

**Official Minutes  
Board of Regents  
Meeting of the Full Board  
February 25-26, 2021  
Zoom Conference**

## **1. Individuals Present**

### Regents Present:

Sheri Buretta, Chair  
Karen Perdue, Vice Chair  
Dale Anderson, Secretary  
Lisa Parker, Treasurer  
John Bania  
John Davies  
Darroll R. Hargraves  
Mary K. Hughes  
Ralph Seekins

Pat Pitney, Interim Chief Executive Officer and President, University of Alaska

### Others Present:

Karen Carey, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast  
Bruce Schultz, Interim Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage  
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Matthew Cooper, 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  
Steve Patin, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents  
Heather Batchelder, Faculty Alliance Chair  
Mathew Mund, Staff Alliance Chair  
Riley von Borstel, Coalition of Student Leaders Representative and Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks president

## **2. Opening Items**

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

Chair Buretta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

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

*Note for the record: Regent Perdue stated concerning the consent agenda item 10.C.1., the formal project approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization and Renewal Project as is indicated on page 5 of the board materials, Bettisworth North Architecture and Planning was competitively selected to be the consultant on this project based on a public advertised request for proposals, noting the selection process was not a board matter and she played no role in the process. She said even though her husband no longer has an ownership interest in the firm, he is still associated with it part-time, and it represents a personal and financial interest on her part; therefore, she believes she should not participate in the consent agenda item 10.C.1.*

*Chair Buretta agreed Regent Perdue should not vote, deliberate, or participate on the consent agenda item 10.C.1., noting since there are other items on the consent agenda as to which there is no conflict, Chair Buretta removed item 10.C.1. from the consent agenda. She stated the board will have two separate votes, a collective vote on items 10.B.1-7., and a separate vote on item 10.C.1., so that Regent Perdue can refrain from the last vote.*

**PASSED AS AMENDED** (amendment noted by \*)

**"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."**

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, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

## C. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of November 5-6, 2020

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of November 5-6, 2020 as presented. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."**

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

## D. Approval of Minutes - Emergency Meeting of November 11, 2020

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its emergency meeting of November 11, 2020 as presented. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."**

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

## E. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 15, 2021

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of January 15, 2021 as presented. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."**

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

## **3. Reports**

### A. President's Report

President Pitney congratulated Regents Anderson and Seekins on their appointment to the board; thanked Regent Teuber for his service on the board; acknowledged the shared governance comments; mentioned some post-COVID-19 changes to academic and employee policies may be forthcoming; thanked the chancellors for their involvement in the Alaska Native Success Initiative; said UA is working on enrollment strategies and the UAA chancellor search continues with an offer likely in April 2021. (video timestamp 1:00:45)

### B. Chancellors' Reports

Chancellor White provided an update on the following topics: Black History Month activities; equity in education; the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities reaffirming UAF's accreditation; enrollment; fall's face-to-face class reinstatement; One Health spring conference and its master's program; the Nanook Pledge and Nanook Commitment scholarships; the Blue and Gold Gala event; student-focused areas of interest; research activities and budget ideas to reduce UAF's footprint. (video timestamp 06:34)

Chancellor Carey provided an update on the following topics: UAS' involvement with the Alaska Native Success Initiative and its partnership with Sealaska on the issue; efforts with NOAA, the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and UAF on marine and fisheries policy programs; enrollment; Cleary Act training for its executive cabinet members; attendance at the Southeast Conference and the money raised for scholarships; a partnership with the Alaska Ocean Center and the virtual event for current and alumni interns from the Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program. (video timestamp 19:15)

Chancellor Schultz provided an update on the following topics: UAA's involvement in the Alaska Native Success Initiative; its community campus collaborations; philanthropic gifts received by UAA; faculty contributions to the pandemic's science

research; Winter Fest virtual celebration; support from the UAA Alumni Association; Black History Month activities; the College of Business and Public Policy's artificial intelligence series and earning the military-friendly award for the 13th year in a row. (video timestamp 26:16)

## C. Governance Reports

Heather Batchelder, Faculty Alliance chair, thanked faculty and staff for supporting students; thanked Interim President Pitney for the State of the University address; recognized Cachet Garrett for her student voice and advocacy during her term as student regent, and reported on the following issues: looking inward when conducting the equity review; the UA system cost-saving and benefits review; the targeting of faculty via program reductions, eliminations, and restructuring and appreciation for the Alaska Native Success Initiative. (video timestamp 37:51)

Mathew Mund, Staff Alliance chair, welcomed Regents Anderson and Seekins to the board and reported on the following issues: lessons learned from COVID and the remote work environment; efforts toward the staff morale survey; its compensation committee's work to enhance employee's performance, and to retain and to recruit staff; the importance of shared decision-making and the significant impact staff has working with students and faculty. (video timestamp 46:00)

Riley von Borstel, Coalition of Student Leaders Representative and Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks president, reported on the following issues: UAF, UAS, UAA, and Mat-Su student government's efforts to engage students; the student regent elections; virtual events for building student morale and other virtual student activities; scholarship and mental health funding ideas and community volunteer events. (video timestamp 53:13)

## **4. Did You Know Presentation**

### A. Did You Know Presentation

The "Did You Know" project is designed to highlight an area of university excellence and collaboration through storytelling and data that supports the effort with the goal of informing the Board of Regents and university stakeholders about the university's key role in changing lives and shaping the state's economy. The series is based on personal stories that illustrate the university's many successes and the vital and profound impact it has on graduates and all Alaskans.

This "Did You Know" presentation will focus on the College of Health and health programs across the system and the personal success story of alumna Desire Shepler [UAA '10]. She is the current President and CEO of Alaska Family Services in Anchorage. Desire began her education at Mat-Su College and went on to the University of Alaska Anchorage, where she completed her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and her Master's degree in public health.

The university offers health care programs across the state, at community campuses, and at each university in the UA system. In addition to the "Did You Know" video with Desire and hosted by UAA College of Health Dean Jeff Jessee, the presentation included a PowerPoint overview of the university's health programs, including the growth in the number of graduates. (video timestamp 1:20:56)

<https://youtu.be/7-G4b4Tynew>

All "Did You Know" success stories, including Desire's, can be found at <https://www.alaska.edu/news/did-you-know/>

## **5. Financial Briefing**

### A. Financial Briefing

Chief Finance Officer Dosch provided a financial briefing. (video timestamp 1:59:08)

## **6. Board of Regents' Goals & Measures Discussion**

### A. Board of Regents' Goals & Measures Discussion

The Board of Regents and Interim President Pitney discussed the board's goals and metrics. (video timestamp 2:56:32)

## **7. Education Summit / Alaska College of Education Update**

### A. Education Summit / Alaska College of Education Update

Interim President Pitney provided an update on the Alaska College of Education. (video timestamp 3:16:52)

## **8. Government Relations Report**

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

Vice President Rizk, State Relations Director Hutchison, and Federal Relations Director Bryant provided an update on government relations issues affecting the University of Alaska. (video timestamp 4:00:33)

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

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

In addition to the action items, the committee received a fall 2020 enrollment report, updates on student services – beyond COVID-19, UAF's expedited program review and timeline, the University of Alaska Anchorage and the University of Alaska Southeast strategic planning, a presentation on UA health programs and heard information regarding academic program notifications. (video timestamp 3:37:03)

*Note for the record: committee agenda item 3.E. Approval of a Revision to Regents' Policy 10.04.020. - Degree and Certificate Program Approval was withdrawn from the committee agenda to gather additional information regarding similar policies at peer institutions.*

### **B. Audit and Finance Committee**

The committee heard comments from the external auditors, received an update on the Education Trust of Alaska performance, a financial briefing, heard an audit status report, and held an executive session. (video timestamp 3:44:54)

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

*Note for the record: Regent Perdue did not participate in the discussion or the vote.*

1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization and Renewal Project (Moved from Consent Agenda Item 10.C.1.)

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approve the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization & Renewal 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 \$19,850,000. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."**

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R. Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Ralph Seekins

Abstain: Karen Perdue

#### **2. Committee Report**

In addition to the action item, the committee received updates on IT, the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Center monetization assessment, monetizing capital assets, the land grant initiative, timber management, land disposal, properties currently for sale, heard reports regarding land management, capital project approvals – delegation of authority, received an update on the UAA master plan, the UAF Seward Marine Center Research Vessel operations infrastructure, the UAF utility monetization efforts and construction in progress reports. (video timestamp 3:50:27)

## **10. Consent Agenda**

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

#### **PASSED AS AMENDED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 10.B.1-7. as amended. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."**

Motion by Ralph Seekins, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

## B. Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Items from February 18, 2021

### 1. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 01.01.020. - University of Alaska Anchorage Mission Statement

#### PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 01.01.020. - University of Alaska Anchorage Mission Statement. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."

#### Proposed updated mission statement, track changes:

The ~~mission of the~~ University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) ~~is to discover and disseminate knowledge transforms lives through teaching, research, community engagement, and creative expression. Located in Anchorage and on community campuses in Southcentral Alaska, UAA is committed to serving the higher education needs of the state, its communities, and its diverse peoples. The University of Alaska Anchorage is an open access university with academic programs leading to occupational endorsements, undergraduate and graduate certificates, and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees~~ in a ~~rich~~, diverse, and inclusive environment.

#### Proposed updated mission statement, clean copy:

The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) transforms lives through teaching, research, community engagement and creative expression in a diverse and inclusive environment.

Serving students, the state, and the communities of Southcentral Alaska, UAA is a comprehensive, open access, public university established on the ancestral lands of the Dena'ina, Ahtna Dene, Alutiiq/Sugpiaq, Chugachmiut, and Eyak peoples.

### 2. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 01.01.040. - University of Alaska Southeast Mission Statement

#### PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 01.01.040. - University of Alaska Southeast Mission Statement. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."

#### Proposed updated mission statement, track changes:

~~The mission of the University of Alaska Southeast is student learning enhanced by faculty scholarship, undergraduate research and creative activities, community engagement, and the cultures and environment of Southeast Alaska.~~

#### Proposed updated mission statement, clean copy:

The University of Alaska Southeast is a student-centered university that provides instruction in liberal arts, professional, and technical fields. On the homelands of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples, we serve the coastal environments, cultures, economies, and communities of Alaska, through interdisciplinary education, workforce development, and scholarship, research, and creative activity.

### 3. Approval of a Revision to Regents' Policy 10.02.040. - Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination

#### PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a revision to Regents' Policy 10.02.040. - Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination, an organizational move of the Alaska Native Language Center from the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Liberal Arts to the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Rural and Community Development. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."

College of Liberal Arts

~~Alaska Native Language Center (AS 14.40.117)~~

College of Rural and Community Development

~~Alaska Native Language Center (AS 14.40.117)~~

Bristol Bay Campus, Dillingham

Chukchi Campus, Kotzebue

Interior Alaska Campus, Fairbanks

Kuskokwim Campus, Bethel

Northwest Campus, Nome

### 4. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.04.030. - Credit Hour Requirements for Degree and Certificate Programs

#### PASSED



"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 10.04.030. - Credit Hour Requirements for Degree and Certificate Programs to change the minimum and maximum credits for the post-baccalaureate certificate. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."

A. The minimum number of credits that may be required by a degree or certificate program will be, for each level:

Occupational Endorsement 9 credits  
Certificate 30 credits  
Associate degree 60 credits  
Bachelor's degree 120 credits  
Master's degree 30 credits  
Graduate Certificate 12 credits  
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate ~~24~~ 12 credits

B. The maximum number of credits that may be required by a degree or certificate program will be, for each level:

Occupational Endorsement 29 credits  
Certificate 60 credits  
Associate degree 75 credits  
Bachelor's degree 132 credits  
Master's degree 45 credits  
Graduate Certificate 29 credits  
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate ~~60~~ 45 credits

5. Approval of the Discontinuation of the Associate of Applied Science in Educator: Para-Professional at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of the Associate of Applied Science in Educator: Para-Professional at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."

6. Approval of the Discontinuation of the Certificate in Educator: Para-Professional at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of the Certificate in Educator: Para-Professional at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."

7. Approval of a University of Alaska Fairbanks Proposal to Develop a Plan to Restructure Graduate Degrees in Earth System Science

PASSED

"The Board of Regents directs the University of Alaska Fairbanks to propose restructured Earth System Science graduate degrees for board approval no later than its November 2021 meeting. The board will take no action on discontinuation of the Master of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy in Atmospheric Science pending the approval of the restructured Earth System Science graduate degrees. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."

(video timestamp 2:20:58)

**C. Facilities and Land Management Committee - Item from February 18, 2021**

\*1. ~~Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization and Renewal Project (Moved to New Business Item 9.C.1.)~~

**11. Approval to Extend the Fundraising Deadline for Hockey and Gymnastics at the University of Alaska Anchorage and Allow for Reinstatement**

A. Approval to Extend the Fundraising Deadline for Hockey and Gymnastics at the University of Alaska Anchorage and Allow for Reinstatement

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the reinstatement of women's gymnastics at the University of Alaska Anchorage for the 2021-2022 athletic season, contingent upon supporters raising private funding to cover one year of operating expenses (\$444,000) by June 30, 2021. For reinstatement beyond the 2021-2022 athletic season, supporters must raise one additional year of operating expenses by June 30, 2022. In the event the 2022-2023 funding goal is not met as required, UAA Gymnastics will be discontinued on June 30,

**2022.**

**Concurrently, and as a condition of maintaining Title IX compliance, UAA Hockey must meet its conditions for program reinstatement, presented separately, in order for UAA Gymnastics to continue beyond the 2021-2022 season. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."**

Motion by Darroll R Hargraves, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the reinstatement of men's hockey at the University of Alaska Anchorage to begin play with the 2022-2023 athletic season, contingent upon supporters raising private funding to cover two years of operating expenses (\$3,000,000) by August 30, 2021. In the event the funding goal is not met as required, hockey will not be reinstated.**

**Concurrently, and as a condition of maintaining Title IX compliance, UAA Gymnastics must meet its conditions for program reinstatement, presented separately, in order for UAA Hockey to continue beyond the 2022-2023 season. This motion is effective February 25, 2021."**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Interim President Pitney and Interim Chancellor Schultz led a discussion on UAA's request to extend the fundraising deadline for men's hockey and women's gymnastics at the University of Alaska Anchorage and to reinstate these teams provided supporters raise private funding to cover operating expenses. (video timestamp 2:23:34)

Annual operating expenses for athletic teams vary from year to year. The fundraising goals for annual operating expenses comprise primarily new private and corporate gifts (cash on hand and recorded pledges), as well as prior unused gift balances. Expense-reducing gifts-in-kind, as well as permanent expense reductions to annual operating costs, are counted as contributions to the fundraising goal.

The total dollars raised to date for hockey is \$1,563,183 comprising \$1,077,023 in cash gifts and \$486,151 in pledged gifts.

The total dollars raised to date for gymnastics is \$354,930 comprising \$221,030 in cash gifts and \$133,900 in pledged gifts.

## **12. Governance Committee**

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

Regent Hughes said the board's assessment would be available in March, due in May, and discussed during the June 3-4, 2021 board meeting and noted the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges is finishing its work on its equity, justice, and inclusion statement and she will share it with the board when complete. (video timestamp 4:33:04)

## **13. UA Foundation Report and the University of Alaska Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Southeast Campaign Funding Priorities Work Session**

### **A. UA Foundation Report**

UA Foundation President Tod Burnett provided an update on university system development efforts and University of Alaska Foundation activities.

### **B. The University of Alaska Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Southeast Campaign Funding Priorities Work Session**

University of Alaska Foundation President Burnett provided an update on the foundation's efforts with a focus on the March 25, 2021, public launch of the comprehensive philanthropic campaign benefitting the University of Alaska Anchorage, Fairbanks, Southeast, and the university system. Chancellors White, Carey, and Interim Chancellor Schultz

discussed each of its universities' campaign funding priorities. (video timestamp 4:43:21)

The University of Alaska Foundation is a private nonprofit corporation established in 1974 to solicit, manage and invest donations for the exclusive benefit of the University of Alaska. The UA Foundation supports the fundraising efforts of the University of Alaska.

<https://www.alaska.edu/foundation/>

## **14. Title IX Update and Review of Title IX Compliance Brief and Metrics**

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

Chief Equity and Compliance Officer Gower provided a Title IX update. Interim Chancellor Schultz and Chancellors Carey, and White reviewed the Title IX compliance brief and metrics. (video timestamp 5:48:01)

## **15. Approval of Resolutions of Appreciation**

### **A. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Cachet Garrett**

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Cachet Garrett. This motion is effective February 26, 2021."**

Motion by Darroll R Hargraves, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett has served on the University of Alaska Board of Regents with dedication and distinction since 2019, when she was appointed by Governor Mike Dunleavy to the position of student regent; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett passionately served as the voice for the collective student body and engaged in outreach and messaging to serve the students of the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett's passion for student success, diversity, and inclusion, climate change, and the value of interdisciplinary studies was evident in every board vote; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett voiced her genuine commitment to serving students; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett demonstrated genuine empathy, caring, and commitment for her fellow board members, university leadership, students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett's commitment to student service began as a student senator, then student body president, and also president of the student alumni association at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, before again serving as a University of Alaska Fairbanks senator and ultimately being selected as the student regent; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett's extra-curricular activities include environmental activism, student leadership, and volunteerism, including service as an Americorps member and becoming a Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett grew up in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley, but life's journeys have led her around the world to 23 countries, with plans to visit many, many more; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett earned a bachelor's degree in Human Communication with emphases in Intercultural and Interpersonal Communication at the University of Alaska Southeast and is working toward a master's degree in Arctic and Northern Studies at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, focusing on leadership, adaptation, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett also earned certification in massage therapy through the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage and is a strong proponent of yoga and self-care; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett is also known for her love of animals, in particular, her beloved dog Kai'aka; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett, while serving on the Board of Regents, was a member of the Academic and Student Affairs



Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alaska Board of Regents officially recognizes Cachet Garrett for her dedicated service to Alaska and the University of Alaska, in particular, the students across the university system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Cachet Garrett, with a copy to be incorporated in the official minutes of the February 25-26, 2021, meeting of the Board of Regents.  
(video timestamp 6:00:26)

## B. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Cathy Sandeen

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Cathy Sandeen. This motion is effective February 26, 2021."**

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Darroll R Hargraves.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen led the University of Alaska Anchorage as chancellor with excellence, dedication, and integrity from September 2018 to December 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen as chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage, maintained unrelenting focus on the higher education needs of students, and on the fulfillment of the University of Alaska Anchorage's mission; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen launched several key initiatives for the institution, including the UAA 2025 Strategic Plan, the shared services unit for fiscal and administrative services and the community campus alignment group; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen oversaw the implementation of the 49th Finishers Scholarship, which sought to provide scholarships to those who have earned college credit but no degree and want to return to complete their education; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen is a prolific writer and speaker, and published and presented widely on the issues surrounding educational innovation and nontraditional students, and during her time as chancellor, contributed several local op-eds, interviews, and national thought leadership pieces to media outlets, including The Chronicle of Higher Education and Inside Higher Ed; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen consistently provided honest opinions to the University of Alaska Anchorage and the local community as evidenced by her "Just the Facts" series, and provided more than 50 video messages across various social media channels, including during critical times such as the 2018 7.1 magnitude earthquake, the university's declaration of financial exigency in 2019, and the ongoing pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen will be remembered for her forthright manner and commitment to providing an opportunity for more Alaskans to earn degrees and credentials through strategic innovation; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen made the most of her experience in Alaska, and during her two years as chancellor, including hiking, dogsledding, traveling to rural communities, and hosting many productive events with faculty, students, staff, donors, and alumni; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the University of Alaska System, Cathy Sandeen was chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Colleges and UW-Extension for four years; served as the vice president of education attainment and innovation for the American Council on Education, the dean at the University of California, Los Angeles Extension and in various leadership roles at the University of California, Santa Cruz and the University of California, San Francisco including serving as a member of the faculty at Santa Clara University, San Jose State University, the University of Utah, Stanford University and San Francisco State University; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen is now the president of California State East Bay, another public, open-access, urban-metropolitan university similar to the University of Alaska Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in speech pathology from Humboldt State University; earned a master's in broadcast communication from San Francisco State University, an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in communication from the University of Utah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Board of Regents officially recognizes and thanks Cathy Sandeen for her service to the University of Alaska and its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Anchorage community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Cathy Sandeen with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the February 25-26, 2021, meeting of the Board of Regents.

### C. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Saichi T. Oba

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Saichi T. Oba. This motion is effective February 26, 2021."**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

WHEREAS, after years of dedicated service to the University of Alaska, including serving as associate vice president for Student and Enrollment Strategy since 2005, Saichi T. Oba retired from the University of Alaska to pursue a new professional opportunity at Washington State University; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba arrived in Alaska in fall 1990 to work at the University of Alaska Fairbanks for Registrar Emeritus Ann Tremarello in the Office of Admissions and Records; he was appointed the interim director of admissions at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1996; worked as the director of admissions at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls in 1998; returned to Alaska as the program manager for the University of Alaska Banner Student; was promoted to director of enrollment services in 2002, and promoted to head the newly developed Office of Student and Enrollment Services in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba's passion is working on strategic enrollment management and helping students find success; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba worked as a member of the president's senior staff to ensure that the university-based student services staff received the support, policies and tools to service the University of Alaska students, and served as lead of the system's efforts in expanding and enhancing student services throughout the university system as chair of the Student Services Council; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba led system-wide efforts to develop student success strategies through participation in national initiatives including those by the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities - Western Coalition Powered by Publics and the National Association of System Heads - Taking Student Success to Scale; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba helped to implement many systemwide student service projects including upgrades to the Banner student program, coordinated the funding, training and distribution of the degree progress tracking software, DegreeWorks, and worked out the interface with Banner, and oversaw the development and marketing of MyFuture.alaska.edu; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba studied national enrollment, recruitment, advising and tuition trends in order to advise university system and Board of Regents' initiatives, tuition policy, provided training for advising and student services staff and resolved credit transfer, common calendar and other student services issues; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba's student-focused leadership was recognized with the 2001 Staff Make Students Count Award; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba often told the story that President Barack Obama and he were classmates in school together from fifth grade through 12th grade, and they played high school football and basketball together, and sang in the choir; and

WHEREAS, when not working, Saichi T. Oba relishes time with his family; he and his wife Connie introduced their three children, Elizabeth, Kekuwa and Lupua to the joys of hiking, camping, exploring and fishing throughout the west, literally from Alaska to Hawaii, and all three of his children attended the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Eastern Oregon University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks

Saichi T. Oba for his service to the University of Alaska, his dedication to its students, and his commitment to inter-university collaboration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Saich T. Oba with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the February 25-26, 2021 meeting of the Board of Regents.

## **16. Corporate Resolutions**

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

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the Industrial Security Resolution as revised, to reflect the changes to members of the Board of Regents and to officers of the university, and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective February 26, 2021."**

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

#### **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 members of the Board of Regents and to officers of the university. (video timestamp 6:06:18)

### **B. Approval of a Revision to the Corporate Authority Resolution**

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the Corporate Authority Resolution, as revised to reflect a change in officers of the university resulting from the hiring of a new university president, and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective February 26, 2021."**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

#### **RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION**

The Board of Regents regularly passes a resolution specifying certain university officers as being authorized to execute investment and banking transactions for the University of Alaska. Because of a change in officers of the university resulting from the hiring of a new university president, a current resolution is necessary in order to execute timely investment and banking transactions.

## **17. Future Agenda Item**

### **A. Future Agenda Item**

Regent Anderson asked for an Auke Bay Marine Station update during the next Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting. (video timestamp 6:8:31)

## **18. Executive Session**

### **A. Executive Session**

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters that by law are required to be confidential, matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to compliance and to receive legal advice, and matters which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to a meritorious service award. This motion is effective February 26, 2021."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 11:17 a.m. and concluded an executive session at 11:47 a.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters that by law are required to be confidential, matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to compliance and to receive legal advice, and matters which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to a meritorious service award. The session included members of the Board of Regents, Interim President Pitney, General Counsel Cooper, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 30 minutes. (video timestamp 6:13:21)

**19. Approval of a Meritorious Service Award for Spring 2021**

**A. Approval of a Meritorious Service Award for Spring 2021**

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves a meritorious service award for Gary Turner as proposed. This motion is effective February 26, 2021."**

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Darroll R Hargraves.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

**POLICY CITATION**

**Regents' Policy 10.03.030.A.**

Meritorious service awards may be conferred upon approval of the Board of Regents.

**A. Criteria**

The criterion for individuals to receive a meritorious service award from an MAU is evidence of significant public, academic, volunteer or philanthropic service to the MAU or one of its community campuses, or to an Alaska community.

**RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION**

A recommendation submitted by the University of Alaska Anchorage for a recipient of a meritorious service award was sent under separate cover for Board of Regents' review prior to the February 25-26, 2021 board meeting. (video timestamp 6:18:00)

**20. Adjourn**

**A. Adjourn**

Chair Buretta adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021.

**21. Public Testimony, from February 16, 2021**

Kylie Reese, UAA student and member of the gymnastics team, shared her experience with the program and encouraged the board to extend the fundraising deadline.

Nate Bauer, UA Press manager, provided an update on the UA Press' recent publications.

David Hoffman, Anchorage resident and Save the Seawolves Steering Committee chair, provided an update on the committee's work, noting partnerships with the U-med district; said committee members mentor high school seniors to assist with the FAFSA and college admission paperwork and stated support for UAA and all its volunteers.

Carmen Guzman, UAA graduate student, spoke in support of UA's intent to make its universities diverse, noting more Alaska Native leadership and tenured professors are needed; encouraged the board to provide more Alaska Native general education curriculum requirements that is taught by Alaska Native leaders; said UA currently lacks diverse representation and equity and hopes the commitment to follow through on the issue is fulfilled.

Alice Bailey, UAF College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences public information officer, shared news about the Seward Marine Center's 50th anniversary celebrated in 2020; stated the R/V Sikuliaq is docked at the center, is an access point for the Arctic, and the vessel conducted research during the pandemic and said onboard the vessel no COVID cases have been reported and the science operations continue.

Kathie Bethard, Anchorage resident and LLC Save Seawolves Hockey chairman, stated support for the hockey program ranges from Quebec, Canada to Alaska; noted \$1.7M has been raised thus far; encouraged the board to extend the deadline for fundraising through October 2021, noting there is tremendous fundraising momentum and stated the LLC expects to make the \$3M mark.

Juan Alonso, Virginia Beach, VA resident and fan of the UAA gymnastics team, stated support for the program, the coaches, and the athletes; encouraged the board to extend the fundraising deadline and to reinstate the program.

Gerald Dewhurst, Anchorage resident and Save the Seawolves Steering Committee member, stated support for UAA hockey; shared his experience with UAA and the hockey program and encouraged the board to extend the fundraising deadline.

Jessica Johnson, UAA student and member of the gymnastics team, shared her experience with the team; highlighted the team's fundraising concepts to generate new funding sources and encouraged the board to extend the fundraising deadline.

Silje Hildebrand, UAA student and member of the gymnastics team, shared her experience with the team, noting the leadership abilities of the team members, reviewed the team's fundraising efforts and encouraged the board to extend the fundraising deadline.

Shwaun Dizayee, Jamestown, ND resident, spoke in support of the UAA gymnastics and hockey programs; said the student-athletes need to be recognized; encouraged the board to reinstate the athletic programs and to extend the fundraising deadline.

Fenton Hertzler, St. Paul, MN resident, said in 2011 he was appointed to an organic chemistry professor position at UAF; reviewed his work performed at UAF; stated in spring 2013 the dean's office did not renew his contract, noting students heard about the nonrenewal, organized a petition and wrote to protest the dismissal and stated he was treated unfair, unethical, unprofessional by UA.

Alex Brittz, UAA student and member of the gymnastics team, shared her experience with the team and the program, noting the team's diversity, leadership, and integrity shown by her teammates and encouraged the board to extend the fundraising deadline.

Marcela Bonifasi, UAA student and member of the gymnastics team, shared her experience with the team and the program, noting her positive experience; reviewed the team's fundraising efforts; shared information regarding the team's competition levels and encouraged the board to extend the fundraising deadline.

Allie McClure, UAA student and member of the gymnastics team, recognized UAA Chancellor Schultz and Interim President Pitney for their support regarding the fundraising extension deadline; noted the intangible work of the team; encouraged the board to reinstate the hockey and gymnastic programs and to extend the fundraising efforts to October 15 for the 2022-23 season.

Lisa Parady, Alaska Council of School Administrators executive director, stated the council members work on position statements regarding the highest priorities for students and student achievement; thanked Interim President Pitney for her active interest in K12 public education to promote comprehensive statewide programs and to attain high-quality educators and said she looks forward to building the relationship with UA to prepare, attain, and attract quality teachers.