1. Individuals Present

Regents Present:
Jyotsna Heckman, Chair
Gloria O’Neill, Vice Chair
Kenneth Fisher, Secretary
John Davies, Treasurer
Dale Anderson
Mary K. Hughes
Stacey Lucason
Deena Paramo
Lisa Parker
Andy Teuber

Regent Absent:
Sheri Buretta

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
Myron Dosch, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration and Chief Financial Officer
Michelle Rizk, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget
Daniel White, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research
Roberta Graham, Associate Vice President of Public Affairs and Federal Relations
Karl Kowalski, Chief Information Technology Officer
Ardith Lynch, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Brandy Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents
Beth Leschper, Assistant, Board of Regents

2. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

Chair Heckman called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

Note for the record: Regent Buretta provided six items in connection with her status as a member of the board of the Tatitlek Corporation. Two were construction contracts which UAF had with Tatitlek Contractors, a subsidiary of Tatitlek. These two contracts were signed and the work completed prior to Regent Buretta’s tenure on the Board of Regents, and the only step that occurred following her appointment as regent was issuance of the final acceptance certificates. Two are ongoing contracts which GeoNorth, another Tatitlek subsidiary, had with two UA units, one with UAF’s Alaska Satellite Facility which started in 2013, before Regent Buretta’s tenure on the Board of Regents, and one with UA’s Facilities and Land Management which started in June 2015, and although Regent Buretta was a regent by that point, neither of those contracts required any review or approval by the Board of Regents. She also disclosed two business development initiatives that Tatitlek is discussing, one with UAF’s Alaska Satellite Facility, and the other with the Arctic Domain Awareness Council which is housed at UAA. Chair Heckman stated if any
contracts emerge from those discussions, it would not appear that they would require review or approval by the Board of Regents and in no instance has there been any indications that anyone was trying to take any advantage of Regent Buretta’s status as a regent. Chair Heckman found no violations and no need for any actions beyond placing these disclosures on the record.

Regent O’Neill disclosed an Educational Service Agreement between Cook Inlet Tribal Council, of which she is CEO, and UAA’s Continuing Education Department, for educational services for older adults developing job market participation skills. Chair Heckman stated the agreement does not require board review or approval and found no violations and no need for any actions beyond placing the disclosure on the record.

Regent Anderson recused himself from item 5.B. Approval of Partial Defeasance of Series R General Revenue Bonds.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PASSED
"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as presented. This motion is effective April 7, 2016."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Gloria R O’Neill.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

C. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 18-19, 2016

PASSED AS AMENDED
"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of February 18-19, 2016 as amended. This motion is effective April 7, 2016."

Motion by Gloria R O’Neill, second by John Davies.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Note for the record: The February 18-19, 2016 minutes were amended to include Regent Teuber’s additional disclosure regarding his employment organization KANA which was announced prior to the adoption of the February agenda.

3. Reports

A. President's Presentation and Report

President Johnsen presented the "Staff Make Students Count" awards; said uncertainty regarding UA’s budget from the state continues; stated what has not changed during this difficult budget time is UAF continues to lead in Arctic research and recently finished hosting Arctic Science Summit Week March 12-18, 2016, UAA continues to produce nurses, have successes with the Seawolf debate team and the Seawolf women's basketball team placed second in the NCAA Division II championship game, UAS continues to succeed in teacher education, mining, small business management and distant education programs and the excellence continues as UA expects to graduate 4600 students this spring; noted alumni continue to support UA with a recent event held in San Francisco and an event planned in Washington, D.C. in April 2016; said while in D.C., work will begin on UA’s land grant issue; stated the few amendments UA sought for SB174 Weapons on Campus have been eliminated; said Strategic Pathways is moving forward with administrative program changes forthcoming in September 2016; noted statewide transformation decisions will be announced on April 14, 2016; stated work continues with campus leadership on the budget reductions, retaining top faculty and maintaining morale and thanked the board and the campus leaders in attendance for their leadership and for working hard for UA’s students and the state.

"Staff Make Students Count” awardees are Ryan J. Hill from the University of Alaska Anchorage, Carolyn Chapin from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Brenda Hurley from the University of Alaska Southeast, and Buffy Kuiper
B. Governance Reports

Cecile Lardon, Faculty Alliance chair, is grateful for the opportunity to participate via video conferencing; said faculty are responding to President Johnsen’s request to develop criteria for the academic program Strategic Pathways (SP) review phase I; noted the alliance would like a voice in the administrative program review phase I but due to the timeline will not have time to participate; said the lack of information regarding SP has produced caution and fear among faculty; thanked Chair Heckman and President Johnsen for attending recent UAF Faculty Senate meetings; encouraged the board to attend faculty senate meetings at other campus locations; said faculty continue to balance long-term perspective with the immediate demands of the budget and is thankful for the board’s resolution opposing SB174 Weapons on Campus.

Faye Gallant, Staff Alliance chair, thanked Monique Musick for compiling the governance SP survey feedback; thanked President Johnsen for including governance in the criteria development for administrative and academic program SP review phase I; said UAF had 29 nominees for the Staff Make Students Count (SMSC) award noting the importance of staff to the student experience regarding recruiting and advising; congratulated the SMSC awardees; thanked the Title IX coordinators for the training and outreach efforts provided to staff; thanked the board for approving its resolution regarding SB174; said the alliance endorses the Coalition of Student Leaders’ resolution opposing SB208 Elimination of the Alaska Performance Scholarship and spoke in support of allowing remote public testimony throughout the state.

Arina Filippenko, Coalition of Student Leaders treasurer, shared information from the coalition’s February 2016 Juneau legislative visit noting the three main priorities were support for UA’s budget, opposition to SB174 and completion of UAF’s engineering building and noted the coalition’s recently approved resolution in opposition to SB208.

Monique Musick, System Governance Council chair, noted the connection with alumni is strong and especially important as UA’s advocates during this difficult budget time; said the search for UA’s chief human resources officer is complete; stated SP is still a huge concern, reviewed her April 1, 2016 memo regarding the governance SP survey feedback, encouraged the board to review the results and send any questions to her; noted system governance will support faculty, staff and student recommendations regarding the criteria development for administrative and academic program SP review phase I; spoke in support of allowing remote public testimony for those individuals who do not have the means to travel to the board’s meeting locations; stated the importance that the governance process be respected, appreciated and involved in decision-making; commended Regents Davies, Lucason, Heckman and Parker for holding the Title IX listening sessions in March 2016 and thanked Title IX coordinators and administration for work on the Title IX issue.

4. Public Testimony

A. Public Testimony

Elizabeth Ripley, Mat-Su Health Foundation board member, spoke in support of health sciences and the UA educational system; noted scrutiny to reducing health sciences programs at UA and stated healthcare must be more accessible to all Alaskans.

Maynard Tapp, Hawk Consultants business owner, spoke in support of the engineering programs and project management program at UAA; favors local hire noting Alaska’s most important resources is its people and asked the board not to reduce the engineering programs.

Dale Tran, Kaladis Brothers Coffee CEO, UAA Chancellor’s Advisory Board member and UAA Alumni Association member, said Kaladis Brothers supports 100 student employment positions on campus; said many of UAA’s alumni members are engaged with the campus on many levels and encouraged the board to involve UAA alumni in the Strategic Pathways (SP) feedback process.

Paul Kelly, UAA College of Engineering (COE) student, spoke in support of continuing to offer engineering programs at the Fairbanks and Anchorage campuses; encouraged the board not to combine the programs and not to form a lead campus model for engineering and noted the sufficient support and the demand for engineering programs at the two campuses.
Virginia Groeschel, UAA COE Advisory Council member, spoke in support of the engineering program and noted concerns with SP regarding halting research at UAA.

Nathaniel Cox, UAA COE student, spoke in support of the engineering program and his experience with the program.

Max Kullberg, WWAMI School of Medical Education assistant professor, shared the important research being done by UA's Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence and Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research; stated support for research is provide to these programs through the National Science Foundation and stated important and relevant research is being conducted at UA.

Holly Martinson, WWAMI alumni, noted an important part of her education at UAA was her undergraduate research opportunities; shared her current work regarding cancer research; said it is necessary to continue the chemistry and biology programs at UAA and stated concerns regarding SP and the combining of the science programs.

Emily Rom, UAA Department of Biological Sciences student, shared her undergraduate research experience and information about her studies in neuroscience.

Karen Carlson, UAA Department of Biological Sciences student, shared her undergraduate research experience and encouraged the board to keep graduate research programs available to students at UAA.

Kat Milligan-Myhre, UAA Department of Biological Sciences assistant professor, and Cheryl Wilga, UAA Department of Biological Sciences interim director and professor, shared information about Alaska Native students participating in studying sciences; are impressed with the research opportunities available to students at UAA noting the research performed has an impact on Alaska Native health issues and hope to engage more Alaska Native students to study biological science.

Rebecca Robinson, UAA Department of Psychology professor, and Brian Cook, UAA Department of Theatre & Dance professor, spoke to the importance of bringing a focus on sexual assault in Alaska; shared information about a partnership between UAA's Departments of Theatre and Dance, Psychology, and Art to produce Stalking the Bogeyman and advocated for continuing art and science education at UAA.

Natasa Masanovic-Courtney, UAA Department of Languages chair, spoke about the importance of cross-cultural education in the learning environment and noted the scholarships offered by the language department.

Veronica Martinez, UAA Department of Languages student, shared her experience with the cross-cultural education department faculty; said several international exchange programs are available to students and stated the exchange program is a significant opportunity to learn about other cultures while living and studying abroad.

Heather Teel, UAA Department of History student; shared her experience with the UAA Department of Languages and her experience abroad learning about the Japanese culture and spoke in support of the history program at UAA.

Paul Dunscomb, UAA Department of History chair, spoke in support of the history program and noted students choose UAA for the excellent programs offered and the opportunities available at the hometown university.

Matthieu Ostrander, Union of Students University of Alaska Anchorage (USUAA) vice president, provided the following recommendations to the board regarding eLearning: tuition should follow the 80/20 revenue-sharing split to reduce competition between campuses, review compensation provided to faculty, look to existing leadership to set the tone for the system and he noted the differences between asynchronous and synchronous classes.

Arina Filippenko, USUAA governance relations coordinator, spoke in opposition to SB208 which would eliminate the Alaska Performance Scholarship.

David Diaz, USUAA member, stated students must have an opportunity and be involved in providing feedback regarding SP; said USUAA's leadership has done an impressive amount of work on the topics included within SP and encouraged President Johnsen to involve students in the SP changes facing the students and the university.

Erik Carlson, Consortium Library metadata librarian, spoke to the importance of open access for scholarly work published at UAA; noted many research and academic journal publications are available and need to remain
accessible and encouraged the board to support open access for such publications.

Becky Hultberg, Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association president and CEO, spoke in support of healthcare access noting UA is key to meeting the demands for the healthcare workforce shortages; said Alaska continues to have a need for nurses particularly in specialty areas; stated a shortage also exists in Alaska for physical therapy assistants, occupational therapist and physician and appreciates support the UAA Health Sciences programs provide to the state.

Alice Choi, USUAA senator, spoke in opposition to SB174 regarding guns on UA campuses and thanked the board for approving its resolution regarding SB174 on March 25, 2016.

Kelly Gwynn, UAA alumni, spoke in support of UAA’s Department of Anthropology; noted her experience with the Master of Arts program offered within the department and stated the anthropology faculty is excellent.

Neil Koeneman, USUAA member, spoke in opposition to SB208 which would eliminate the Alaska Performance Scholarship and shared his experience with the Seawolf debate team and USUAA student government.

Michael Black, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium rural utility services director, urged the board to retain and expand the engineering program at UAA; noted rural communities hire a large percentage of UAA engineering graduates and shared his experience with the UAA engineering program.

Jonathan Taylor, USUAA president, recognized and thanked the board for its important work being done on behalf of the university system and encouraged leadership to further engage students in the important decisions that lie ahead during these challenging budget times.

Alan McCucheon, UAA COE non-traditional student; spoke in support of the UAA engineering program; shared his experience with the program and noted there is a huge presence of need for engineers in Anchorage.

Kennis Brady, Alaska Primary Care Association (APCA) health policy coordinator, spoke in support of the UA health programs; noted the importance the programs provide to the state of Alaska and shared APCA has many UA graduates employed within its organization.

Cindy Knall, WWAMI associate professor, spoke in support of three independently accredited universities within the university system; said robust science programs are necessary at each campus and noted the need to continue to offer pre-professional science degrees.

Boyd Morganthaler, retired engineering, encouraged the board to engage local community members before making changes noted in SP; spoke in support of the UAA engineering programs noting UAA should be the lead engineering campus and stated engineering research cannot be separated from other research opportunities.

Khrys Duddleston, UAA Department of Biological Sciences professor, shared undergraduate research performed in biology and stated research is an important part of the undergraduate and graduate student’s learning experience.

Ted Trueblood, retired engineer, spoke in support of engineering at UAA and his experience with the program and its graduates.

Posie Boggs, Literate Nation member, shared research regarding how to teach reading effectively in the classroom; noted the importance of having teachers graduate with scientific and evidence-based knowledge regarding how to teach reading and encouraged the board to place a strategic focus on scientifically evidenced reading instruction in its teacher preparation courses.

Jennifer Hall Jones, Alaska Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (ABIDA) president, said teachers are not receiving scientifically evidenced pedagogy which the (ABIDA) considers the main reason for lack of progress in reading proficiency across Alaska and spoke in support of UA implementing scientifically evidenced reading instruction.

Kristina Butler, UAA Department of Geology student, spoke in support of undergraduate research and her experience conducting research in the field and noted she received an internship because of her research performed at UAA.

Anna Stanzyk, UAA Department of Geology student, spoke in support of UAA’s geology program and her experience with the program and noted the program receives community support.
Sarah Gerken, UAA Department of Biological Sciences assistant professor, and Jennifer Burns, UAA Department of Biological Sciences professor, spoke to the benefits provided to students through the offering of Biology 108 and noted higher enrollment and student success when taking the next level class, Biology 208.

Stephanie Bauer, UAA Department of Philosophy associate professor and chair, spoke in support of the department and the work performed within the department.

Raymond Anthony, UAA Department of Philosophy professor, spoke in support of the department and his work with undergraduate mentoring.

Hunter Granley, UAA Department of Philosophy student, spoke in support of the department; his experience with the faculty in the department and noted the importance of undergraduate research.

Marla Williams, community member, shared information about the Alaska Native Studies Conference being held at UAA on April 14-16, 2016.

Jonathan Stecyk, UAA student, spoke of his experience in the Biology 108 class and stated the importance of undergraduate research.

Glen Dunn, UAA student, shared his experience with the Alaska Native business courses offered at UAA; noted how the specific business courses provided insight into the culture and spoke in support of an Alaska Native Studies general education requirement.

Deborah Periman, UAA Justice Center professor, highlighted the work of UAA’s Center for Community Engagement & Learning which connects academic programs with community needs through student learning, faculty research and creative activity.

Johnnie E. Templeton, Jr., USUAA representative, spoke in support of UAA’s Disability Support Services and the services provided to students.

Richard Vanderhoek, Alaska Office of History and Archaeology employee, spoke in support of UAA’s Department of Anthropology, the Master of Arts program and his experience with the program.

Jeff Welker, UAA Department of Biological Sciences professor, spoke in support of scientific research; noted UAA is a distinguished research institution; stated support for natural science programs and expressed the importance of graduate and undergraduate research.

Jeff Benowitz, UAF Geophysical Institute research assistant professor, spoke about Title IX safety issues while doing research field work and the need to provide personal communication devices for those individuals and stated the board should review its policy regarding selling alcohol on campus in light of SB174 Guns on Campus.

Drew Cason, UAA Alumni Association member, spoke in support of the board offering public testimony during non-business hours when community member are more able to participate and stated support for continued undergraduate research efforts.

Dan Hart, Siemens operation manager and UAA Engineering Advisory Board member, spoke in support of the engineering programs at UAA, his experience with the program’s graduates and is in favor of the lead engineering campus being located in Anchorage.

Amy Hart, UAA Alumni Association member, is in favor of the board having meetings during non-business hours to allow alumni to attend and participate; spoke in support of UAA’s College of Health programs and noted the SP forums should be scheduled during non-business hours to allow the community to attend.

Corey Hestor, UAA Alumni Association member, spoke in support of UAA’s Journalism program, his experience with the program and stated many internships within the Anchorage community are offered to UAA students.

Miranda Forner, UAA Alumni Association member, spoke in support of UAA’s Journalism program, her experience with the program and said as an alumni member she has had an opportunity to share her work with UAA’s College of Arts and Sciences students.

Jim Munter, Anchorage community member and hydrogeologist, supports raising tuition at the university; spoke in
support of UAA’s Department of Geology and encouraged the board to continue to nurture successful programs such as STEM and STEM technology.

Garrett Yager, UAA alumni, spoke in support of graduate research and shared his experience with the UAA graduate engineering program.

David Hoisington, Anchorage community member, spoke in favor of UAA’s graduate engineering courses, his experience with the program and stated the university must foster creativity, innovation and retain qualified and excellent professors.

5. Financial Briefing and Approval Items

A. Financial Briefing

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

B. Approval of Partial Defeasance of Series R General Revenue Bonds

POSTPONED

“The Board of Regents adopts the resolution for partial defeasance of Series R General Revenue Bonds as presented. This motion is effective April 8, 2016.”

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Gloria R O’Neill.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Kenneth J Fisher, Jyotsna L Heckman, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O’Neill, Deena Paramo, Lisa M Parker, Andy Teuber
Nay: John Davies
Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson, Stacey Lucason

Note for the record: The motion was postponed to the June 2-3, 2016 Board of Regents’ Meeting.

C. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 05.07.010.B. – Land Grant Endowment

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents’ Policy 05.07.010.B. as presented. This motion is effective April 7, 2016.”

Motion by Andy Teuber, second by Stacey Lucason.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

RATIONALE

The policy change to P05.07.010.B. – Land Grant Endowment is being proposed to reduce administrative burden, for both management and the board, by setting a materiality threshold for board consideration. Currently, the policy requires that proceeds from the sale of non-Land Grant Trust Land be deposited into the Inflation Proofing Fund. Any exceptions must be approved by the board. The proposed policy implements a $1,000,000 level at which exceptions are approved by the board. Exceptions for proceeds less than $1,000,000 would be approved by the president. The $1,000,000 level is being proposed as that level is consistent with other real property transactions requiring board approval as detailed in P05.11.060.B. and C.

Controller and Acting Chief Financial Officer Dosch answered questions from board members.

PROPOSED REVISIONS with TRACK CHANGES

P05.07.010.B - Land-Grant Endowment.
The land-grant endowment trust fund is established in accordance with AS 14.40.400. The net income from the sale, lease, development or other disposition of trust land or other related resources will be deposited to the land-grant endowment trust fund as principal. Except as specifically approved by the board, the net proceeds from the sale or development of non-trust land or other related resources and the improvements thereon will be deposited as additions to the inflation-proofing fund in a manner similar to principal. The board shall approve any exceptions to disposition of net proceeds greater than $1,000,000. The president shall approve any exceptions for the disposition of net proceeds $1,000,000 or less and notify the chair of the facilities and land management committee. Annually, effective July 1, the spending allowance for the funds, as described later in this policy, will be transferred to the operating accounts for management and maintenance of university land and to the natural resources fund for program expenditures.

PROPOSED FINAL LANGUAGE

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6. Campus Presentation

A. Changing the Paradigm of Course Design and Delivery

University of Alaska Anchorage faculty presented information regarding current efforts in student learning outcomes assessment, general education, quality assurance, and online learning.

Dr. Kline, English and General Education director, and Dr. Dannenberg, Academic Innovations and eLearning director, presented how UAA is working to make sure there is an integrated approach and consistency across offerings, based on course-level student learning outcomes developed and delivered by the faculty.

7. State Relations Report, UA Contingency Budget Discussion and Strategic Pathways Discussion

A. State Relations Report

Associate Vice President Christensen said a legislative special session is likely forthcoming; noted the state capital budget is still pending; said the GO Bond to assist with the UAF engineering building has not moved forward; reviewed and provided an update on several bills affecting UA and thanked board members for attending numerous House and Senate meetings this legislative session noting it is helpful in advancing UA's interests and is appreciated by legislators.

B. UA Contingency Budget Discussion

President Johnsen stated planning efforts regarding the university’s budget begin with the needs and priorities of the state and to serve the students, employers and communities within Alaska; reviewed UA’s current budget situation within the Legislature stating FY16 will be the third year of reductions to UA’s operating budget; shared cost reductions that have occurred, as a result of continued reduced state funding, in the areas of administrative expenses, academic programs, research and personnel and the impacts of such reductions; provided budget scenarios based on both the House and Senate proposed budgets; offered strategy priorities and potential areas for continued investment; summarized progress on the Regents’ Four key areas and stated work continues on the statewide transformation efforts with outcomes and decisions to be announced on April 14, 2016.
C. Strategic Pathways Discussion

President Johnsen reviewed the process and timeline for Strategic Pathways (SP); stated the relationship between the process and timeline is short- and long-term with short being an eye on priorities and long being general guidance for making key decisions over time; is meeting with deans and directors on each campus for face-to-face conversations and to mitigate uncertainties and fear; said community input regarding SP will be much more assertive during the summer months; stated SP will be implemented in three phases, with phase I beginning this spring and phase III completed by 2019; shared the criteria for phase I noting work teams would be formed with the inclusion of all constituent groups and decisions beginning in the fall 2016; said SP's restructuring goals include maximizing value to Alaska through excellent, accessible and more cost-effective higher education.

The board expressed its support for continued strategic priorities in the areas of deferred maintenance, teacher education, research, engineering, workforce development (e.g. healthcare and maritime), partnerships with industry, eLearning, taking a bold look at organizational structure on how to grow UA’s programs and the benefits of one or three universities.

8. Shaping Alaska's Future Progress Report

Progress Report on Shaping Alaska's Future Theme 4: Research and Development (R&D) and Scholarship to Enhance Alaska’s Communities and Economic Growth

Vice President White presented a progress report on Shaping Alaska’s Future Theme 4: Research and Development (R&D) and Scholarship to Enhance Alaska’s Communities and Economic Growth.

9. Planning and Development Committee

A. Discussion Regarding Board Governance / Board Assessment

Regent Parker reminded the board to submit the board assessment material by May 20, 2016 for discussion during the June 2-3, 2016 board meeting and noted she is exploring succession planning for the university system.

Regent Hughes stated the Association of Governing Boards board of directors will meet during the week of April 11, 2016 and is requesting information from its members to commission a report regarding university systems and the relationship with its foundations.

B. Public Testimony - Options for Alternative Testimony

Chief Information Technology Officer Kowalski reviewed options for providing alternative public testimony during Board of Regents' meetings.

Chair Heckman asked the Planning and Development Committee to hold a special meeting to continue reviewing public testimony options and report its findings to the full board during the June 2-3, 2016 Board of Regents' Meeting.

Board of Regents' Bylaw 09 Public Testimony states:
Subject to the will of a majority of the board, the chair may offer an opportunity for public testimony at regular meetings upon such terms as deemed appropriate and may limit the amount of time allocated to any particular individual or issue. (02-07-07)

10. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda
PASSED AS AMENDED (amendment noted by *)
"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 10.B.1. and 10.C.1-2 as amended. This motion is effective April 8, 2016."

Motion by Gloria R O'Neill, second by John Davies.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: John Davies, Kenneth J Fisher, Jyotsna L Heckman, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Deena Paramo, Lisa M Parker, Andy Teuber
Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson, Stacey Lucason

B. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

*1. Approval of a Graduate Certificate in Resilience and Adaptation at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (Postponed in committee to the June 2-3, 2016 Board of Regents’ Meeting)

C. Audit Committee

1. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 05.03.012 - Introduction and Mission

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 05.03.012 – Introduction and Mission as presented. This motion is effective April 8, 2016."

2. Approval of Revisions to Regents’ Policy 05.03.016 - Professional Standards

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 05.03.016 – Professional Standards as presented. This motion is effective April 8, 2016."

11. New Business and Committee Reports

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

The action item was postponed to the June 2-3, 2016 board meeting. The committee heard reports on military student education and the evaluation of program costs. The concurrent enrollment discussion was removed from the agenda.

B. Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX

Regent Davies held Title IX listening sessions for students, staff and faculty at UAF on March 23, 2016, at UAA on March 30, 2016 and at UAS on March 31, 2016. Regents Heckman and Lucason attended in Fairbanks and Regents Lucason and Parker attended in Anchorage.

The purpose of the sessions were to assure students, staff and faculty that the board takes the issue seriously, to learn what was being done across the system and to bring recommendations back to the board and President Johnsen for needed improvements. Regent Davies believes UA is on track to implement an excellent set of programs that will comply with Title IX standards, respond fairly and responsibly when incidents do occur and begin the long process of changing the culture on UA campuses so that sexual assault and other power-based personal violence are drastically reduced. He noted some ongoing concerns and provided a number of recommendations to UA administration and Title IX staff.

C. Audit Committee

In addition to action items, the committee heard an audit status report and held an executive session.
12. Future Agenda Items

A. Future Agenda Items

Regent Davies noted interest in Title IX training for board members.

13. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

PASSED

"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss confidential Title IX compliance issues and confidential personnel issues, and to receive legal advice related to those issues; matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to negotiations for a successor bargaining agreement with the Fairbanks Firefighters Association Local 1324; matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university, as well as affecting the reputation or character of a person or persons, related to the UAF chancellor search and university structure and matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university and are confidential related to U-Med land management issues. This motion is effective April 8, 2016."

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

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 1:55 p.m. and concluded an executive session at 4:25 p.m Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss confidential Title IX compliance issues and confidential personnel issues, and to receive legal advice related to those issues; matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to negotiations for a successor bargaining agreement with the Fairbanks Firefighters Association Local 1324; matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university, as well as affecting the reputation or character of a person or persons, related to the UAF chancellor search and university structure and matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university and are confidential related to U-Med land management issues. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Johnsen, General Counsel Hostina, Mr. Feldman from Summit Law Group and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

14. Board of Regents' Comments

A. Board of Regents' Comments

Regent Parker thanked Chancellor Case and his staff for the hospitality; said the highlight of the meeting was
meeting the Seawolf women’s basketball team; was impressed with the team’s success and its ability to maintain high academic standards and stated public testimony from students and the public was enlightening.

Regent Davies attended the evening celebration honoring the Seawolf women’s basketball team noting during the evening players shared how the basketball program helped them achieve their post-secondary education goals; said his biggest concern about SB174 Weapons on Campus is the potential increase in suicide rates on campus; expressed concern for SB208 Elimination of the Alaska Performance Scholarship; stated a need for UA to lead the way to diversity the economy regarding efficiencies with Alaska’s renewable resources and said to improve the health of Alaska’s residents, UA can lead the way in preventative healthcare education by placing an emphasis on lifestyle and nutrition choices.

Regent O’Neill thanked Chancellor Case and his staff for the hospitality; was very inspired by the Seawolf women’s basketball team; was also inspired by public testimony from students; thanked faculty and staff for its care of UA’s students in developing the student’s skills which enhance the state and said UA, with the help of its faculty, students and administrative leadership, will find the best way to move forward regardless of the current funding situation.

Regent Fisher stated in light of health and Title IX concerns the UA tobacco-free and alcohol policies are incongruous noting perhaps the Academic and Student Affairs Committee could review the issue and thanked Ken Jernstrom and Executive Officer Berg for another seamless meeting.

Regent Paramo thanked staff for presentations during the meeting; noted appreciation for staff’s responsiveness to inquires; stated there are many good things happening and worth celebrating around the UA system; said research indicates that students are successful and resilient due to the charismatic adults in student’s lives and stated the Gallup Poll on post-secondary education notes that hope is the number one indicator for success in college.

Chancellor Case thanked Ken Jernstrom, Beth Leschper and Executive Officer Berg for the great effort during the meeting; thanked Regents Davies and Lucason for holding the Title IX listening sessions on campus; thanked board members for welcoming the Seawolf women’s basketball team during the meeting noting intercollegiate athletics is an important part of the college experience; highlighted faculty, staff and student accomplishments at UAA; noted National Science Foundation Day will be held at UAA on April 8, 2016 and underscored Regent Paramo’s mention of the value of hope and the exciting things happening across the UA system.

Chancellor Caulfield thanked Chancellor Case and his staff for the hospitality; said perseverance and keeping an eye on student success will help UA concentrate on issues of importance during this difficult budget time; thanked Regent Davies for visiting Juneau and holding the Title IX listening sessions on campus; noted collaboration continues with UAF regarding undergraduate fisheries programs; highlighted faculty, staff and student accomplishments at UAS and thanked the board for its service.

Chancellor Powers thanked Chancellor Case and his staff for the hospitality; thanked Regents Davies, Heckman and Lucason for holding the Title IX listening sessions on campus; said his office sponsored three UAF women students to attended a national conference regarding Title IX and advocacy for victims; noted UAF’s success with Green Dot training for faculty, staff and students; said collaboration continues among the campuses regarding fisheries and Title IX efforts and highlighted faculty, staff and student accomplishments at UAF.

President Johnsen thanked the board for guidance regarding budget priorities; said excellent feedback was heard during public testimony from community members regarding Strategic Pathways which indicates the community’s high degree of engagement with the university; will be in Juneau April 11, 2016 for SB174 Weapons on Campus testimony and meetings with Senator Kelly and Representative Thompson; is looking forward to presenting to legislators and holding listening session across the state during the summer and fall to communicate UA’s endeavors; thanked Chancellor Case for the hospitality and the exciting activities on campus and thanked Beth Leschper for assisting Executive Officer Berg during the meeting.

Regent Heckman thanked Chancellor Case for the hospitality; thanked Beth Leschper, Ken Jernstrom and Executive Officer Berg for their efforts during the meeting; noted in-person public testimony is increasing at each meeting indicating folks interest and passion regarding issues facing UA; said the increase in written testimony is also telling noting it is captured and is sent to board members; was glad to see the alums attend the meeting in full force to share successes and concerns and stated the same sentiment for the words hope and perseverance and added optimism for these difficult times ahead.
15. Adjourn

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Chair Heckman adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016.