1. Individuals Present

Regents Present:
Jyotsna Heckman, Chair
Kenneth Fisher, Secretary
Gloria O'Neill, Treasurer
Dale Anderson
Sheri Buretta (attended December 11, 2015)
John Davies
Mary K. Hughes
Stacey Lucason
Deena Paramo
Lisa Parker
Andy Teuber

James R. Johnsen, Chief Executive Officer and President, University of Alaska

Others Present:
Tom Case, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
Rick Caulfield, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Mike Powers, Interim Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Michael Hostina, General Counsel
Carla Beam, Vice President for University Relations
Myron Dosch, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration and Chief Financial Officer
Daniel White, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research
Karl Kowalski, Chief Information Technology Officer
Ardith Lynch, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Michelle Rizk, Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget Officer
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents
Olivia Baker, Assistant, Board of Regents
Jeannie Phillips, Assistant, Board of Regents

2. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

Chair Heckman called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2015.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PASSED
"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as presented. This motion is effective December 10, 2015."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by John Davies.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Sheri Buretta, Gloria R O'Neill
C. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of September 17-18, 2015

PASSED
“The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of September 17-18, 2015 as presented. This motion is effective December 10, 2015.”

Motion by Kenneth J Fisher, second by John Davies.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Sheri Buretta, Gloria R O'Neill

D. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting of October 19, 2015

PASSED
“The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its special meeting of October 19, 2015 as presented. This motion is effective December 10, 2015.”

Motion by Deena Paramo, second by John Davies.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Sheri Buretta, Gloria R O'Neill

E. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of November 4, 2015

PASSED
“The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of November 4, 2015 as presented. This motion is effective December 10, 2015.”

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Deena Paramo.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Sheri Buretta, Gloria R O'Neill

3. Reports

A. President's Report

President Johnsen stated despite unprecedented fiscal challenges the state faces, he is confident the university will continue to serve the state as its premier higher education system; said his confidence comes from what he has seen during the last 100 days while traveling across the state visiting nine of UA’s 16 campuses talking with faculty, staff, students, future UA students, policy makers and employers noting these individuals are excited about the future and are confident in UA’s success; said he was pleased with a recent meeting with the governor to discuss UA’s budget and to highlight areas of emphasis, efficiencies and cost reductions; shared that the governor’s budget includes $10M for UA’s deferred maintenance; noted in preparation for the contingency budget planning process an expedited review of programs (academic and non-academic) will take place across the system considering such factors as the value of the service or program, cost, outcome, quality, connection to mission, access, demand and enrollment; said rather than across-the-board cuts using a more focused reduction, investment and growth strategy will result in a stronger UA system; shared that functional area teams have been identified to work with Sibson consultants regarding the statewide transformation efforts with a report due to UA in March 2016 and after the Summit Team reviews the report, a final decision will be made in April 2016.

He said the inaugural meeting of the Alaska Higher Education Roundtable took place on December 8, 2015, which included diverse leaders in business, government and education from across Alaska to discuss the top higher education needs in the state noting the roundtable will reconvene in May 2016; stated the UA Foundation approved moving forward with its campaign to increase public awareness regarding UA and to highlight the important work UA does for the state; said the UAF chancellor search is being led by Tom Fitch of Academic Search, chaired by
former Provost Paul Reichardt and stated the top three candidates are expected to visit in February or March 2016 with a decision made in spring 2016; shared Athabaskan elder and 1989 UA honorary degree recipient Sydney Huntington, who was born in 1915 the same year the UA Cornerstone was poured, recently passed away and said Mr. Huntington was personally and professionally committed to education.

B. Financial Briefing
Controller and Acting Chief Financial Officer Dosch provided a financial briefing.

C. Governance Reports
Cecile Lardon, Faculty Alliance chair, thanked President Johnsen for inviting her to participate in the Alaska Public Higher Education Roundtable on December 8, 2015; noted the Statewide Academic Council's discussion regarding morale was enlightening, constructive and very much appreciated; provided an update on general education requirements (GERs) noting math is complete and English is working on course descriptions; said great progress has been made on other GERs and alignment is planned by fall 2016; said regarding GER alignment, faculty is continuing to work on a coherent systemwide approach to ease the transferability of credits across the system, is addressing specific accreditation issues while maintaining the needs and opportunities at the three universities and said the alliance will hold a retreat in January 2016.

Faye Gallant, Staff Alliance chair, noted the governor’s current budget does not include compensation increases for non-union employees; stated maintaining competitive salaries is key to keeping qualified staff; applauded UA administration for including governance in the contingency budget planning process; noted process improvements lead by staff have saved half a million dollars thus far; said staff is leveraging resources to provide peer mentoring and internal training opportunities; stated a staff healthcare committee is investigating broader factors that affect the cost of healthcare in Alaska; stated a leaner university with fewer people is not inherently a better university; said cutting faculty reduces courses could cause students to prolong graduation therefore increasing student debt; noted cutting staff reduces resources to support students in safe and productive environments; said cuts hurt UA’s mission, students, employees and the state and said while cuts will happen, UA can be successful if everyone shares in the ability to work together through this difficult time.

Mathew Carrick, Coalition of Student Leaders chair, said the coalition held its fall retreat in Anchorage on November 5, 2015; thanked President Johnsen, Chief Strategy Planning and Budget Officer Rizk and Vice President White for providing information to students during their retreat; noted students are looking forward to a productive year with new ideas and perspectives to share with UA administration; said a committee has been established to research UA’s community campus tuition and fees structure; noted the committee will share the tuition and fees findings with UA administration and stated the coalition is planning a spring 2016 advocacy trip to Juneau.

Monique Musick, System Governance Council chair, stated during a recent meeting the council elected new officers; said she is delighted to have been selected as chair; is looking forward to working collaboratively with public relations regarding UA advocacy efforts; is excited for the vision behind the UA Foundation campaign and noted the value and pride UA faculty, staff and students have for the university.

4. Public Testimony

A. Public Testimony
Jeffery Woods, Kodiak College Student Government vice president, spoke in opposition to eliminating differential tuition at Kodiak College and Prince William Sound College; noted students at Kodiak College were surveyed and 56 percent of students indicated they would take fewer classes if the tuition was increased.

Ginny Kinne, UAF Academic Advising director, noted a need for standardized cohesive creation of an online advising module; said students need assistance with establishing academic and career goals and stated advisors are student’s greatest advocates.

Ginny Redmond, UAF Student Support Services director, noted some student support services are funded by TRIO, a federal education grant to assist first generation students with advising, tutoring and scholarship assistance and shared her experience about advising students.
Shae Erickson, TRIO student, shared her experience with the program; noted the transition from high school to college and said the advising and tutoring offered by the program is helpful.

Olena Ellis, TRIO student, said the program helped keep her on track to achieve a bachelor’s degree in art and noted as a non-traditional student her advisor was very supportive and necessary to her success.

Philip Martin, retired United States Fish and Wildlife Service employee and past UA student, shared his experience regarding postgraduate and continuing education he received at UA; said he continues to work with UA faculty on issues relating to the Arctic and climate change and noted the importance for UA faculty to continue to build relationships and communicate with private industry.

Falk Huettmann, UAF Wildlife Ecology associate professor, shared his research publications; said such publications are not funded by federal funds or by UA general funds and urged the board to change the business model regarding how research publications are funded at UA.

Bill Post, UAF Music Department chair, shared the successes and challenges the Master of Arts in Music program is experiencing; noted student enrollment; stated graduate students participate and contribute to research efforts; said the department works with middle and high school students within Interior Alaska; noted the current status of the program is suspended and stated Alaska is the only state in the union without a graduate music program.

Matt Ostrander, Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage (USUAA) vice president, spoke about student’s growing concern regarding online courses being inconsistent and the lack of standardization and noted UAA received a $2.25M grant from the U.S. Department of Education to look at scalability, support and sustainability of eLearning.

Jonathon Taylor, USUAA president, noted the importance of collaboration with shared governance entities at UA; said transparency is needed regarding the upcoming decisions facing the board; stated including faculty, staff and students on committees that are making decisions affecting those groups will send a positive message and provide buy-in from those groups and said the Seawolf Debate team recently won the Seattle University Worlds Debate Tournament.

Sabrina Martin, Associated Students of the University of Fairbanks (ASUAF) member, stated more support for Title IX proactive performance programs such as the Green Dot program are needed across the UA system.

Nate Bauer, International Arctic Research Center (IARC) writer and researcher and UAF Staff Council vice president, spoke about Arctic research and funding opportunities; noted research funding is restricted and does not fully fund all the work being done and said IARC produces $10 of revenue for each $1 received.

Michael Lilly, local citizen, thanked the board for recent work and noted the difficult challenges ahead; encouraged the board to look at innovative ways to continue to fund research and manage natural resources; noted the importance of increasing partnerships with industry at all levels and shared his success stories regarding hiring UA graduates.

Sean McGee, UAF School of Management (SOM) instructor, shared information regarding the diverse online classes offered through the SOM; noted the courses are reaching a diverse group of students; stated the methods of instruction and access to technology has improved; spoke about the emergency management program and invited the board to attend an online class.

Cam Carlson, UAF Homeland Security and Emergency Management program director, spoke about the program offerings and the significant training provided by the program and noted the importance of continued funding for the program.

Peter Van Flein, UAF Alumni Association member, shared his family’s history and experience with UA; noted the association is a committed partner in continuing to attract students to UA; said two thirds of UAF graduates settle in Fairbanks; stated it has taken 100 years of hard work to make UA great and encouraged the board to continue the great work through providing quality opportunities for students.

Mark Oldmixon, UAF Department of Recreation, Adventure and Wellness (DRAW) director, thanked the board for their service; thanked President Johnsen for accepting his position; shared successes of the DRAW program; noted student recreation center (SRC) membership and the summer youth program participation rate has increased; said staff recently received training from the Eastern Alaska Range Avalanche Center and stated it is DRAW’s mission to provide the university community with opportunities and facilities to lead active, healthy lifestyles through sports
and recreation activities on campus and out in the beautiful wilderness of Alaska.

Brant Culleton, UAF student, shared his experience with the DRAW program; said the programs eased the stress of college life and provided the opportunity to see the beauty of Alaska and stated he is employed at SRC working with children attending the youth camps during the summer.

Michelle Klaben, UAF student, shared her experience with the DRAW program; noted the multiple club activities that enhanced her educational experience at UAF and said she is currently a recreational guide at Fort Wainwright Army Post.

Cordero Neid, ASUAF member, thanked all the students who participated in this meeting and spoke of his concerns regarding accessibility on campus including restrooms, snow berms, and stairs.

Leslie Drumhiller, ASUAF Government Relations director, updated the board on legislative lobbying preparation and concerns regarding academic program prioritization.

Igor Pasternak, UAF Art Department adjunct professor, spoke of art-based research regarding aesthetics of communities and the need to support art programs.

Paul Burkhart, Alaska State director for Chi Alpha, talked about the mission of Chi Alpha and its activities; expressed his thanks for the university supporting Chi Alpha mission and stated there are over 200 members at UAA and UAF.

Alex Springer, Chi Alpha member, talked about how the trips Chi Alpha offers has provided him friendships and shown him other cultures.

Karen Peters, Chi Alpha member, spoke of how Chi Alpha has helped her become a more confident student in a safe environment.

Patty Meritt, parent of a successful UAF alumnus, urged the board to continue to support UAF Community and Technical College (CTC) and its mission and noted CTC’s importance to her family.

Helen Renfrew, Explore Fairbanks meeting and convention director, shared information with the board regarding Arctic Summit Week and the myriad of groups who will be in Fairbanks for the conference and associated meetings.

Eric Heyne, UAF English professor, spoke about the University of Alaska and the diversity of its campuses.

Trent Sutton, UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (SFOS) faculty member, spoke regarding academic advising at UAF and its successes with SFOS students in the undergraduate fisheries program across the state.

Hannah Wing, UAF honors student, expressed her appreciation for the excellence of the honors program and its capstone project.

Barbara Taylor, UAF Biology Department faculty member and Biomedical Learning and Student Training (BLaST) primary contact, shared information with the board regarding the BLaST program.

Gabriel Cartagena, UAF psychology student in BLaST, spoke of how the BLaST program has enhanced his educational opportunities at UAF.

Jennifer Hoskins, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital (FMH) recruiter, commended CTC for its excellent pool of students that have graduated and secured jobs at FMH/Denali Center.

Mathew Carrick, ASUAF president, spoke regarding academic programs at UAF; said he hopes that program reductions are carefully considered and that a liberal arts education is not damaged.

Soren Butler, UAF Rifle team member and SOM student, asked the board to continue its support of online coursework; said the online classes have assisted him to become a more successful student and stated the classes have reduced his financial burden.

Amrit Kaur, UAF student in the French program, appealed to the board to not cut academic programs.
Yelena Matusevich, UAF French professor, expressed her concern regarding the vertical cuts to liberal arts programs.

Debra Jones, Alaska 4-H Program Leader, spoke about 4-H program activities and thanked the board for supporting 4-H.

A 4-H student from Nenana thanked 4-H for giving her the confidence to attend UAF.

Hannah Bayless daCosta, UAF psychology and French student, pleaded with the board to not make vertical cuts to liberal arts programs.

Uma Bhatt, UAF Atmospheric Sciences professor, encouraged the board and administration to consider how student research enhances the students’ experience and the need to support research as budget cuts are made.

Jack Hebert, Cold Climate Housing Research Center director, spoke to the quality of education at UAF and how it has helped his children excel; asked that the board require communication between the universities during these challenging times and urged the board to continue with private partnerships.

Emily Drygas, UAF Development director and alumna, reviewed the positive message of advocacy and fundraising over the past several years.

5. Reports

A. Progress Report on Shaping Alaska's Future Theme 2: Productive Partnerships with Alaska's School

Vice President White presented a progress report on Shaping Alaska's Future Theme 2: Productive Partnerships with Alaska's Schools.

B. Revitalizing Teacher Education Plan

Interim Deans Atwater and Deputy, Dean Lo and Associate Dean Seitz led a discussion regarding the plan for revitalizing teacher education in Alaska.

6. Annual Report

A. Risk Services Annual Report

Chief Audit Executive Pittman provided an overview of the annual report.

7. Approval Item

A. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Carla Beam

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Carla Beam. This motion is effective December 10, 2015."

Motion by Kenneth J Fisher, second by Gloria R O'Neill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries


Not Present at Vote: Sheri Buretta

WHEREAS, Carla Beam joined the University of Alaska taking on a dual appointment position with the enormous
responsibility as President of the University of Alaska Foundation and as Vice President of University Relations in 2010, where she was responsible for statewide public affairs, federal and state government relations and overall advancement for the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam, as President of the UA Foundation, is the primary link to the organization’s trustees raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the university including her own generous financial contributions to support the university; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam was born and raised in Seattle, Washington to adventure-seeking parents and she earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Reed College in Portland, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam, a 40-year Alaskan, first visited Anchorage in 1975, taking up residency in the file room of a friend’s father’s law office; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam took a gap year from the rigors of education, waiting tables in Anchorage during the early pipeline days, quickly making enough money to go back to school; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam finished her undergraduate degree in 1976 at Reed College and returned to Alaska unable to imagine life anywhere else; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam worked as a publicist for Wien Air Alaska from 1980-1985, owned a public relations firm in Anchorage from 1985-1997 and directed community and external affairs efforts for BP (Exploration) Alaska Inc. from 1997-2009; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam has seen many institution and business leaders through major institutional crises including the 2009 Deepwater Horizon; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam was raised by high altitude outdoor adventurers, is an avid outdoors woman and a trained rafter. She has floated rivers in Alaska, Oregon, Arizona, California, Idaho, Utah, and Tasmania, hiked and skied the Cascades, Alps, Rockies, Chugach Mountains, and the Brooks Range, and ran marathons including the 100th Boston Marathon and, more importantly, the Equinox; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam continually demonstrates service to Alaska through volunteer leadership dedicated to the Alaska Community Foundation, United Way, Anchorage YWCA and YMCA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and is a member of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Athena Society and the YWCA Empowerment Circle; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam is considered as one of Alaska’s top business leaders, with an active professional, personal, and civic life; and not only is attuned to the core mission of educating Alaska students but is constantly reminding people of the huge impact the University of Alaska has on so many different areas in the state; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam is a tireless advocate for securing the University of Alaska’s reputation and continually exuding a deep commitment to the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is a tribute to not only the five years Carla Beam has given to the university but to the years of distinguished, faithful and meritorious service to the University of Alaska and to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam’s graceful but strong leadership has guided the thinking of the university with logic and clear perspective; and

WHEREAS, Carla Beam’s love for the University of Alaska and its purpose is so profound that she plans to apply to the MFA program at the University of Alaska Anchorage and produce great works of literature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks Carla Beam for her commitment and service to the university; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Carla Beam, with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the December 10-11, 2015 meeting of the Board of Regents.

8. Campus Presentation
A. University of Alaska Fairbanks Student Engagement and Arctic Initiatives Presentation

University of Alaska Fairbanks Interim Chancellor Powers, faculty, staff and students presented information regarding student engagement activities and Arctic initiatives.

- Associate Dean Sutton and UAF students Jessica Obermiller, Logan Graves, Carrie Green and Gabriel Cartegina presented on the undergraduate research and scholarly activities program.
- Dean Hermann and UAF School of Management students presented on student engagement with faculty and the Fairbanks business community.
- Co-Presidents Jason Paskvan and Jesstin Patterson presented on UAF’s Chapter of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society and UAF’s Rural Student Services.
- Associate Professor Illingworth and UAF student Rhonda Pitka presented on the tribal management program.
- Vice Chancellors Srfraga and Hinzman presented on UAF Arctic Initiatives.

9. Budget Discussion and Reports

A. Budget Discussion

Pat Pitney, State of Alaska Office of Management and Budget director, shared with board members the four large components of the governor’s budget, which include use of the earnings reserve, the size of the permanent fund dividend and how it is paid to Alaskans, the degree of additional reductions and the generation of new revenues; noted the governor places a high priority on education; said the capital budget is austere only providing funding for two facilities and a small deferred maintenance budget for each state entity and stated a general obligation bond has been proposed to the Legislature that has the opportunity for education funding that could include funds for the engineering building at UAF.

President Johnsen reviewed the contingency budget planning process including the challenges, outcomes and guiding principles; said it will be difficult facing a third year of reductions; said reductions will impact programs and people; noted it will be critical to balance decision-making speed with participation, inclusion and perspective from staff and faculty; said while the participation will be recognized and appreciated there is a sense of urgency as UA moves into the new year going through this process; noted one key challenge is how to collaborate and coordinate the process so it is not three separate silo processes; said preliminary budget recommendations will be brought to the board in April 2016 with final approval in June 2016; stated an update on the contingency budget planning process will be provided in February 2016 and said the March and April 2016 time frame will be informative with analysis from the Statewide Transformation Team decisions, the task force reports regarding the Regents’ Four key areas of focus and a rigorous program review.

B. e-Learning Report

Vice President White presented a report on e-Learning.

C. Tuition Task force Report

Associate Vice President Oba presented the Tuition Task Force Report.

D. Title IX Update

Associate Vice President Oba reviewed the draft Title IX Scorecards and the scorecard metrics.

Associate Professor Anahita provided information regarding factors that influence sexual assault on university campuses.

10. Approval Items
A. Approval of Regents' Policy 05.02.055 - Undesignated Fund Balance

**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves Regents' Policy 05.02.055 – Undesignated Fund Balance as presented. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

Motion by Gloria R O'Neill, second by Dale G Anderson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Deena Paramo

RATIONALE and RECOMMENDATION

As requested by the board, the following proposed policy regarding undesignated fund balance, which is a component of the total unrestricted net position of the university and is reported in the Annual Financial Statement, is presented for consideration. Prudent fiscal management involves fund balances to offset variations in revenues and expenditures and to address unforeseen circumstances. The proposed policy provides an annual reporting mechanism and defines responsibilities for the chief financial officer.

Controller and Acting Chief Financial Officer Dosch reviewed the proposed policy and answer any questions board members may have.

PROPOSED NEW POLICY

P05.02.055. Undesignated Fund Balance

Alaska Statute 37.25.010 (c) authorizes the university to carry over university receipts from the preceding fiscal year. These funds may not be expended without legislative appropriation. The chief financial officer shall monitor and advise the board on appropriate levels of undesignated fund balance. The chief financial officer shall annually report to the board the amount of undesignated fund balance.

B. Approval of the April 2016 Meeting Location

**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves holding the April 2016 meeting in Anchorage. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

Motion by Kenneth J Fisher, second by Gloria R O'Neill.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Deena Paramo, Andy Teuber

RATIONALE and RECOMMENDATION

In December 2014 when the 2016 meeting dates and locations were approved, the location for the April 2016 meeting was noted "as to be determined". President Johnsen provided his recommendation and rationale for holding the April 2016 Board of Regents meeting in Anchorage.

C. Approval of the 2017 Board of Regents' Meeting Schedule

**PASSED AS AMENDED**

"The Board of Regents approves the meeting schedule for 2017 as amended. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Mary K Hughes.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Deena Paramo
11. Planning and Development Committee

A. Discussion Regarding Board Governance

Regent Hughes reported that the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) board traveled to Anchorage for its meeting last summer and received presentations from Lt. Governor Mallott, President Gamble and President Vance from Alaska Pacific University; said the theme of the AGB summer meeting was educating all Alaskans, stated AGB has gone on record as opposing the education scorecard; said robust conversations were held including Title IX and future plans to strengthen this law and information regarding taxing of endowments; said the AGB board heard from George Mason campus president and his thoughts on the changing environment on college campuses and said the AGB board was impressed with the passion Alaskans have for education.

12. Reports

A. UA Foundation Report

Vice President Beam provided an update on the UA Capital Campaign noting it will include commitments to promoting alumni giving, major individual gifts, and legacy gifts.

Susan Anderson, UA Foundation outgoing chair, reported that Scott Jepson has been elected as the new chair of the UA Foundation; said during its December 2015 meeting that election of new officers was held, the strategic plan and vision statements were approved, Megan Riebe was named an interim UA Foundation president and the board honored outgoing board members and Vice President Beam by creating a scholarship.

B. Federal Relations Report

Associate Vice President Graham provided an update on federal relations including federal Arctic initiatives and noted key areas of interest include the higher education act and federal appropriations in particular Title III grants.

C. State Relations Report

Associate Vice President Christensen reported on state relations including the fall revenue forecast and the governor’s operating and capital budget proposals.

13. Executive Session
A. Executive Session

PASSED
"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to the appointment of the Sydney Chapman Chair in Physical Sciences. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

Motion by John Davies, second by Gloria R O'Neill.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Deena Paramo

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 4:05 p.m. and concluded an executive session at 4:10 p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to the appointment of the Sydney Chapman Chair in Physical Sciences. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Johnsen, General Counsel Hostina, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 5 minutes.

B. Approval of Appointment to the Sydney Chapman Chair in Physical Sciences

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the appointment of Jurgen Kurths to fill the Sydney Chapman Chair in Physical Sciences for a three-year term, with approval to renew the term without further Board of Regents' approval. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

Motion by John Davies, second by Mary K Hughes.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Deena Paramo

POLICY CITATION
Regents’ Policy 10.09.01.E states, "Appointments to this chair will be approved in advance by the board following nomination and screening procedures by the faculty of physical sciences."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION
The rationale and recommendation were included under executive session cover to members of the Board of Regents prior to its December 10-11, 2015 meeting.

14. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Note for the record: General Counsel Hostina provided the following information noting that the board has already adopted changes to the university’s entire student conduct policy, 09.02, with exception to the jurisdictional statement, contained in 09.02.030, which required more review by the universities.

The proposed changes to Regents’ Policy 09.02.030 address the university’s jurisdiction over student conduct. The revision largely restates current policy in simpler, more direct language:

(1) making explicit that jurisdiction includes cases where a student is involved in a university program without necessarily being enrolled (e.g. representing UA at a conference post-graduation or university activities involving high school students);
(2) stating in simpler, more direct language that a student’s decision to leave the university will not extinguish university jurisdiction; and
(3) stating in simpler, more direct language that the code includes behavior that occurs online.
PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 14B.1., 14.C.1-3. and 14.D.1. as presented. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

Motion by Gloria R O'Neill, second by Kenneth J Fisher.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Deena Paramo

B. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

1. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 09.02.030 - Scope of University Authority for Violations of the Student Code of Conduct

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 09.02.030 - Scope of University Authority for Violations of the Student Code of Conduct as presented. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

CURRENT LANGUAGE with PROPOSED REPLACEMENT LANGUAGE

P09.02.030. Scope of University Authority for Violations of the Student Code of Conduct.
A. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct that occur on property owned or controlled by the university, or at activities authorized by the university, are subject to university judicial review and disciplinary action by the university. Student behavior which, were it to occur on property owned or controlled by the university or at activities authorized by the university, would constitute a code violation is subject to disciplinary sanction when the university determines that the behavior would likely have an adverse impact on the health or safety of members of the university community, regardless of where the behavior occurs. Students who are charged with violations of local, state, or federal laws may be subject to disciplinary action by the university if the offenses are also violations of the code. University judicial procedures and disciplinary actions are independent of and may precede, follow, or take place simultaneously with criminal proceedings. University actions will not be subject to challenge on the grounds that criminal charges involving the same incident have been dismissed or reduced.

B. A student who has been charged with a violation of the code and refuses to participate in the judicial process may be prohibited from re-enrolling in the university until the charges are resolved to the satisfaction of the university. (11-20-98)

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT LANGUAGE

P09.02.030 Scope of University Authority for Violations of the Student Code of Conduct.
A. The Student Code of Conduct and student conduct process apply to the conduct of individual students and all university affiliated student organizations. For purposes of determining what conduct is covered, the university considers an individual to be subject to student conduct proceedings for conduct that occurs while the individual is in any way affiliated with the university. Proceedings may be initiated at any time regardless of subsequent affiliation or graduation status. In all cases, conduct matters that have been initiated will be pursued to conclusion or resolution, even when students leave the university or choose not to participate in the process. As such, if a student leaves the university voluntarily or involuntarily, the university may still proceed with the conduct process in the student’s absence. A student who has been alleged to have violated the Code may be prohibited from re-enrolling in the university until the allegations are resolved regardless of whether the student participates in the student conduct process.

B. Behavior that occurs on property owned or controlled by the university, in university online environments and classes, or at activities sponsored by or authorized by the university, is subject to university student conduct review and disciplinary action by the university. The Student Code of Conduct may also apply to behavior that occurs off campus when it may present a potential danger or threat to the health and safety of others or may reasonably lead to a hostile environment on campus. The Student Code of Conduct may also apply to behavior exhibited online or electronically via email, social media, text messaging, or other electronic means.

C. There is no time limit on reporting violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Individuals are encouraged to report violations of the Student Code of Conduct in a timely manner.
D. Alleged violations of federal, state, or local laws that are also potential violations of the Student Code of Conduct fall within the jurisdiction of the university. The university reserves its right to pursue disciplinary action independent of the criminal proceedings, if the alleged criminal charges are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct. University actions will not be subject to challenge on the grounds that criminal charges involving the same incident have been dismissed or reduced. University student conduct proceedings may precede, follow, or take place simultaneously with criminal proceedings. (XX-XX-XX)

C. Audit Committee

1. Adoption of the FY15 Audited University of Alaska Financial Statements

PASSED
"The Board of Regents adopts the audited financial statements of the University of Alaska for the year ended June 30, 2015 as presented. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

2. Adoption of the FY15 Audited Education Trust of Alaska Financial Statements

PASSED
"The Board of Regents adopts the audited financial statements of the Education Trust of Alaska for the year ended June 30, 2015 as presented. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

3. Acceptance of the UA Foundation Revised FY16 Operating Budget

PASSED
"The Board of Regents accepts the University of Alaska Foundation revised operating budget for FY16 as presented and approved by the Foundation’s Executive Committee at its September 22, 2015 meeting. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

D. Facilities and Land Management Committee

1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Regional Maritime and Career Center

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Regional Maritime and Career Center 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 $ 5,758,000. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

15. New Business and Committee Reports

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

In addition to the action item, the committee discussed enrollment management and UA program cost analysis.

B. Audit Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee received a report from the external auditor, reviewed the FY15 UA Foundation Consolidated Financial Statements, heard an audit status report and held an executive session.

C. Facilities and Land Management Committee

The Facilities and Land Management Committee approved the following motions:

1. Schematic Design Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Butrovich Roof Replacement

PASSED
"The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the schematic design approval request for the
University of Alaska Fairbanks Butrovich Roof Replacement 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 $2.3 million. This motion is effective December 10, 2015."

2. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Anchorage University Police Department Relocation

PASSED
"The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Anchorage University Police Department Relocation 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 $3,000,000. This motion is effective December 10, 2015."

3. Committee Report
In addition to action items, the committee received the annual land management report, heard reports on deferred maintenance and renewal distribution reallocation, deferred maintenance and renewal spending, capital project approvals – delegation of authority, UAA engineering building projects, UAA Northern access to the UMED district, UAA residential campus revitalization, UAA UMED district plan, UAF combined heat and power plant, UAF engineering facility, UAF high-frequency active auroral research program, construction in progress and held an executive session regarding the UAA U-Med district.

The committee recessed its meeting at 5:01 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2015, reconvened on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 2:03 p.m. to discuss facilities maintenance strategies and adjourned the meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 3:04 p.m.

Karl Kowalski, chief information technology officer, provided an update on security issues. The board affirmed its belief that the right things are being done to correct deficiencies given the available resources and complexities involved, its support of the CITO in this effort, and offered support and assistance to complete this effort.

16. Election of Board of Regents' Officers

A. Chair

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION
"The Board of Regents elects Jyotsna Heckman as chair of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

B. Vice Chair

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION
"The Board of Regents elects Gloria O’Neill as vice chair of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

C. Secretary

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION
"The Board of Regents elects Kenneth J. Fisher as secretary of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective December 11, 2015."

D. Treasurer

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION
"The Board of Regents elects John Davies as treasurer of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective
17. Corporate Resolutions

A. Approval of Revisions to the Industrial Security Resolution

PASSED
“The Board of Regents approves the Industrial Security Resolution as revised to reflect changes in administrative staff and changes in the officers of the board resulting from the Board of Regents' elections and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective December 11, 2015.”

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Kenneth J Fisher.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Deena Paramo

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION
The president and selected members of the university administration are routinely designated by the Board of Regents to handle any duties and responsibilities relating to classified information in connection with contracts with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. These individuals are given an extensive security screening and are the only members of the university administration to have access to classified information.

The university has received similar security clearances since the mid-1950s. Execution of the resolution means that regents and other members of the administration will not have access to the classified information and are not in a position to affect the handling of classified information, thus do not need to be processed through security clearance procedures. The resolution is identical to resolutions previously passed except for changes to officers of the board and administrative staff.

B. Approval of Revisions to the Corporate Authority Resolution

PASSED
“The Board of Regents approves the Corporate Authority Resolution, as revised to reflect changes in administrative staff and changes in officers of the board resulting from the Board of Regents' elections and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective December 11, 2015.”

Motion by Kenneth J Fisher, second by Mary K Hughes.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Deena Paramo

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION
The Board of Regents regularly passes a resolution specifying certain university officers as being authorized to execute investment and banking transactions for the University of Alaska. Because of changes in administrative staff and changes in officers of the board, a current resolution is necessary in order to execute timely investment and banking transactions.

18. Future Agenda Items

A. Future Agenda Items

Chair Heckman reminded board members about the January 2016 retreat in Anchorage and the AGB meeting in April 2016 in Washington D.C.
19. Board of Regents' Comments

A. Board of Regents' Comments

Regent Buretta thanked Chair Heckman and President Johnsen for a good meeting.

Regent Lucason noted the board should be mindful of student and parent responsibilities and when standardization is needed; highlighted students who came for public testimony noting the good things that are happening outside the classroom; asked for more emphasis on making campuses more racially and ethnically welcoming and creating more cohort groups and also asked that the university be leaders in UA communities to ensure that the communities are safe.

Regent Parker thanked Regent Lucason for her thoughtful comments; thanked President Johnsen and Chancellor Powers for the hospitality; congratulated the newly elected board officers; was encouraged by speakers who urged that there will be collaboration across campuses and related the story of a young woman who was in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and was assisted by the University of Alaska Anchorage to turn her life around.

Regent Davies appreciated the risk management presentation and discussion on December 9, 2015; thanked Regent Heckman for her leadership; thought the public testimony at this meeting was amazing and uplifting; noted on the other hand, he has concerns regarding the issues around the safety of UA’s students; announced that Regent Lucason will become a member of the Title IX Ad Hoc Committee and that Regent Parker has asked to be an ex-officio member and thanked Chancellor Powers for the excellent response to the Title IX concerns but said not to forget that there is a lot of work yet to be done to ensure campuses are safe.

Regent Hughes thanked UAF and UA for their hospitality; shared her experiences in meeting UAA students at off-campus sites and noted how special UA’s students are.

Regent Fisher is looking forward to work on the land-grant plan and the university and board’s continuing actions to respond to Title IX issues; stated he is not looking forward to the academic and administrative prioritizations but emphasized its importance; thanked Regent Teuber for staying online for two days to attend the meeting; thanked Vice President White for his availability and organization on academic and student affairs issues; thanked Jeannie Phillips and Ken Jernstrom for their work during this meeting and recognized Regent Heckman for her service.

Regent O’Neill thanked Chancellor Powers, his team and President Johnsen for the hospitality; stated she was taken by the wonderful student stories told at this meeting; responded to Regent Lucason’s comments regarding race and ethnicity as her children who are attending colleges outside have experienced the seriousness of this issue; said she would like to challenge the board to think about how to engage in conversations about creating space and safety on campuses and asked the board to think about the world as it really is.

Regent Anderson thanked Chancellor Powers for his incredible leadership through the Title IX issues and reminded all that the problems have not yet been solved; appreciated the risk management seminar held on December 9, 2015; noted excitement about the student interaction heard at this meeting; was taken aback at all the programs available for students to succeed and encouraged students to utilize the student organizations; thanked President Johnsen for the thoughtful budget presentation; thanked the Facilities and Land Management Committee for approving the Ketchikan Maritime program and related a story told to him by a former female student in the mining program and how the university gave her the opportunity to succeed.

Regent Teuber thanked all who facilitated the board meeting; extended his congratulations to the board officers; thanked the faculty, staff and public for the excellent public testimony; thanked President Johnsen for the roundtable discussion; extended congratulations to Vice President Beam and stated his condolences to the Loren Leman family on the loss of their daughter.

Chancellor Powers stated the UAF employee engagement survey has been completed; said related to Title IX, the herculean efforts of the staff on addressing this issue with a focus going to prevention and collaboration with community partners and the other UA campuses; noted UAF is focused on budget issues and discussions; stated his concern about needing specialized nursing and encouraged all to participate in the Arctic Science Week March 12-18, 2016.

Chancellor Caulfield thanked the board for their service; expressed his appreciation for the support of the
Ketchikan Maritime program; commented on the challenges faced by budget consideration while still promoting and encouraging students to attend the University of Alaska; reported that the provost search is underway with hopes to have finalists by spring 2016 and announced that Perseverance Theater is opening with a show that includes UAS students and noted other upcoming productions.

Provost Gingrich on behalf of Chancellor Case, thanked UAF for the hospitality; announced that UAA commencement will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015; said that the smoke-free campus initiative is going well; announced a 2+2 program with Washington State University in chemical engineering; shared the UAA volleyball team successes; said the UAA women’s basketball team is nationally ranked; noted the Governor’s Cup is Friday, December 10, 2015; thanked Vice President Beam for her work and welcomed her to the MFA program at UAA and said the naming for the UAA Pedestrian Bridge across Providence Drive, which was approved during the board’s September 2015 meeting, is named the Parrish Bridge.

President Johnsen thanked Provost Henrichs for the student presentations, Vice President Beam for her service and Ken Jernstrom, Jeannie Phillips and Executive Officer Berg for their work during this meeting; thanked UA General Counsel for wisdom and the board members for their dedication and work; assured the board that students will be involved in the budget decisions; reminded the board that liberal arts is workforce development; said to be sensitive to the fact that there will be some fear and uncertainty on what the future holds but UA needs to hold on to what positions itself for the future; thanked Regents Lucason and O’Neill regarding their comments about race and ethnicity issues; is hopeful that the positions of vice president of finance and the chief human resources officer will be filled by February; shared his December 13-16, 2015 Washington D.C. itinerary with board members and said he will be focused on the retreat after the holidays.

Regent Heckman thanked Regent Teuber for his engagement with the board during his two days of participation via audio conference; thanked UAF for the hospitality and the excellent presentations from the students; thanked Ken Jernstrom, Olivia Baker, Jeannie Phillips and Executive Officer Berg for their assistance during this meeting; said the risk management workshop on December 9, 2015 was very good; thanked board members for their patience and flexibility as the board navigated through the business at hand; fears the upcoming year will be equally as busy as last year; added her best wishes to Vice President Beam and stated good luck to Megan Riebe in her new role as the UA Foundation interim president.

20. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

Chair Heckman adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2015.