

**Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
January 16-17, 2020
Anchorage, Alaska**

1. Individuals Present

Regents Present:

Sheri Buretta, Chair
Karen Perdue, Vice Chair
Dale Anderson, Secretary
Lisa Parker, Treasurer
John Bania
John Davies
Cachet Garrett
Darroll R. Hargraves
Mary K. Hughes
Gloria O'Neill
Andy Teuber

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

Others Present:

Rick Caulfield, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Michael Hostina, General Counsel
Myron Dosch, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Layer, Vice President for Academics, Students and Research
Michelle Rizk, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget Officer
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents
Maria Williams, Faculty Alliance Chair
Mathew Mund, Staff Alliance Chair
Audrey Kirby, Coalition of Student Leaders Chair

2. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

Chair Buretta called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Note for the record: Regents Hargraves and Perdue declared they have grandchildren attending the university. General Counsel Hostina stated there is no indication their grandchildren would be differentially affected by the approval of the tuition motion; therefore, they could participate.

Regent Garrett is a student at the university. Because the tuition rate motion is a university-wide issue that equally affects all students, General Counsel Hostina stated that any benefits to Regent Garrett were indirect, had no differential effect, not substantial and material as prohibited by the Ethics Act; therefore, she could participate.

PASSED AS AMENDED (amendment noted by *)

"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective January 16, 2020."

Motion by John Davies, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Cachet Garrett, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

C. Board Chair Comments

Chair Buretta stated she is humbled by the board's support and to serve as chair; thanked Regent Davies for his leadership and dedication last year as board chair; noted appreciation to Regent Hughes for her leadership as chair of the Governance Committee; welcomed the governance leaders to the new table configuration, noting it provides a better opportunity for inclusion and for voices to be heard; stated difficult decisions will continue to come before the board and it will take strong leadership and clear transparent discussions to make the best decisions for the university; said the board's 2025 strategic goals and measures assumed relatively stable funding from the state, which due to the budget uncertainties will need to be revisited to consider changing how UA will measure its progress of those goals in the coming years and stated she looks forward to the budget, the enrollment, and the tuition discussions during this meeting.

3. Budget Discussion

A. Budget Discussion

President Johnsen reviewed the board's goals and measures and the history of the strategic initiative funding. Chief Finance Officer Dosch provided the system approach to the university's budget and reviewed financial accountability practices. Chancellor Sandeen, White, and Caulfield discussed the universities' budget and financial management processes. Vice President Rizk and Director Kruckenberg reviewed UA's financial history, funding sources, expenditure and revenue categories, state funding history and staffing levels. Vice President Layer provided an overview regarding enrollment, tuition revenue, research return on investment and faculty workload.

4. President's Report

A. President's Report

President Johnsen said in December 2019, the UA Foundation did very constructive work in support of UA's first-ever statewide philanthropy effort, noting it has received \$100 million in private donations since 2017; thanked Foundation President Behlke Foley for her leadership and shared her plans to retire in June 2020, noting the Foundation Board of Directors has commenced a search for a successor; shared information regarding his January 13-15, 2020 trip to D.C. to present UA's federal appropriation priorities to the Alaska congressional delegation; noted UA's ongoing community engagement across the state with chambers of commerce, rotary clubs, industry groups and community advisory councils; said the 2020 legislative session begins on January 21, noting unlike past sessions, the operating budget may not be a significant issue due to the governor's funding included in the compact agreement; stated during the session, UA will focus its efforts on the capital budget to reduce deferred maintenance, will explore ways to align the Alaska Performance Scholarship and the Alaska Education Grant to be more in sync with UA's recruitment and retention strategies and will prepare for information requests from legislators.

He reviewed employee turnover rates at UA; said items before the board during this meeting include a strategic enrollment presentation, a discussion and approval regarding AY21 tuition, a discussion regarding revising measures for the 2025 strategic goals, recognition of Dr. Alan Boraas and an update on managing the FY20 and FY21 budget reductions and stated 2019 was a tough year and UA will feel the effects for years to come, noting he is confident that with the board's strong and united leadership UA will make the tough decisions and will position UA to do what only it can do, to educate Alaskans who will lead Alaska to a stronger, brighter, more sustainable future.

5. Enrollment Discussion

A. Enrollment Discussion

Associate Vice President Oba, UAF Associate Vice Chancellor Kreta, UAA Vice Chancellor Schultz, and UAS Vice Chancellor Klein presented strategic enrollment plans for UA Fairbanks, UA Anchorage, and UA Southeast.

6. Approval of Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2021

A. Approval of Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2021

President Johnsen, Vice President Layer and Chancellors Sandeen, White, and Caulfield discussed the proposed tuition rate increases for AY2021. The board engaged in a discussion regarding tuition options; Regent Garrett moved the first amendment to reduce the tuition increase to 2.5 percent.

FAILED

"The Board of Regents approves a 2.5 percent tuition increase for Academic Year 2021. This motion is effective January 17, 2020."

Motion by Cachet Garrett, second by Lisa M Parker.

Motion Fails

Voting in favor: Sheri Buretta, Cachet Garrett, Lisa M Parker

Voting in opposition: Dale G Anderson, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

Abstain: John Bania

Regent Perdue moved the second amendment to set aside \$1.5M to be used to fund tuition waivers proportionally at the three universities.

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves setting aside \$1.5M, which will be used to fund tuition waivers proportionally at the three universities. This motion is effective January 17, 2020."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Dale G Anderson.

Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Karen Perdue

Voting in opposition: John Bania, Cachet Garrett, Darroll R Hargraves, Lisa M Parker, Andy Teuber

PASSED AS AMENDED

"The Board of Regents approves a five percent tuition increase for Academic Year 2021, as amended, to set aside \$1.5M, which will be used to fund tuition waivers proportionally at the three universities. This motion is effective January 17, 2020."

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Karen Perdue

Voting in opposition: John Bania, Cachet Garrett, Darroll R Hargraves, Lisa M Parker, Andy Teuber

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.10.010 states, Recognizing that state general fund support is not sufficient to pay the full cost of education and that students have a responsibility to contribute to the cost of their higher education, tuition and student fees will be established to the extent practicable in accordance with the following objectives: (1) to provide for essential support to the university's instructional programs; (2) to make higher education accessible to Alaskans who have the interest, dedication, and ability to learn; and (3) to maintain tuition and student fees at levels which are competitive with similarly situated programs of other western states. Tuition revenues will be used primarily to maintain and expand the educational opportunities provided to students, to preserve and improve the quality of existing programs and support services, to respond to enrollment trends, and to implement new programs.

RATIONALE

For fall 2020 (AY2021) term, the president proposes a 5 percent increase to the upper and lower division rates of tuition for AY2021. This increase will partially offset the reductions to UA's Unrestricted General Fund resulting from the Compact Agreement. It will enable the university to become more market competitive in relation to the WICHE average for 4-year public universities, a standard the university has used for many years.

The president proposes no increases to graduate tuition and the nonresident surcharge. Graduate tuition and nonresident surcharges are both above their WICHE averages. By delaying any further increases, these rates will moderate and come into line with the WICHE averages.

The table below shows the already approved and the proposed rates. Note that starting in AY20, tuition at all community campuses will be at the same lower division rate, the result of previous board direction.

	<u>AY2020</u> (Fall 2019 and Spring 2020)	<u>AY2021</u> (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021)
Lower Division	223	234
Upper Division	269	282
Graduate	513	513

Nonresident	566	566
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Additional Information

CTE (Career and Technical Education) Tuition reduction:

A set of courses associated with CTE Education programs, identified by each university, will have tuition reduced by 25 percent. The list of eligible courses and programs is posted on the UA website and updated annually. <https://www.alaska.edu/alaska/cte.php>

Tuition Surcharges and Fees based on tuition:

University Regulation R05.10.040.B. provides that the president may establish special tuition or tuition surcharges in lieu of, or in addition to, regular tuition in order to provide special for-credit courses and programs or to meet special needs.

Students enrolled in engineering courses at UAA and UAF will continue to have a 20 percent surcharge applied to the base tuition for lower division courses, upper division courses, and graduate courses. (This surcharge also applies to computer engineering courses at UAA only.) This surcharge is in addition to the base rate of tuition. Surcharges are applied on a per credit hour basis (rounded to the nearest dollar).

Students enrolled in management courses at UAA and UAF will continue to have a 20 percent surcharge applied to the base tuition for upper division courses and graduate courses. This surcharge is in addition to the base rate of tuition. Surcharges are applied on a per credit hour basis (rounded to the nearest dollar).

Fees:

In addition to campus or program specific fees, all UA students are assessed the following UA fees:

Technology fee: \$5 per credit to a maximum of \$60

Facilities fee: \$6 per credit

Network fee: 4 percent applied on a course-by-course basis to tuition

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

A. Approval of a Revision 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 to add a new administrative unit named the Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and to move the Cooperative Extension Service under the new unit. This motion is effective January 17, 2020."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Cachet Garrett, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

With the dissolution of the School of Natural Resources and Extension effective on July 1, 2019, the academic programs in Natural Resources and Environment have officially moved to the College of Natural Science and Mathematics while the Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service have formed a new administrative unit at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF).

UAF requests approval of a new administrative unit named the Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension. Provost Prakash discussed the proposed revisions and answered questions from members of the board.

CURRENT LANGUAGE with TRACK CHANGES FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS

P10.02.040. Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination.

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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:

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension
Cooperative Extension Service (federal mandate)

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~~Cooperative Extension Service (federal mandate)~~

8. Approval of a Resolution of Recognition

A. Approval of a Resolution of Recognition for Dr. Alan Boraas

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of recognition for Dr. Alan Boraas. This motion is effective January 17, 2020."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Cachet Garrett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Cachet Garrett, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

WHEREAS, Dr. Alan Boraas was the longest-serving professor at Kenai Peninsula College; and

WHEREAS, for those 46 years, Dr. Boraas offered his knowledge and expertise to Kenai Peninsula College, teaching 36 different courses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boraas received his BA degree in 1969 in Anthropology from the University of Minnesota, began his graduate studies at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and completed his MA in Anthropology in 1971 at the University of Toronto, his dissertation topic was Technology and the Origin of Human Hemispheric Asymmetry, and he received his Ph.D. in Educational Anthropology in 1983 at Oregon State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boraas, who grew up on a Minnesota wheat farm, fell in love with Alaska while working on his master's degree at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and then moved to the Kenai Peninsula in 1972; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his teaching career, Dr. Boraas was an avid researcher and contributor to numerous books, journals and articles, and was often asked to consult on various anthropological projects in Alaska and across the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boraas' research into the culture, history, and archaeology of the people of the Cook Inlet region of Alaska, and in particular with the Dena'ina people, is widely recognized worldwide, in particular his work to preserve the Dena'ina language; the publication of the collected writings of Peter Kalifornsky, who at his death in 1993 was the last speaker of the Outer Inlet dialect of Dena'ina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boraas developed a program to teach the Dena'ina language; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boraas worked closely with the Kenaitze Tribe and established a lifelong connection with tribal members such that in the year 2000 he was designated an honorary member of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boraas' work and life extended far beyond the classroom and he touched many with his enthusiasm and deep love of learning, including through a monthly newspaper column, public lectures, indigenous rights activism, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boraas was an avid cross-country skier and runner and board member of Tsalteshi Trails Association in Soldotna where he was heavily involved in the design and development of its ski trails; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boraas' accomplishments have been recognized both within and beyond the university including recognition for 35 years of teaching in 2008, the University of Alaska Foundation's Bullock Prize for Excellence in 2009, the Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Kenai Chamber of Commerce's Log Cabin in 2009; an honorable mention for the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists' Praxis Award in 2009, and the Paul Harris Award from the Soldotna Rotary Club in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alan Boraas passed away peacefully with family at his side on Monday, November 4, 2019 and his presence and expertise will be deeply missed; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula College Anthropology Lab is renamed the Alan 'Tiqutsex' Boraas Anthropology Lab in

honor of his legacy of teaching, research and service to the University of Alaska, Kenai Peninsula and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, a celebration of life for Dr. Alan Boraas will be held from 5-7 p.m., Friday, January 17, 2020 at Kenai Peninsula College's Kenai River Campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Board of Regents officially recognizes the many accomplishments of Dr. Alan Boraas, his outstanding service to the university, his tireless work to make the world a better place, and hereby acknowledges the deep loss felt by the Kenai Peninsula College community, his family, friends and the many people whose lives he touched; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to the family of Dr. Alan Boraas, and the director of Kenai Peninsula College, with a copy to be incorporated into the official minutes of the January 17, 2020 meeting of the Board of Regents.

9. Approval of the Local 6070 Collective Bargaining Agreement

A. Approval of Bargaining Unit Agreement between the University of Alaska and the Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees Local 6070

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and the Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees Local 6070 for the term of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. This motion is effective January 17, 2020."

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Cachet Garrett, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 02.01.050. Collective Bargaining Agreements, provides:

"The president is authorized to represent the board in collective negotiations with certified collective bargaining units; however, no agreement resulting from such negotiations will be binding on the board or the university until approved by the board."

Regents' Policy 04.11.020.B – Exclusions and Agreements, states:

"No collective bargaining agreement shall be binding upon the Board of Regents without prior approval of the entire agreement by the Board of Regents."

RECOMMENDATION

The UA administration has tentatively agreed upon a successor contract with the Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees Local 6070, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

The prior collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and the Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees Local 6070 expired on December 31, 2018. As provided by law, the university and Local 6070 have operated under the terms of the expired collective bargaining agreement during negotiations for a successor agreement.

The university and Local 6070 reached a tentative agreement on October 24, 2019. Local 6070 membership ratified the agreement on November 14, 2019, and on December 24, 2019, the Department of Administration approved the agreement as required by AS 23.40.212(b). Pending approval from the Board of Regents, the successor CBA will be effective for the period January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. Pursuant to AS 23.40.215, the monetary terms of this collective bargaining agreement are subject to annual appropriation by the Alaska Legislature.

Chief Human Resources Officer Patin presented the terms of the tentative agreement.

10. Reports

A. Chancellors' Reports

Chancellor Sandeen reflected on the December 2019 commencement ceremony, noting 1000 students received degrees and thanked Regents Buretta, Hughes, and O'Neill for participating in the event; mentioned a Georgetown University Center for Education study on applied research, which tracks return on investment looking at the

relationships between education and workforce needs, noting UAA placed in the top 15 percent nationwide; stated recruitments for leadership position are underway for a provost, a chief diversity officer, and the director at Kodiak College; noted she will attend the celebration of life in Kenai for Dr. Boraas on January 17, 2020; is working to reinvigorate and reimagine the programs that serve Alaska Native students with the hiring of director Amber Christensen Fullmerr and interim assistant director Quentin Simeon; hosted several on campus familiarization opportunities for legislators to learn about UAA's programs; shared that NPR's reporting and social media posts regarding the peanut butter and jelly for parking fines was noticed by Skippy Foods, who in turn donated a pallet (600 jars) to UAA's food cache and thanked the board for its guidance and leadership.

Chancellor White stated he engages everyone at all levels at UAF to participate in enrollment strategies; shared information regarding the recent launch of the Nanook Pledge Scholarship, noting the four-year scholarship will be key in helping students complete degrees; said 18 percent of students are veterans or veteran affiliated; hosted a veterans celebration event connecting students with veteran faculty and staff members; stated the North Star College, a campus middle college agreement with the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, will commence in fall 2020; shared information about an anonymous donation of \$1.5 million to the International Arctic Research Center; said the Blue and Gold Celebration takes place on February 8, 2020, noting the 2019 and 2020 Usibelli award recipients and alumni award recipients will be honored; is exploring revenue generating strategies across campus, noting the recent sale of the administrative services building, looking at P3 options, and ways to reduce deferred maintenance; said the Center for One Health received new grants and is hosting a conference on campus March 11-14, 2020; provided information about an eCampus package which directly competes with Arizona State University, noting it has been adopted by 20 Alaska school districts and shared recent athletic fundraising efforts and its support from the Fairbanks community.

Chancellor Caulfield stated appreciation for the board's service and time commitment to making UA a better university for our state; said with the start of the legislative session the Ted Stevens Legislative Internship program commences, noting 16 student participants (seven from UAA, five from UAF, and four from UAS); mentioned work with the provost at Alaska Pacific University is underway regarding its students and the Ted Stevens Legislative Internship program; noted appreciation to the Ted Stevens Foundation and other private donors for supporting the internship program; said UAS is working on a special project with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities focusing on retention through intervention; noted a recruitment is underway for the Sitka Campus director; said ongoing work with UAA's Alaska Native Science and Engineering staff regarding a middle school career academy focusing on fisheries is scheduled at UAS in June 2020; reported that Associate Professor Lance Twitchell was recently recognized for his work to improve online access and organization of Tlingit language; noted the positive site visit from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and restated his intent to retire June 2020.

B. Governance Reports

Scott Downing, UAA Faculty Senate president on behalf of Maria Williams, Faculty Alliance chair, thanked the board for its service and for including the governance groups directly in conversations; thanked Chair Buretta for keeping the governance reports prior to the board's business items and for reinforcing the value of governance; shared information about the Common Calendar Committee's work; stated concern for the five percent tuition increase; thanked the board's Governance Committee for its review of Regents' Policy; mentioned the continued advocacy for a formal faculty representative appointment to the Board of Regents to ensure the voice of faculty is heard; said an objective evidence-based analysis of costs and benefits that identifies and analyzes how each university and statewide effectively contribute to the mission of the three universities and student success could restore and build trust; asked the board to thoroughly examine every alternative, every measure, and take steps to increase stability and to establish trust prior to making difficult decisions, e.g., raising tuition and cutting programs and thanked the board for recognizing Dr. Alan Boraas.

Mathew Mund, Staff Alliance chair, said the new year brings with it a sense of optimism, noting staff continues to be committed to the unique missions of the universities; stated one of the alliance's top priorities is to ensure consistent staff longevity recognition and development across the system and is pursuing ideas for automated anniversary thank you emails and with the support of UA human resources, establishing a systemwide merit recognition policy; encouraged the board to delay additional administration consolidation until after the Regents' Policy review work is complete; stated the importance of open dialogue to work through challenges and to include governance in the solution process; said it is clear the challenging times at UA have taken its toll on staff morale, noting the alliance will take an active role in improving morale; stated staff governance groups will include identical questions in its spring morale survey to provide a clearer picture of morale across the system; is excited to see the continuation of the Staff Make Students Count Awards, noting nominations are open through March 16, 2020, and thanked the board for the new inclusive table configuration, for recording and posting its meeting and for its service.

Audrey Kirby, Coalition of Student Leaders chair, thanked the board for the opportunity to include student voices in the board's conversations; said the coalition met on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, to discuss the March 2020 Legislative Fly-in and the faculty advocacy efforts regarding a faculty representative appointment to the Board of Regents; stated an extensive discussion regarding tuition also took place, noting the board has approved a five percent increase in

tuition every academic year since 2015, resulting in a total increase in lower and upper-division rates of 25 percent and said at its meeting the coalition passed a resolution to postpone the five percent AY21 increase until AY22 so UA can better assess its financial situation, can strive to reach a reasonable and affordable compromise and not create another reason for students to turn away from attending UA.

Mathew Mund, Staff Alliance chair on behalf of Heather Batchelder, Systems Governance Council chair, shared the following topics discussed by the council, the importance of shared governance in the success of higher education, concerns regarding the work plan for the Board of Regents' Governance Committee, the adoption of the Interstate Passport System, and opposition to the five percent tuition increase. The full written report was provided to the board via email.

11. Board of Regents' Strategic Goals Discussion

A. Board of Regents' Strategic Goals Discussion

Chair Buretta said the board's 2025 strategic goals and measures assumed relatively stable funding from the state, which due to the budget uncertainties will need to be revisited to consider changing how UA will measure its progress of those goals in the coming years.

President Johnsen stated the severe disruption to UA's operating environment calls the 2025 strategic measures into question, noting as the decisions on budget priorities, programs, and other areas are made, the measures will require adjusting and said further discussions during this year's board meetings will continue.

12. FY20 and FY21 Budget Planning Update

A. FY20 and FY21 Budget Planning Update

President Johnsen and Chancellors White, Sandeen, Caulfield reviewed and discussed the universities' planned budget reductions for FY20 and FY21.

13. New Business and Committee Report

A. Governance Committee

The Governance Committee met on December 9, 2019, in addition to the action item to approve the Board of Regents' 2020 Work Plan as revised to add a Facilities and Land Management Committee column, the committee discussed and outlined a process for auditing Regents' Policy.

The Governance Committee met on January 16, 2020, in addition to the action item, the committee commenced its review of Regents' Policy and reviewed the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges governance material.

14. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda item 14.B.1. This motion is effective January 17, 2020."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Cachet Garrett, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue

Not Present at Vote: Andy Teuber

B. Governance Committee - Item from January 16, 2020

1. Approval of the Board of Regents' 2020 Work Plan

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves its 2020 Work Plan as revised and presented. This motion is effective January 17, 2020."

***14.1. Closing Comments** (added)

Regent Hargraves thanked President Johnsen and his staff for the budget information and the presentations provided during the meeting and stated his confidence in the president and the administrative staff.

Regent Davies stated appreciation for the fact-filled meeting and the informational presentations; commended the staff work regarding the enrollment efforts at the universities and said encouraging budget work is being done at the campus level.

Regent Hughes thanked President Johnsen and the administrative staff for the budget information and the presentations; thanked General Counsel Hostina for his work on the policy audit manual; noted appreciation for the chancellors and governance chairs and stated the Governance Committee will meet with the governance chairs, the chancellors and the president to discuss further the Regents' Policy audit.

Regent Anderson is impressed with the enthusiasm of the staff alliance report; is grateful for the \$100 million statewide philanthropy effort; stated the tuition decision is always tough; is thankful for Regent Perdue's suggestion to designate a portion of the tuition increase to needs-based students; thanked President Johnsen and the administrative staff for the budget information and the presentations and stated UA is on a positive track, not a downward spiral, and UA will come out of the tunnel a stronger and leaner university serving all Alaskans.

Regent Perdue is thankful for the top-notch presentations provided during the meeting; said the university's accountability of the state's money is truly a significant responsibility, noting appreciation for the partnership between the board, the president, and the chancellors regarding the budget responsibility; thanked President Johnsen and the administrative staff for the budget information and stated challenges still lie ahead.

Regent Garrett is delighted to sit at the table with her fellow regents, administrative staff, and governance chairs; is thankful for the respectful conversations during the meeting, noting hard work is still ahead; stated she adores her fellow students and wished Coalition of Student Leaders Chair Kirby a happy birthday.

Regent Bania is thankful that some decisions were made during the meeting and said the reports and information were excellent, concise, and the best yet since he joined the board in February 2019.

Coalition of Student Leaders Chair Kirby said she learned a lot during the meeting, noting the material was clear and concise and expressed the importance of shared governance going forward in the challenging environment ahead.

Staff Alliance Chair Mund thanked the board for its time and Regent Davies for his comments about reducing administration and the need for strategic investment in staff.

Chancellors White, Sandeen, and Caulfield stated appreciation for the new table configuration.

President Johnsen said much work lies ahead; stated the February 2020 meetings will include a review of the 2025 goals and measures, his performance review, and updates on the legislative session, a midstream look at the academic program reviews, the Alaska College of Education, monetizing assets, campus master plans and thanked the board and his staff for its efforts to support UA's great work in terms of teaching, research, and serving its communities.

15. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

Chair Buretta adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020.

Public Testimony from January 14, 2020

Max Kullberg, WWAMI professor, spoke in favor of reestablishing UAA's School of Education and reviewed the local implications to teacher education because of the school's closure.

Richard Hughes, Fairbanks resident, spoke in favor of retaining the mining and geological mining programs at UAF and stated the necessity to begin recruiting for such programs.

Mary Nordale, Fairbanks resident, spoke in favor of and the need to retain the mining programs at UAF; mentioned her experience with the mining industry, and stated the economic development benefits of mining in rural Alaska.

Roger Burggraf, Fairbanks resident, spoke in support of the UAF College of Engineering and Mines (CEM); noted the need to recruit for the vacant positions and stated concerns about eliminating the school.

Steve Masterman, Anchorage resident and UAF CEM advisory board member, spoke in support of mining; said CEM is needed to support the economy; stated the CEM dean's suggestions do not meet the needs of the state and said immediate recruitment should begin for mining faculty.

Fred Wallis, Healy resident, and Usibelli Coal Mine vice president, spoke in support of the mining and geological mining programs at UAF, noting the geological mining program is not duplicated elsewhere in UA's system; stated the coal mine hires many of UA's graduates and provides generous financial support to UAF for scholarships and programs and said UA should support the mining needs of the state.

Tuan Graziano, Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage (USUAA) speaker of the assembly, spoke in opposition to the tuition increase and stated the proposed revenue increase will not happen when enrollment decreases due to the tuition increase.

Ben Britten, Fairbanks resident, spoke in opposition to the tuition increase; said online students are paying for services they do not receive and stated UA should revamp its cost basis.

Jamie Bagley, USUAA president, spoke in opposition to the tuition increase; stated USUAA's resolution 20-04 supports a 2.5 percent increase and asked the board to consider different tuition for each university.

Nate Robertson, Anchorage resident, asked the board why public testimony will not be offered in-person at its upcoming meeting on January 16-17, 2020 in Anchorage.

Alex Legrismith, Healy resident, shared his experience with UAF's CEM; spoke in support of the programs and the necessity to continue the mining programs.