non-resident students to train with us at the top of the world.



