

Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
April 3-4, 2014
Kodiak, Alaska

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Full Board Actions

1. Approval of Shaping Alaska’s Future Themes, Issues and Effects Statements and a Review of Draft Metrics

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the Shaping Alaska’s Future Themes, Issues and Effects Statements as presented. This motion is effective April 3, 2014.”

2. Approval of Bargaining Unit Agreement between the University of Alaska and United Academic-Adjuncts (UNAD)

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and United Academic-Adjuncts (UNAD) for the term of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2017. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

3. Approval of FY15 Amended Budget Request for United Academic-Adjuncts (UNAD) Agreement

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the amended FY15 operating budget request to include funding for the United Academic-Adjuncts (UNAD) represented faculty. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

4. Approval of a Revision to Regents’ Policy 10.06.010 – Academic Program Review

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves a revision to Regents’ Policy 10.06.010 – Academic Program Review as presented. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

5. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 10.07.010 – Role of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents’ Policy 10.07.010 – Role of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity as presented. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

6. **Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.07.020 – Sponsored Project Submittal and Acceptance**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 10.07.020 – Sponsored Project Submittal and Acceptance as presented. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

7. **Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.07.070 – Human Subjects in Research**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 10.07.070 – Human Subjects in Research as presented. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

8. **Approval of a Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy at the University of Alaska Anchorage**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

9. **Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.04.100 – Academic Calendar**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 10.04.100 – Academic Calendar as presented. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

10. **Approval of a Resolution regarding Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.04.040 – General Education Requirements**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves a resolution of support for charging the faculty across the UA system to develop and adopt common general education and developmental/preparatory learning outcomes and requirements. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

WHEREAS, the Faculty Alliance has formed a General Education Learning Outcomes working group to discuss common general education learning outcomes; and

WHEREAS, faculty and postsecondary education leaders from across the country developed Essential Learning Outcomes under the Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) initiative sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities and hundreds of campuses and several state systems have adopted LEAP for general education; and

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WHEREAS, Alaska has one of the lowest college-going rates among the fifty states and providing clear and consistent initial course placement information in developmental/preparatory education and general education courses is needed to improve communication about postsecondary educational pathways; and

WHEREAS, teachers, school principals, parents, and legislators have communicated their confusion over differing initial placement requirements in general education and developmental/preparatory courses among UA institutions; and

WHEREAS, our universities and community college share a common institutional accreditor, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, which has a standard requiring a recognizable core of general education that represents an integration of basic knowledge and methodology of the humanities and fine arts, mathematical and natural sciences, and social sciences; and

WHEREAS, sharing common developmental/preparatory and general education programs across the UA system will allow students to complete those requirements at any institution without credit transfer concerns; and

WHEREAS, the faculty are responsible for the general education curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents intends to adopt changes to P10.04.010, P10.04.040, P10.04.062 and P10.04.080 to provide that all universities and community colleges will have the same developmental/preparatory and general education requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Regents resolves to charge the faculty across the UA system to develop and adopt common general education and developmental/preparatory learning outcomes and requirements and, as a first step in this process to develop and implement common learning outcomes, course descriptions, numbers and titles, and common placement tools and scores for math and English and propose a plan of implementation for other areas of general education (humanities and fine arts, natural sciences, and social sciences) by fall 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed, with a copy to be incorporated in the official minutes of the April 3-4, 2014, meeting of the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

11. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 05.02.060 – Travel and Relocation

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 05.02.060 – Travel and Relocation as presented. This motion is effective April 4, 2014."

12. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Akasofu Restoration

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Akasofu Restoration as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design not to exceed a total project cost of \$4,400,000. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

13. Project Change Request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Utilities Critical Electrical Distribution Renewal Phase 2

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the project change request in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Utilities Critical Electrical Distribution Renewal Phase 2 as presented in compliance with the campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to complete construction bid documents to bid and award a contract within the approved total project cost of \$26.25 million, and to proceed with project construction not to exceed \$19,880,000. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

14. Project Change Request for the University of Alaska Anchorage Seawolf Sports Arena (Alaska Airlines Center)

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the project change request for the University of Alaska Anchorage Seawolf Sports Arena (Alaska Airlines Center) project as presented in compliance with the campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to continue with project construction, increasing the total project cost by \$1,585,000 for the build-out of restaurant spaces, not to exceed a total expenditure of \$110,585,000. This motion is effective April 4, 2014.”

15. Approval of a Resolution Opposing SB 176 and HB 335

WHEREAS, Regents’ Policy and University Regulation are consistent with Alaska law, the Alaska Constitution, Federal law, and the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and provide reasonable regulation of firearms on university property; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 176 and House Bill 335 (“the Bills”) would substantially limit the university’s ability to regulate firearms on university property; and

WHEREAS, the state Constitution empowers the board to govern the university and confers on the members responsibility, legal liability and accountability to students and the people of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, the US Supreme Court has clearly stated that restrictions on firearms on school property and in government buildings are “presumptively lawful”; and

WHEREAS, whether open or concealed, firearms in campus buildings and dormitories would have a chilling effect on the university’s education and research missions and negatively impact the university’s engagement of Alaska’s elementary and secondary school children and other user groups, including the more than 10,000 minors who visit university campuses every year; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death for American college students, and thousands more attempt suicide; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's suicide rate is nearly twice the national average and is the leading cause of death in Alaska for people ages 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, the availability of firearms is a recognized contributor to successful suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS, unlike the state or municipalities, the university is responsible for safety on its premises and could be liable for failing to regulate firearms or respond to foreseeable concerns; and

WHEREAS, all University of Alaska campuses are similarly situated to specific circumstances in the state where guns are already restricted, such as K-12 schools, and state law should be extended to UA campuses based on the same logic and analysis; and

WHEREAS, the responsible means to address concerns about the university’s regulation of firearms on university property or any other concern affecting student well-being is through changes to Regents’ Policy and University Regulation, not through legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA:

For the reasons stated herein and many others, the Board of Regents opposes SB 176 and HB 335; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents respectfully requests that Legislators and the Governor oppose these bills so that they do not become law, and that the Board of Regents respectfully urges Alaskans to oppose these bills.

Committee Actions

16. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Irving I Repurpose for Veterinary Medicine

PASSED

“The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Irving I Repurpose for Veterinary Medicine, as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design not to exceed a total project cost of \$4,000,000. This motion is effective April 3, 2014.”

17. Schematic Design Approval for University of Alaska Anchorage 1901 Bragaw Tenant Improvements

PASSED

“The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the schematic design approval request for the University of Alaska Anchorage 1901 Bragaw Tenant Improvements as presented in compliance with the campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to complete construction bid documents to bid and award a contract within the approved budget, and to proceed to completion of project construction not to exceed a total project cost of \$3,850,000. This motion is effective April 3, 2014.”