UA FY17 Operating Budget
Strategic Investment in Alaska’s Future

Operating Budget - The BOR Proposal
The Board of Regents’ FY17 operating budget proposal requests a state appropriation increment of $27 million to fund fixed cost increases and high priority programs. The reality is that UA's budget may be reduced by 4.5 percent, or $15.8 million, according to the governor's proposed budget. UA still believes it is important to start by communicating what it will take to sustain the current level of programs and services, recognizing the advances made in a number of high priority areas identified in Shaping Alaska's Future. We are also preparing for the possibility that our budget may be reduced even further as it goes through the legislative process.

Strategic Budget Management
Following two years of state funding reductions, UA needs the time between now and fiscal year-end to consider carefully how to implement additional expected reductions while continuing to create success for the people of Alaska through wide access to cost-effective and high quality higher education. UA will soon begin work on an alternate budget proposal that will identify vertical rather than horizontal reductions. Many options will be explored and considered, including the preliminary recommendations from the Statewide Transformation Team report, administrative and academic program consolidation and elimination, and increased partnerships and outsourcing. The Board of Regents has asked University leadership to evaluate e-Learning, general education requirements, developmental education and teacher education during the budget process.

Base Budget by the Numbers

If we funded our entire operating budget request of $41.4 million and met the governor’s proposed budget, our effective reduction would be $57.2 million.