

**Official Minutes  
Board of Regents  
Meeting of the Full Board  
March 1-2, 2018  
Fairbanks, Alaska**

## **1. Individuals Present**

### Regents Present:

Gloria O'Neill, Chair  
John Davies, Vice Chair  
Lisa Parker, Secretary  
Deena Bishop, Treasurer  
Dale Anderson  
Sheri Buretta  
Jyotsna Heckman  
Mary K. Hughes  
Karen Perdue  
Stephen 'Joey' Sweet  
Andy Teuber

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

### Others Present:

Rick Caulfield, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast  
Sam Gingerich, Interim Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage  
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Michael Hostina, General Counsel  
Myron Dosch, Chief Financial Officer  
Paul Layer, Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs  
Michelle Rizk, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget Officer  
Roberta Graham, Associate Vice President of Public Affairs  
Karl Kowalski, Chief Information Technology Officer  
Keli Hite McGee, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents  
Morgan Dufseth, Assistant, Board of Regents  
Lisa Hoferkamp, Faculty Alliance Chair  
Kara Axx, Staff Alliance Chair  
Colby Freel, Coalition of Student Leaders Chair

## **2. Opening Items**

### **A. Call to Order**

Chair O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

### **B. Adoption of Agenda**

*Note for the record: Regent Bishop stated she is employed by the Anchorage School District (ASD) and that the ASD has a memorandum of agreement with the University of Alaska Anchorage regarding a district-wide ACT testing pilot. Chair O'Neill 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.*

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as presented. This motion is effective March 1, 2018."**

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Deena Bishop.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Deena Bishop, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Jyotsna L Heckman, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Stephen 'Joey' Sweet, Andy Teuber

## C. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of November 9-10, 2017

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of November 9-10, 2017 as presented. This motion is effective March 1, 2018."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Deena Bishop.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Deena Bishop, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Jyotsna L Heckman, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Stephen 'Joey' Sweet, Andy Teuber

## D. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 19, 2018

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of January 19, 2018 as presented. This motion is effective March 1, 2018."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Deena Bishop, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Jyotsna L Heckman, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Stephen 'Joey' Sweet, Andy Teuber

## **3. Reports**

### A. President's Report

President Johnsen introduced new staff members Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Paul Layer and UAF Vice Chancellor for University and Student Advancement Keith Champagne; said the House Finance Committee added \$19M to the governor's \$317M suggested budget for UA; noted his work in Juneau would not be successful without the dedicated work done by regents, faculty, staff, students and administration; stated the capital budget is lagging behind the operating budget, the education tax credit is moving forward, there is strong support for the Alaska Performance Scholarship and the Alaska Education Grant and the Legislature prepared a resolution supporting UA's efforts regarding the federal land grant; said effort continues on federal issues including the land grant, the Higher Education Act reauthorization, an Alaska Maritime Training Center of Excellence, research funding and infrastructure; noted to better coordinate activity with the federal delegation, a recruitment for a staff position in Washington D.C. will commence over the next month; said implementation continues with Strategic Pathways (SP) and monthly progress reports are being prepared by the statewide councils; stated tremendous progress is being made with the Alaska College of Education under Chancellor Caulfield's leadership and the collaboration among deans and faculty; shared recent innovations at UA including Center ICE, President's Challenge and Greensparc; reported work continues within facilities and land management regarding maintenance, sales, partnerships, land development and monetization; said effort continues with Title IX, UA's philanthropic campaign and the Ted Steven's Foundation; noted all collective bargaining agreements have been negotiated and a compensation review for faculty, staff and students will be done this spring; stated confidence in the state, UA and UA's budget moving in the right direction in Juneau and thanked the board for its support.

Chair O'Neill stated it was a very good experience to be in Juneau with President Johnsen on February 26-27, 2018 to speak with legislators, noting President Johnsen has done an incredible job building relationships there; noted the SP framework, UA's strategic investments and the reinvestment in UA and the state was well received and said there is respect and understanding in Juneau regarding what UA is doing within the state.

### B. Governance Reports

Lisa Hoferkamp, Faculty Alliance chair, stated the alliance remains committed to maximizing the role of shared governance and working with the board to discuss productive efforts toward addressing academic issues; said she met with President Johnsen since the last board meeting to discuss several items noting the alliance opposes the appointment of part-time faculty to positions created to support faculty representation such as appointments to statewide councils; acknowledged the student employee wage increase; is looking forward to the results from the statewide salary review and the comparison to positions within and outside of Alaska; encouraged administrative support of departmental efforts regarding course sharing; said the alliance is working with the IT Council to ensure the Banner 9 upgrade occurs with the least disruption to academic operations and course delivery; said there is continued support to establish a voting faculty regent; noted work on GERs continues with the goal that aligned courses would appear in the fall 2019 catalog; said the Alaska College of Education remains a sensitive issue among faculty and stated faculty are committed to UA and ready to go the extra mile to fix real or perceived problems with education programs at UA.

Kara Axx, Staff Alliance chair, thanked President Johnsen, staff, faculty and alumni for advocating on UA's behalf in

Juneau during the legislative session; stated staff morale is still an issue noting these individuals are the direct contact for UA's students; thanked Statewide Human Resources Director Pope for regularly attending the alliance meetings to provide an update on human resources policy, regulation and procedural revisions; said the alliance supports the addition of a staff and faculty regent and stated the alliance's spring retreat is March 22-23, 2018, in Anchorage.

Colby Freel, Coalition of Student Leaders chair, stated the annual Juneau fly-in is March 17-20, 2018, noting over 30 students from across UA's campuses will participate; said in addition to the personal student stories regarding how UA has provided opportunity and access to careers, the coalition will speak to the importance of the Alaska Performance Scholarship and the Alaska Education Grant; thanked President Johnsen and Chief Human Resources Officer Hite McGee for their effort on increasing student employee wages and is grateful that 20 percent of students will receive an increase in compensation.

## **4. Financial Briefing**

### **A. Financial Briefing**

Chief Finance Officer Dosch provided a financial briefing.

## **5. Government Relations Report**

### **A. Government Relations Report**

Associate Vice President Baker provided a brief update regarding student loan forgiveness for the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho medical program; noted the Legislature is mid-way through its session; stated the Legislature is working on extending the higher education tax credit to 2025 and said ongoing efforts continue with the Alaska Delegation in Washington D.C. regarding issues affecting UA.

## **6. UA Budget Discussion**

### **A. UA Budget Discussion**

President Johnsen provided an overview of the FY19 budget status; reviewed the impacts of budget reductions; shared UA's strategies to diversity revenue; gave a summary of UA's goals and measures which include contributing to Alaska's economic development, providing Alaska's skilled workforce, growing UA's world-class research, increasing degree attainment and operating more cost effectively and reviewed the contingency budget planning process, goals, criteria, scenarios and timeline. The board discussed the budget and advised UA's executive leadership to continue to maintain the board's strategic priorities.

## **7. New Business and Committee Reports**

### **A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

In addition to the action items, the committee heard reports on student employee salary options, process improvements for online student services and UA program suspensions.

### **B. Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX**

The committee held a meeting on January 19, 2018 and heard reports on Regents' Policy as it pertains to alcohol and marijuana use on UA's campuses, the progress on the Office of Civil Rights Voluntary Resolution Agreement, Title IX training for faculty, staff and students and held an executive session.

### **C. Audit Committee**

The committee heard an audit status report, received an update on a HIPAA audit and the investment performance of the Education Trust of Alaska and held an executive session.

### **D. Facilities and Land Management Committee**

In addition to the action item, the committee received an update on timber management and facilities maintenance, heard reports on the status of facilities and land management, status of UA property for sale, capital project approvals-delegation of authority, UAA Kenai Peninsula Campus soil remediation, UAF combined heat and power plant, UAF engineering facility, UAF high frequency auroral research project, construction in progress and held an executive session.

Karl Kowalski, chief information technology officer, provided an update on security efforts, Blackboard, Web Accessibility Taskforce efforts, upcoming compliance issues, an external IT review and the Banner 9 upgrade.

## **8. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Consent Agenda**

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 8.B.1-4. and 8.C.1. as presented. This motion is effective March 1, 2018."**

Motion by Deena Bishop, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Deena Bishop, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Jyotsna L Heckman, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Stephen 'Joey' Sweet, Andy Teuber

### **B. Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Items from February 22, 2018**

#### **1. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.02.040 - Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination**

#### **PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 10.02.040 - Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination as presented. This motion is effective March 1, 2018."

#### **CURRENT LANGUAGE with TRACK CHANGES FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS**

Policy 10.02.040 Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision and Elimination

D. Approval of the board is required to create units as specified in this section and to eliminate or significantly modify the following university units:

#### UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

##### Community Campuses

- Kenai Peninsula College
- Kodiak College
- Matanuska-Susitna College
- Prince William Sound College

##### College of Arts and Sciences

- Alaska State Climate Center (AS 14.10.085)
- ~~School of Education~~

##### College of Business and Public Policy

- Institute of Social and Economic Research (AS 14.40.110)

##### ~~College of Education~~

##### College of Engineering

##### College of Health

- School of Allied Health
- School of Nursing
- Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies (AS 14.40.088)
- School of Social Work
- WWAMI School of Medical Education

##### Community and Technical College

##### University Honors College

#### UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

College of Engineering and Mines  
Mineral Industry Research Laboratory (AS 14.40.115)

College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences  
Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center (AS 16.52.010-070)  
Institute of Marine Science (AS 14.40.080)  
Seward Marine Center

College of Liberal Arts  
Alaska Native Language Center (AS 14.40.117)

College of Natural Science and Mathematics  
~~School of Education~~

College of Rural and Community Development  
Bristol Bay Campus, Dillingham  
Chukchi Campus, Kotzebue  
Interior Alaska Campus, Fairbanks  
Kuskokwim Campus, Bethel  
Northwest Campus, Nome  
~~UAF Community and Technical College, Fairbanks~~

### Community and Technical College

Geophysical Institute  
Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration – Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (ACUASI-RDT & E)  
Alaska Earthquake Information Center (AS 14.40.075)  
Alaska Volcano Observatory (AS 14.40.075)  
Poker Flat Research Range

Institute of Arctic Biology

International Arctic Research Center

Rasmuson Library

~~School of Education~~

School of Management

School of Natural Resources and Extension

University of Alaska Museum of the North

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST

Juneau Campus

School of Arts & Sciences  
School of Career Education  
~~School~~ Alaska College of Education

Ketchikan Campus  
Sitka Campus

## 2. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.05.015 - Concurrent Enrollment

### PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 10.05.015 - Concurrent Enrollment as presented. This motion is effective March 1, 2018."

### **P10.05.015. ~~Concurrent~~ Dual Enrollment.**

~~Concurrent~~ Dual enrollment refers to enrollment at the university by a student who is simultaneously enrolled in a ~~pre-~~

~~postsecondary institution~~ K-12 (or homeschool) for which the student may receive credit at both ~~institutions the K-12 and postsecondary levels~~. The university encourages ~~concurrent dual~~ enrollment. No additional restrictions on ~~concurrent dual~~ enrollment beyond those applicable to all students, or to avoid violations of law or ensure informed consent by a parent or legal guardian (including financial obligations), shall be allowed.

### 3. Approval of the Discontinuation of the Undergraduate Certificate in Paralegal Studies at the University of Alaska Anchorage

#### PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of the Undergraduate Certificate in Paralegal Studies at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective March 1, 2018."

### 4. Approval of the Discontinuation of the Undergraduate Certificate in Small Business Management at the University of Alaska Anchorage

#### PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of the Undergraduate Certificate in Small Business Management at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective March 1, 2018."

## C. Facilities and Land Management Committee - Item from February 22, 2018

### 1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Southeast Auke Bay Marine Station Re-use

#### PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Southeast Auke Bay Marine Station Re-use 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 \$12,090,000. This motion is effective March 1, 2018."

## **9. Full Board Discussions**

### A. Strategic Pathways Discussion

President Johnsen explained the Strategic Pathways (SP) process as organizing the system to maximize value to students and the State of Alaska by being cost effective, providing quality programs, services and access while positively impacting Alaska's communities and achieving long-term fiscal sustainability; provided a status update on SP Phases 1-3 noting implementation is under way in all 22 areas and stated next steps include continuing to gather internal input on the recent IT review and to formulate an action plan, moving forward on the student access gateway, continuing to track SP implementation through inter-university councils and using the SP framework to make informed budget decisions. The board discussed SP and noted satisfaction with its progress.

He said the purpose of the UA's Student Access Gateway is to improve the student experience through more convenient, streamlined and automated processes for admissions, registration, communication and to expand online access to information about the full array of courses, programs and services provided by UA and reviewed the considerations, plan, timeline, budget and members of the project team. The board discussed and expressed support for the student access gateway.

### B. Alaska College of Education Update

President Johnsen provided background information regarding the Alaska College of Education (AKCOE) noting the state's need for Alaska trained educators; said the AKCOE Teacher Education Council is formed and working to support the search process for an executive dean, an external advisory council is formed and meeting, faculty from all three universities are meeting and presentations are being provided to school administrators; reviewed the roles for the executive dean, the UA Teacher Education Council, the external advisory council and the directors at UAA and UAF; stated communication, marketing and recruitment efforts are being coordinated and said the next steps include informing accreditors of the administrative changes, finalizing the selection of the executive dean, selecting directors at UAA and UAF, formalizing the UA Teacher Education Council and ensuring teacher education remains a top priority in the budget planning process. Board members discussed the AKCOE, are looking forward to the next steps and noted satisfaction regarding the progress of the AKCOE.

### C. UA Alcohol Policy Discussion

Associate Vice President Oba, Vice Chancellors for Student Affairs Nelson, Champagne and Schultz and Vice President Layer led a discussion regarding Regents' Policy and UAS, UAF and UAA specific alcohol policies and regulations.

## **10. Title IX Compliance Update and Review of Title IX Scorecards and Metrics**

### **A. Title IX Compliance Update and Review of Title IX Scorecards and Metrics**

Chief Title IX Officer Gower reviewed the first year of UA's progress and compliance regarding the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Voluntary Resolution Agreement; noted she and the campus Title IX coordinators meet weekly and the Statewide Title IX Taskforce meets monthly; said all campuses are using Maxient to track current incidents within the system and said a response from the OCR regarding UA's revised policies and procedures and other information is still pending.

Associate General Counsel O'Brien shared that in December 2017 the Department of Education provided notice regarding new regulations and rules of engagement that may be forthcoming in March 2018 and said OCR might provide new guidance, which may require revisions to UA's policies.

Chancellors Caulfield, Gingerich and White reviewed the Title IX Compliance Scorecards.

## **11. Planning and Development Committee and a Full Board Discussion Item**

### **A. Discussion Regarding Board Governance**

Regent Hughes said the annual board self-assessment would again be available online and provided to members later in March 2018 with a response deadline in May 2018; stated the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) Foundation Leadership Forum held in January 2018 was excellent and said the AGB National Conference on Trusteeship in April 2018 will be engaging and will provide an opportunity to learn about and discuss topics pertinent to national education trends.

### **B. UA Development and UA Foundation Reports**

Foundation President Behlke Foley provided an update on university system development efforts and University of Alaska Foundation activities; stated UA advancement and development staff held a retreat in January 2018 to coordinate collaborative efforts among the campuses and provided a reminder regarding board giving and participation.

### **C. University of Alaska Fairbanks Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park**

#### **POLICY CITATION**

P05.12.070. Capital Project Development: General. A. Capital projects shall be developed through a series of approvals, reports, and other processes designed to provide various members of the campus, the local community, the system office administration, and the board with meaningful involvement in the planning and outcome of the projects. The approval and reporting processes are intended to identify significant decision points and changes in the projects, particularly decisions and changes that affect the project scope, budget or schedule, early enough for the respective approval authority to participate effectively in decision making.

#### **HISTORY**

The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) is a state leader in Alaska Native Studies research and teaching and is committed to becoming a global leader in the field of Indigenous Studies. With increasing local and world-wide demand for expertise in the field of Indigenous Studies, we are building partnerships, planning and investing to prepare ourselves for growth in this area. UAF's Indigenous Studies PhD program garners national and international interest and is currently at student capacity. Our Tribal Management program represents an underserved market in governance, organizational leadership capacity and self-reliance statewide. Tribal management is expanding delivery to serve all of Alaska, with growing partnerships and enrollment across the state. In addition to Indigenous studies and tribal management, UAF seeks to support all Indigenous faculty, staff and students as it seeks to broaden the opportunity for and impact of Alaska Native scholars across the disciplines and across campus.

Timing is crucial to respond to demand in areas such as the revitalization of Indigenous languages and restoration of cultural knowledge, while first language speakers and culture bearers remain with us. These areas of knowledge are innately interdisciplinary and have been shown to increase academic achievement and well-being among Indigenous students and others when integrated into teacher training and classrooms. Indigenous language and knowledge hold a world of social and natural science knowledge with critical value to many academic fields. In this academic year alone, with partners across the state, UAF will host large symposiums and forums on Tribal Governance, Indigenous Youth Suicide Prevention, and Alaska Native Language Revitalization, with hundreds of community members, academics, elders, and students from throughout Alaska. This is in addition to ongoing academic and student support programs, such as

Rural Student Services and the Festival of Native Arts.

In order to meet these current needs and prepare for continued growth, the University of Alaska Fairbanks seeks to build a new Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park facility on its Fairbanks campus. The envisioned facility would encompass:

- A state-of-the-art research, learning and cultural activities facility with conference and performance space, classrooms, art space, archive space, a kitchen, a sitting area for elders and offices; and
- A surrounding park to support outdoor gatherings celebrations and events, with green space, native plantings, patios, sculptures and viewing areas honoring Alaska Native peoples.

This initiative is UAF's top fundraising priority. UAF aims to fund the majority of this project with privately raised funds. To this end, a fundraising steering committee has been formed to support a fundraising campaign. Admiral Tom Barrett of Alyeska, Aaron Schutt of Doyon, and UAF Emeritus Miranda Wright have all committed time and expertise to serve as co-chairs of a steering committee to guide UAF's fundraising effort. To date, 70 donors have committed \$1.5M to this initiative.

UAF Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community and Native Education Peter and Committee Co-Chair Admiral Barrett provided an update regarding the status of this project.

## **12. Corporate Resolution**

### A. Approval of Revisions to the Industrial Security Resolution

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the Industrial Security Resolution as revised, to reflect changes to administrative staff and authorizes the chair and the secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective March 2, 2018."**

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Jyotsna L Heckman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Deena Bishop, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Jyotsna L Heckman, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Karen Perdue, Stephen 'Joey' Sweet

Not Present at Vote: Lisa M Parker, Andy Teuber

#### 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 administrative staff.

## **13. Future Agenda Items**

### A. Future Agenda Items

Regent O'Neill noted updates regarding the Alaska College of Education should be presented to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and provided during the full board meetings. Regent Hughes asked for information regarding the number of students enrolled in UA's education programs.

## **14. Board of Regents' Comments**

### A. Board of Regents' Comments

Regent Sweet stated this was a productive meeting and said when the board meeting agendas are posted he shares the information with UA student governance groups.

Regent Perdue stated she attended the UAF Blue and Gold Gala on February 9, 2018, noting it was a delightful event



focused on students and faculty and was a very enjoyable evening.

Regent Heckman said it was a great meeting; thanked Chair O'Neill and President Johnsen for their leadership during the meeting and Chancellor White for hosting the meeting; stated the public gathering was well attended and a positive event; is very pleased with the progress and appreciates the administration's effort regarding Title IX and enjoyed the Troth Yeddha' presentation.

Regent Parker thanked Chancellor White for the hospitality and wished the Coalition of Student Leaders well during its advocacy trip to Juneau on March 17-20, 2018.

Regent Davies thanked President Johnsen for his leadership; said UA is on the right path and appears to be turning the corner on the budget challenges; appreciated the engineering facility tour; enjoyed the RAHI and UAF One Health information provided during the public gathering and stated the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park presentation was uplifting and it will be a positive addition to campus.

Regent Bishop was thankful for the opportunities to be surrounded by young people during these meetings and thanked the administration for its preparation of the meeting material.

Regent Hughes thanked Chair O'Neill for her leadership; said the meeting was excellent and thanked President Johnsen and Chair O'Neill for being in Juneau in February 2018 to advocate for UA.

Regent Buretta said with regard to the budget the weight of challenge has lifted; enjoyed the public gathering presentations and the engineering facility tour and wished Regent Parker happy birthday.

Regent Anderson said he is pleased with the unity of the board and its efforts over the past years; is excited about the Troth Yeddha' concept and looks forward to its success and thanked Vice Chancellor Peter for reaching out and speaking to students at the True North Leadership Academy.

Chancellor White stated UAF is committed to Title IX issues and maintaining a safe environment at all of its campuses and research fields; stated enrollment is a high priority and noted the importance of one health research conducted at UAF.

Chancellor Gingerich stated UAA is focusing on student success, recruitment, enrollment and retention; shared information regarding building a culture of entrepreneurship through economic development with the UA President's Innovation Challenge being held at UAA on March 23, 2018 and thanked the board for its service.

Chancellor Caulfield thanked the board for its leadership and its support of the Auke Bay Marine Station reuse plan; is pleased to host the Coalition of Student Leaders while in Juneau for its advocacy trip on March 17-20, 2018; shared information about the alumni and friends fundraiser; noted in April 2018 UAS will host the Alaska Native Studies Conference and thanked Chancellor White for the hospitality.

President Johnsen thanked the chancellors, noting UA has three great universities because of their effort and commitment; stated while UA has so much to be proud of there are still tough choices to be made and concerns regarding the budget; is confident with the direction UA is headed; said the work of the board is moving in the right direction and sees UA turning the corner on past challenges.

Regent O'Neill thanked governance leaders for being at the meeting, engaging in conversations and being part of the new model of communication regarding strategic decisions at UA; is grateful for the leadership demonstrated by the chancellors; noted appreciation to the chancellors regarding the Alaska College of Education and their effort to ensure the model is a success; thanked President Johnsen for his incredible partnership with the board and his time in Juneau with her to present to the Legislature; stated appreciation for all individuals who work on behalf of UA and thanked fellow board members for their thoughtful communication and partnership in the strategic decisions being made for UA.

## **15. Executive Session**

### **A. Executive Session**

*Note for the record: Regent Bishop stated she is employed by the Anchorage School District (ASD) and the ASD has a collaborative relationship with ANSEP; therefore, she asked to be recused from that discussion during the executive session. Chair O'Neill approved the recusal.*

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters that by law are required to be confidential under AS 14.40.367, to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have**

**an adverse effect on the finances of the university and to receive legal advice related to negotiated timbers sale(s); land acquisition for business purposes related to timber sale(s); and potential for an agreement with a federal agency to manage timber; and will also discuss matters that are required to be confidential by law, and will receive legal advice, related to ANSEP, Title IX, and IT. This motion is effective March 2, 2018."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Deena Bishop, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Jyotsna L Heckman, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Stephen 'Joey' Sweet, Andy Teuber

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 12:52 p.m. and concluded an executive session at 2:50 p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310. to discuss matters that by law are required to be confidential under AS 14.40.367, to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university and to receive legal advice related to negotiated timbers sale(s); land acquisition for business purposes related to timber sale(s); and potential for an agreement with a federal agency to manage timber; and also discuss matters that are required to be confidential by law, and to receive legal advice, related to ANSEP, Title IX, and IT. 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 1 hour and 58 minutes.

## **16. Adjourn**

### **A. Adjourn**

Chair O'Neill adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018.

## **17. Public Testimony from February 20, 2018**

Alec Burris; United Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage (USUAA) president, shared what UAA students are doing to advocate on behalf of UA, noting USUAA passed resolutions to the Alaska Legislature regarding support for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS), the Alaska Education Grant (AEG) and UA's budget proposal; said members of student government will be in Juneau in March to advocate for UA's budget and thanked President Johnsen for mentioning the student employee wage increase during the State of University address.

Megan Moore, UAA Alumni Association board member, said alumni are planning to be in Juneau to advocate for UA; expressed thanks for including the association as part of the UAA Chancellor Search Committee; stated assisting UAA with recruitment is a top priority and invited the board to attend the Annual Nine in Spine scholarship fundraiser on February 28, 2018.

Peter Van Flein, UAF Alumni Association president, said the Blue and Gold Gala held on February 9, 2018, was a success and raised funds to support UAF scholarships; said alumni are spearheading a Juneau legislative fly-in to advocate for UA in support of the budget, APS and AEG; noted alumni are involved in commencement preparation activities and shared plans for this year's Nanook Rendezvous.

Muriel Brower, Barrow resident and UAF student, stated concern for the lack of master's and bachelor's programs at UAF that support tribal management noting a partnership with Ilisagvik College may improve the situation and said she is appreciative of the rural development programs offered at UA.

Ryan Hill, UAA Staff Council co-president, said he is committed to keeping the board informed of staff initiatives; thanked President Johnsen for attending its February meeting; said the council is providing a resolution to the Staff Alliance regarding standardization of layoff notices and noted the UAA morale survey indicated a gap in the availability of professional development for staff and a lack of recognition and appreciation provided to staff members.

Anna Liljedahl, UAF faculty member, noted a concern regarding freedom of speech at UA; stated there is a fear based leadership style at UA and urged UA leaders to lead by example by providing common sense leadership and respect.

Stephanie Lawley, UAA Alumna, stated concern regarding last-minute cancellation of classes without notice or reason at the UAA College of Business and suggested increasing the class size on the mandatory classes required for degrees would assist with student completion rates.

Carson Honeycutt, UAA student, provided his perspective on the climate at UA, noting it appears there is a lot of internal turmoil and frustration among administration and faculty, noting students are confused with all the reductions to departmental budgets, the red tape and timing of certain things.

Teresa Wrobel, USUAA senator, thanked the board for considering the student employee wage increase and for listening

to students' concerns; said USUAA continues to support non-discrimination noting support for students using bathrooms for which sexual orientation the student identifies with and thanked the board for its continued support of non-discrimination.

Josiah Nash, USUAA student ombudsman, thanked the board for the opportunity to provide public testimony, the increase in student employee wages and for listening to student advocates.

Manal Sharise, UAA student, noted appreciation for the student services department; shared her experience with the department and thanked President Johnsen for increasing student employee wages.

Clare Baldwin, USUAA senator, thanked President Johnsen for supporting the increase in student employee wages; noted she is an APS recipient and a UA Scholar and said she appreciates the opportunity to attend UAA.

Andres Antuna, UAA student, thanked President Johnsen for raising student employee wages noting it will make a big difference for students; said he appreciates having student employee positions available on campus and is grateful that the departments provide flexible work schedules.

Lesa Hollen, Anchorage resident, is working with Anchorage community members regarding the opioid and heroin issues and asked how UA could support these issues.