

Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
August 5, 2020
Zoom Conference

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Full Board Actions

1. Modification of the Approval to Prepare a Conceptual Plan to Review a Structural Option Involving a Merger of the University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska Fairbanks

PASSED AS AMENDED

“Whereas, the University of Alaska’s state funding has been reduced by \$76 million (20%) between FY2014 and FY2020, and an additional \$45 million (15%) through FY22;

Whereas, the University has reduced programs and services in response to the state funding cuts, including the loss of 1,727 employees since 2014;

Whereas, the university plans to reduce or discontinue academic programs which will be considered by the Board of Regents at its meeting on June 4-5, 2020;

Whereas, given enrollment declines since 2011, COVID pandemic related impacts, and planned state funding reductions, by FY21 the University’s budget is expected to have a shortfall of \$24.8 million, to be covered by one-time funds, and by FY22 a shortfall of between \$11.3 million and \$36.3 million;

Whereas, while enrollment has declined by 28% across the University since 2010; and

Whereas, the institutions that comprise the University of Alaska are separately accredited by the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities, and the Board of Regents is committed to complying with all accreditation requirements.

The Board of Regents directs the president to work with the chancellors and governance groups to:

1. As the university works to resize to a smaller solid foundation, develop clarity and standards for administrative and instructional costs relative to student enrollment and review structural options;
2. Analyze opportunities and costs associated with a greater presence of fisheries and ocean science programs on the Juneau campus;
3. Redouble efforts on collaboration across the system, program sharing, and partnerships with industry, communities, and tribal organizations; and,

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4. Assure the Alaska College of Education has clear roles and responsibilities for program delivery that address the priority of teacher education that are transparent and well-integrated across the system. The board will regularly receive updates and review progress at upcoming board meetings. This motion is effective August 5, 2020.”
2. **Approval to Rescind the Approval to Prepare a Conceptual Plan to Review a Structural Option Involving a Merger of the University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska Fairbanks**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents rescinds the Approval to Prepare a Conceptual Plan to Review a Structural Option Involving a Merger of the University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska Fairbanks adopted by the board on June 4, 2020. This motion is effective August 5, 2020.”