

**Official Minutes  
Board of Regents  
Meeting of the Full Board  
June 2-3, 2022  
Anchorage, Alaska**

## **1. Individuals Present**

### Regents Present:

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

### Regent Absent:

Kali Spencer

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

### Others Present:

Karen Carey, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast  
Sean Parnell, 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  
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents  
Raegan Kelliher, Assistant, Board of Regents  
Gökhan Karahan, Faculty Alliance Chair  
Lauren Hartman, System Office representative on the Staff Alliance, and System Office Staff Council President  
Rosemary Kauffman, Coalition of Student Leaders Vice Chair

## **2. Opening Items**

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

Chair Buretta called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2022.

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

*Note for the record: Regent Perdue reiterated a previous disclosure made during the board's February 2019 meeting regarding the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Study Center and Park. She stated the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) has a contract regarding Troth Yeddha' with Bettisworth North Architecture and Planning (BNAP), formerly owned by her spouse C.B. Bettisworth, noting he has sold his interest in the firm to its current principals, his name is still on the firm, he continues as a BNAP part-time employee, serves on its board of directors without compensation, and leases the firm's Fairbanks office space to BNAP. She also stated BNAP has provided work under a contract for UAF's Rasmuson Library Student Success Center.*

*Chair Buretta said consistent with the determination made by former Chair Davies at the time of Regent Perdue's previous disclosure, she determined Regent Perdue should refrain from voting, deliberating, or participating in the two mentioned agenda items (10.D.1 and 10.D.2.).*

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

**"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective June 2, 2022."**

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins  
 Not Present at Vote: Darroll R Hargraves

### C. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 24-25, 2022

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of February 24-25, 2022 as presented. This motion is effective June 2, 2022."**

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Darroll R Hargraves

### D. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting of April 15, 2022

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its special meeting of April 15, 2022 as presented. This motion is effective June 2, 2022."**

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Darroll R Hargraves

### E. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting of May 6, 2022

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its special meeting of May 6, 2022 as presented. This motion is effective June 2, 2022."**

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Darroll R Hargraves

## **3. Reports**

### A. Governance Reports

Rosemary Kauffman, Coalition of Student Leaders vice chair, reported on the following topics: recapped the coalition's year, noting the rural campus involvement, the University of Alaska Anchorage student government is working on defining diversity, equity, and inclusion and what it means to its students, the University of Alaska Fairbanks student government has elected senate members and is holding in-person meetings, the University of Alaska Southeast student government is reviewing student life activities and textbook affordability and thanked the board for its time and looks forward to working with the board. (video timestamp 8:56)

Lauren Hartman, System Office representative on the Staff Alliance, and System Office Staff Council president, reported on the following topics: current Staff Alliance (SA) chair Juella Sparks' departure from UA after 19 years, thanked the regents for attending two SA meetings, noting the meetings were successful, appreciation for President Pitney's May townhall event, staff development funds paid for a keynote speaker, noting the staff development day event was well attended, support for the Faculty Alliance's resolution regarding Alaska Native Success Initiative goals, concern about the chief human resources officer being tasked with the departing senior advisor for Alaska Native Success, institutional diversity and student engagement duties, appreciation for the across-the-board compensation increase although SA would have appreciated more involvement in the discussions and noted because UA staff is overloaded with its work, finding volunteers for governance issues is declining. (video timestamp 14:04)

Gökhan Karahan, Faculty Alliance chair, reported on the following topics: the data analysis regarding the number of UA administrators, noting the number of faculty went down as administration went up, and will make the data available for the board's review, the importance of the Alaska Native Success Initiative and the engagement of faculty in the initiative,

the faculty initiative fund and its continued support of collaborative projects, the necessity for UA to be intentional in its use of its resources and thanked the board for its service. (video timestamp 22:45)

## B. Chancellors' Reports

Chancellor Parnell welcomed the board to the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) for its in-person meeting, noting appreciation for the board's volunteer service, provided a land acknowledgment, and an update on the following topics: multiple on-campus activities, including the high school basketball tournament, the Anchorage School District graduation ceremonies and UAA's commencements, a forthcoming new leadership announcement regarding the vice chancellor for administrative services, the commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), noting the leadership team is creating a development plan to support DEI and continuing efforts toward affordable student access. (video timestamp 32:14)

Chancellor Carey provided an update on the following topics: spring commencement activities, the middle college's effort to work closely with the Juneau Douglas School district, appreciation for Chief Human Resources Officer Dahl and General Counsel Cooper's visit to the University of Alaska Southeast, a recap of the maricultural conference events, the success of staff development day events, a new facility scheduled to be completed in fall 2023 located next to the Anderson Building and philanthropic, fundraising, and alumni activities. (video timestamp 51:50)

Chancellor White provided an update on the following topics: the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) land acknowledgment and the vision statement for the Troth Yeddha' campus, strategic enrollment planning, the Nanook Pledge, the edX global online education platform, the increase in veteran and military student enrollment, the Alaska Advantage program (virtual middle college), creation of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences' first online science degree, recapped UAF's research day and the Nanook's athletic season, maximization of UAF's facilities during the summer, and the passing of Joe Usibelli and his philanthropic support to UAF. (video timestamp 57:32)

## C. President's Report

President Pitney welcomed the faculty attending in support of the collective bargaining negotiations, thanked the board for its support of the negotiations, and provided an update on the following topics: continued focus on creating UA's team, noting the chancellors, governance, staff, and faculty are all better when working together, Chief Human Resources Officer Dahl's arrival and her visits to each university, the UA environment and its support, understanding, and awareness of the Alaska Native Success Initiative, enrollment, understanding UA is at a new starting point, both budget and student-wise and the plans to move UA forward, marine policy training efforts, recapped spring conference attendance, thanked Chief Finance Officer Dosch for maintaining UA's financial transparency and stability, and his leadership and Interim Chief Information Technology Officer Boucher for his work on IT priorities. (video timestamp 1:11:55)

## **4. Government Relations Report**

### A. Government Relations Report

State Relations Director Hutchison and Federal Relations Director Latini provided an update on government relations issues affecting the University of Alaska. (video timestamp 2:03:44)

## **5. Board of Regents' Goals and Measures Update**

### A. Board of Regents' Goal and Measures Update

President Pitney and Vice President Layer updated the Board of Regents on Goals and Measures and priority focus areas. (video timestamp 3:05:05)

## **6. UA Budget Discussion / FY23 & 24 Budgets including Academic Year 24 Tuition**

### A. UA Budget Discussion / FY23 & 24 Budgets including Academic Year 24 Tuition

Board members, President Pitney, and administrative staff discussed the university's FY23 and FY24 budgets. (video timestamp 3:11:03)

## **7. FY23 Budget Approval Items**

### A. Acceptance of the FY23 Operating Budget Appropriation and Approval of Distribution Plan

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents accepts the FY23 Operating Budget Appropriation as presented. This motion is effective June 2, 2022."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the FY23 Operating Budget Distribution Plan as presented. This motion is effective June 2, 2022."**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, 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, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Regents' Policy 05.01.040 – Acceptance of State Appropriations states, "The board must accept state appropriations to the university before any expenditure may be made against the appropriation."

**RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION**

President Pitney and Vice President Rizk presented a summary of the FY23 operating budget appropriation and discussed the operating funding distribution.

**B. Acceptance of the FY23 Capital Budget Appropriation and Approval of Distribution Plan****PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents accepts the FY23 Capital Budget Appropriation as presented. This motion is effective June 2, 2022."**

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the FY23 Capital Budget Distribution Plan as presented. This motion is effective June 2, 2022."**

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, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Regents' Policy 05.01.04 – Acceptance of State Appropriations states, "The board must accept state appropriations to the university before any expenditure may be made against the appropriation."

President Pitney and Vice President Rizk presented a summary of the FY23 capital budget appropriation and discussed the capital funding distribution.

**C. Approval of the FY23 Natural Resources Fund Budget****PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the proposed FY23 Natural Resources Fund Budget as presented. This motion is effective June 2, 2022."**

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**POLICY CITATION**

Regents' Policy 05.07.010 – Land-Grant Endowment, provides that the university president will present an annual budget to the board for approval.

## RECOMMENDATION

<b>FY23 Natural Resources Fund Budget</b>	<b>Approved FY22</b>	<b>Proposed FY23</b>
<b>Long-Term Commitments:</b>		
- University of Alaska Scholars Program	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,100,000
- Land Management	970,000	970,000
- Land Management - Info System Replacement (one-time)	-	388,000
- System-based scholarships	170,000	170,000
- University of Alaska Press	120,000	120,000
- Cooperative Extension Support	400,000	400,000
<b>Supporting Goals and Measures</b>		
- Alaska in the Arctic: Issues and Trends	-	300,000
- Student Recruitment and Retention	300,000	300,000
- Phase I – Student IT Modernization	500,000	-
- Masters in Marine Policy Start Up	-	250,000
- G&M Emerging Opportunities	-	300,000
<b>Governance Support</b>		
- Staff Development Fund	100,000	100,000
- Faculty Initiative Fund	300,000	300,000
<b>Other</b>		
- Leadership & Team Development (Innovation Fund)	240,000	140,000
- edX Initiative (3rd year of 3-year commitment)	200,000	200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,038,000</b>

## RATIONALE

Per Regents' Policy the Natural Resources Fund is to be used to "provide a margin of support over and above" what otherwise would be possible through traditional state, federal and private sources, and used to provide funding to projects and programs necessary to establish or enhance the quality of the university's academic programs, research, or public service. The sources of the funds available comes from the spending allowance generated by the Land Grant Endowments, currently set by the board at 4.5% of the average of the December 31 market value for the immediately preceding five years of the fund. Withdrawal of earnings in any fiscal year is limited to the unexpended accumulated earnings of the endowment as of the preceding December 31.

UA Scholars Program: The allocation request is based on the program being the university's largest scholarship outreach program and consists of an award of \$12,000 paid over a period of eight semesters at \$1,500 per semester. The award is available to the top ten percent of the graduates from every high school in Alaska. The decrease in the total allocation to the Scholars Program over the prior year reflects a decreasing number of total awardees accepting the scholarship.

Land Management: The allocation is based on board policy that provides a portion of the spending allowance for the management and maintenance of university land. The allocation will help fund support costs for the federal land grant initiative and additional outreach to develop lands.

Land Management - Information Systems Replacement (one-time): This funding supports replacement of the current outdated Land Information Systems that is written in an unsupported programming language and has reached the end of its useful life. The Land Information Systems contain historical to present data of university lands and interests in land used for educational purposes. The proposed modernized system is expected to reliably support on-going operations and includes new features necessary to support the federal land grant initiative.

System-based scholarships: The allocation request represents awards offered as community goodwill, through seven organizations as well as the state's foster youth program. Consistent with the UA Scholars program the community awards have been increased by \$125 per semester as of June 2014. The foster youth award amount covers 144 credits of tuition for 10 semesters over six years. The foster youth cost is variable with tuition increases.

University of Alaska Press: The allocation request is based on a long-standing commitment to supplement their operations, most recently affirmed by the board in June 2020. The UA Press entered into a consortium agreement in FY22. The Natural Resources Fund allocation will be used for mandatory membership dues in the consortium.

Cooperative Extension Support: Cooperative Extension has used these funds to build capacity in Alaska communities by providing significant portions of salaries of employees providing educational outreach related to 4-H and natural resources. The funding has financed the majority of work done by the extension's Bethel agent, Sitka program assistant,

Fairbanks state 4-H program faculty, Mat-Su 4-H faculty member, Kodiak and Bristol Bay 4-H program assistants, and the South Central natural resources programs headquartered out of the Palmer Research and Extension Center. In addition, the Kenai Peninsula agriculture agent and natural resource assistant and Anchorage Extension coordinator were covered by the NRF as well. With this funding, the extension has been able to deliver youth-driven programming including healthy living, cultural appreciation and suicide prevention.

Alaska in the Arctic: Issues and Trends: Guided by Alaska Statute 44.99.105 Declaration of State Arctic Policy, a UA System report team led by the UAF Center for Arctic Policy Studies will create useable Arctic-related information for the Alaska State Legislature. The team will draw on expertise from around the UA System, including UAA's Institute of Social and Economic Research, UAS Department of Political Science and the Alaska Native Success Initiative. The core product will be a report of Arctic socio-economic and environmental trends, focused on state legislative priorities and activities. Other communication products will augment the report and be disseminated through a range of means. The information will be useful for decision making, and be available to the public.

Student Recruitment and Retention: This funding supplements campus efforts to increase recruitment and improve student retention and completion rates. In addition, the funding will be focused on marketing, e-Learning course development, enrollment incentives, and degree completion.

Phase I – Student IT Modernization – The University seeks to modernize student-facing technology and processes, so that the student's experience is easy, efficient and well-received. The investment is intended to support the University's recruitment, retention and student success strategies and facilitate easier access to higher education for all Alaskans. Currently, UA's student-facing systems are approximately 30 years old, out of date and compare poorly against peers in terms of delivering a quality student experience. Modern systems are capable of better facilitating student recruitment, retention and success and UA must improve these capabilities to remain competitive in the marketplace. Any unexpended funds from the FY22 allocation will be utilized for the Goals and Measures Emerging Opportunities.

Masters in Marine Policy Start Up: The Masters of Marine Policy (MMP) program is a joint effort between UAF and UAS to meet the needs of the state, serving the coastal environments and the communities that rely on them. The program will provide a skilled workforce and contribute to Alaska's economic development. The MMP program is prepared to begin the fall of 2022 and has already had inquiries from six students interested in enrolling in the program when it starts. To cover the instructional needs of the program, two additional faculty will need to be hired in FY23. The Natural Resources Fund will be used for startup funds to hire the tenure track faculty. When the program is at its full enrollment, tuition and fee revenue is anticipated to cover the faculty positions in subsequent years.

Goals and Measures Emerging Opportunities: UA aspires to reach the goals approved by the board in February 2022. A series of internal grants will be awarded for initiatives and investments designed to produce results in achieving the goals:

- Contribute to Alaska's economic development, skilled workforce and engaged citizenship
- Foster academic excellence for student success
- Promote diversity, equity and inclusion in students, faculty and staff
- Grow our world-class research
- Operate cost effectively

Special attention will be given to the priority focus areas as identified by the board.

Staff Development Fund: Promote staff and supervisor training and development, recognition, and mentoring/coaching opportunities.

Faculty Initiative Fund: Promote inter-university collaboration in program development, scholarly endeavors and student engagement with the goal of reducing the cost to degree and promoting internship opportunities for students.

Leadership and Team Development (Innovation Fund) – Foster a culture of innovation through investments in leadership development, administrative efficiency and process improvement, and internal and external partnerships.

edX Initiative: The University of Alaska Fairbanks is the unparalleled arctic research institution and Alaska is at the leading edge of climate change. Although UAF's leadership position in research and the emerging importance of the arctic is clear, our platform for sharing our expertise to learners of the world is limited. Through a partnership with a leading provider of Massive Open Online Courses, edX, UAF gains a channel to share its expertise on the global stage. Membership in the edX consortium provides valuable opportunities for meeting public outreach requirements for research grants, as well as a platform for sharing the university's unique expertise with the world. FY23 is year three of a three-year commitment from the Natural Resources Fund. (video timestamp 3:20:52)

## **8. Did You Know Presentation**

## A. Did You Know Presentation

This segment in the "Did You Know" video series showcased the university's alternative and renewable energy programs. The research and work conducted across the University of Alaska system and a critical role in the successful expansion of renewable energy sources -- educators training students and working with the universities' researchers and its community partners to create renewable energy systems. The University of Alaska Fairbanks' Alaska Center for Energy and Power, for example, manages multiple projects investigating the feasibility of solar, hydrokinetic, micronuclear, and other renewable sources of power throughout Alaska.

The presentation highlighted the efforts underway to address energy security, the research being conducted, and what it could mean for Alaska and the university to provide domestic energy security for our state and the rest of the country. (video timestamp 5:12:45)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SB4RCnEgbBk>

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

## 9. Committee Reports and New Business

### A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee received an update on high-demand programs, health programs, the Alaska College of Education Consortium, and teacher education, heard an enrollment report, and received notice of actions on delegated programs and notice on specialized accreditation at UAA and UAF. (video timestamp 4:06:13)

### B. Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition

The committee met on March 24, 2022, to review the role of tuition in supporting students and academic programs at the three universities.

The committee met on April 26, 2022, to discuss Regents' Policy 05.10. – Tuition and Student Fees.

The committee met on May 25, 2022, in addition to the action item, the committee discussed its report to the full board and continued its discussion regarding Regents' Policy 05.10. – Tuition and Student Fees. (4:21:47 video timestamp)

### C. Audit and Finance Committee

#### 1. Approval of the FY23 Annual Internal Audit Plan

##### PASSED

"The Audit and Finance Committee approves the annual audit plan for fiscal year 2023 as presented. This motion is effective May 27, 2022."

#### 2. Committee Report

In addition to the action item, the committee heard comments from the external auditors, received a financial briefing and an update on UAF's utility systems P3 project, heard the Audit & Consulting Services Quality Assurance report, an audit status report, an open audit recommendations report, and received a compliance overview. (video timestamp 4:44:37)

### D. Facilities and Land Management Committee

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

#### 1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park (Moved from Consent Agenda Item 10.D.1.)

##### PASSED

**"The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park as presented, in compliance with the approved Campus Master Plan, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design, with a total project not to exceed \$40,000,000. It is the Board of Regents' intent that funds will come from private gifts,**

**corporate donations, federal funding, or other sponsored agency support. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, 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, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Ralph Seekins

Not Present during the discussion or the vote: Karen Perdue

2. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Rasmuson Library Student Success Center (Moved from Consent Agenda Item 10.D.2.)

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Rasmuson Library Student Success Center 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 \$9,000,000. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

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, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Ralph Seekins

Not Present during the discussion or the vote: Karen Perdue

The committee met on March 25, 2022, held an executive session, and approved the following motion:

1. Approval of Project Change Request for the University of Alaska Southeast Integrated Science Building

**PASSED**

"The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the Project Change Request for the University of Alaska Southeast Integrated Science Building and authorizes the University administration to increase the project budget by \$3,125,000, not to exceed a Total Project Cost of \$16,125,000. This motion is effective March 25, 2022."

The committee met on April 25, 2022, and approved the following motion:

1. Schematic Design Approval for the University of Alaska Butrovich Data Center Resiliency: UPS and Chiller Deferred Renewal

**PASSED**

"The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the schematic design approval request for the University of Alaska Butrovich Data Center Resiliency project as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan and authorizes the university administration to complete construction bid documents, to bid, and award a contract within the approved budget, and to proceed to completion of project construction not to exceed a total project cost of \$4,630,400. This motion is effective April 25, 2022."

The committee met on May 26, 2022.

1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Anchorage Health Workforce Expansion & Diversity Project

**PASSED**

"The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Anchorage Health Workforce Expansion & Diversity Project 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 \$5,000,000. This motion is effective May 26, 2022."

2. Committee Report

In addition to the action items, the committee heard an IT report including the SIS modernization efforts, a monetizing capital assets report, received the land management 3rd quarter report including the land grant initiative, a real property proceeds report, the capital project approvals – delegation of authority report, the deferred maintenance and renewal spending report, the deferred maintenance and renewal distribution reallocation report, heard an update on UAA's master plan renewal and UAF's Mat-Su monetization and the construction in progress reports. (video timestamp 4:51:56)

**10. Consent Agenda**



## A. Approval of Consent Agenda

### **PASSED AS AMENDED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 10.B.1-11., 10.C.1., and 10.D.3. as amended. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## B. Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Items from May 26, 2022

### 1. Approval to Rescind Regents' Policy 01.02.060 - Shaping Alaska's Future

#### **PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves rescinding Regents' Policy 01.02.060 - Shaping Alaska's Future. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

### 2. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 04.04.070 - Emeritus Status

#### **PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 04.04.070 - Emeritus Status to expand the eligibility of the honor from a retiree to an employee who has either retired or separated from the university. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

P04.04.070. Emeritus Status.

Emeritus status is an honor conferred by the chancellor, president, or Board of Regents upon the outstanding **retirees employees** of the university **upon retirement or separation** and **is** not an automatic recognition of services rendered. The prerequisites of emeritus status will be as provided by university regulation.

### 3. Approval of a Revision to Regents' Policies 10.03.020 - Honorary Degrees and 10.03.030 - Meritorious Service Awards

#### **PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves a revision to Regents' Policies 10.03.020 - Honorary Degrees and 10.03.030 - Meritorious Service Awards to include language to provide the means to revoke an honorary degree or meritorious service award. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

#### **P10.03.020. Honorary Degrees.**

Honorary degrees may be conferred upon approval of the Board of Regents.

#### **E. Revocation**

An honorary degree may be revoked when, in the sole discretion of the board, a continuing connection with the university is no longer in the best interest of the university. Following the decision of the board, the president shall inform the affected individual.

#### **P10.03.030. Meritorious Service Awards.**

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

#### **E. Revocation**

A meritorious service award may be revoked when, in the sole discretion of the board, a continuing connection with the university is no longer in the best interest of the university. Following the decision of the board, the president shall inform the affected individual.

### 4. Approval of an Undergraduate Certificate in Ahtna Language Instruction at the University of Alaska Anchorage

#### **PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves an Undergraduate Certificate in Ahtna Language Instruction at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

### 5. Approval of an Undergraduate Certificate in Dena'ina Language Instruction at the University of Alaska Anchorage

#### **PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves an Undergraduate Certificate in Dena'ina Language Instruction at the University of

Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

6. Approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Communication at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Bachelor of Arts in Communication at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

7. Approval of the Discontinuation of the Bachelor of Science in Anthropology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of the Bachelor of Science in Anthropology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

8. Approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

9. Approval of a Master's in Marine Policy at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and University of Alaska Southeast

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Master's in Marine Policy at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Southeast. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

10. Approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies at the University of Alaska Southeast

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies at the University of Alaska Southeast. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

11. Approval of the Discontinuation of the Bachelor of Arts Interdisciplinary program at the University of Alaska Southeast

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of the Bachelor of Arts Interdisciplinary program at the University of Alaska Southeast. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

## C. Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition - Item from May 25, 2022

1. Acceptance of the Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition's Report and its Recommendations including the Proposed Revisions to Regents' Policy 05.10. - Tuition and Student Fees

PASSED

"The Board of Regents accepts the Ad Hoc Committee Tuition's report and its recommendations, including the proposed revisions to Regents' Policy 05.10. - Tuition and Student Fees. Enactment of any policy changes or recommendations will be by separate motion before the full board. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

## D. Facilities and Land Management Committee - Items from May 26, 2022

\*1. ~~Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park~~ (Moved to New Business Item 9.D.1)

\*2. ~~Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Rasmuson Library Student Success Center~~ (Moved to New Business Item 9.D.2)

3. Approval of the University of Alaska Southeast 2022 Master Plan

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the University of Alaska Southeast 2022 Campus Master Plan as presented. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."

## 11. Approval of Resolutions of Appreciation

## A. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Myron Dosch

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Myron Dosch. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

WHEREAS, after 27 years of dedicated and distinctive service to the University of Alaska, including serving since 2016 as University of Alaska Chief Financial Officer, where his university colleagues describe him as competent, collaborative, creative, an excellent coordinator, a champion, and a rock for the campuses, Myron Dosch announced plans to accept a position outside the university at the end of June 2022; and

WHEREAS, after five years in public accounting, Myron Dosch began his university career in 1995 at the University of Alaska Foundation; and in 1999, he accepted the position of Financial Accounting Manager for the university system with responsibility for the preparation of audited financial statements; and in 2006, he became the controller for the university system; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, as a response to budget reductions, former UA President Jim Johnsen combined Dosch's roles and asked him to serve as both controller and Chief Financial Officer for the University of Alaska System; and

WHEREAS, in his financial leadership role, Myron Dosch oversees several departments, including financial reporting, financial systems, cost analysis, procurement, audit, treasury, risk services, and the college savings program; and he monitors the university's investments, debt profile, and bond issuances, and regularly presents financial information and comprehensive analysis to university leadership and the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Myron Dosch has provided steady, highly-respected leadership, managing highs and lows in investments, year-over-year budget reductions, changing federal laws, changes to credit ratings, new private-public partnerships, major investments in infrastructure, and a constantly changing economic landscape, and through it all calmly managed change and introduced new efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, under Myron Dosch's leadership, the university implemented new travel systems and finance operations and reorganized procurement services; ensured the receipt of federal aid and disaster relief funding after the 2018 earthquake and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and carefully managed university costs while remaining constantly accountable to the state, federal agencies and the employees of the University of Alaska System, while working closely with the finance leads at each university to ensure consistency and compliance with federal regulations and reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, Myron Dosch is always available to others and is known by his staff as a supportive, appreciative, and an engaged supervisor who encourages personal and professional development and whose humble leadership demonstrates the importance of a positive work-life balance; and

WHEREAS, Myron Dosch, a self-proclaimed 'accounting nerd' earned a BBA in accounting from Gonzaga University in 1990, and in 2002 earned an MBA with an emphasis in capital markets from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; Dosch is a certified public accountant and member of the Alaska Society of Certified Public Accountants; and

WHEREAS, Myron Dosch is an engaged member of the Fairbanks community, volunteering for numerous non-profit boards, including the Fairbanks Soup Kitchen and the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, Myron Dosch is the embodiment of a family man, and he and his wife Katerina are actively engaged in the education of their children Dominic, Isabel, and Sofia, who regularly appear in their "I'm going to college" t-shirts and testimonials about Alaska's 529 Plan. They enjoy numerous activities as a family, such as cross-country skiing and hiking, traveling the world – in particular visits to Katerina's native Czech Republic – enjoying the architecture, or escaping for fun at the family cabin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks Myron Dosch for his dedicated service to the University of Alaska, its employees, students, and partners, and knows that he will be genuinely missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Myron Dosch, with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the June 2-3, 2022, meeting of the Board of Regents. (video timestamp 6:17:06)

## B. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Tamera Weaver

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Tamera Weaver. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

WHEREAS, after 29 years of dedicated and distinctive service to the University of Alaska, including serving as Chief Treasury Officer for the University of Alaska and as the Education Trust of Alaska Trust Administrator since 2017, Tamera Weaver retired from the university at the end of April 2022; and

WHEREAS, Tamera Weaver began her university career in 1993 as the University of Alaska Cash and Investment Manager and also served as foundation accounting manager and chief investment officer for the university; and

WHEREAS, Tamera Weaver has overseen unprecedented growth of the Education Trust of Alaska's 529 plans, including five years of peak investment earnings, accolades from national rating agencies, cultivating the assets under management to \$11 billion, managing a historic high level of accounts, the addition of two new investment portfolios, the launch of incentive programs aimed at growing the program and supporting the goals of account holders in collaboration with T. Rowe Price & John Hancock to serve Alaska and national investors better; and

WHEREAS, Tamera Weaver supported Alaska 529's increased outreach and education and developed a talent for marketing ideas, including regular advertising campaigns; sponsorships of sports teams, robotics competitions, academic decathlon, and other events; giveaways including "Going to College" t-shirts, and a nationwide recruiting campaign for non-Alaskans saving in the Education Trust of Alaska's 529 plans; all of which increased awareness of the benefits of saving for college and promoted enrollment at the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in her early days with the University of Alaska Foundation, Tamera Weaver successfully directed and managed the implementation of the Blackbaud Raiser's Edge and Financial Edge databases and accomplished the automation of the foundation's financial systems, managed the implementation of the newly adopted state Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act standards for the foundation accounts, and with her investment management, oversight and due diligence saw foundation and university endowments increase from \$25 million to over \$300 million; and

WHEREAS, Tamera Weaver is a perfectionist when it comes to the work she oversees, has an unusually long attention span and an intense focus for detail, so much that she never had an audit exception, and is obsessed with accuracy finding even a \$.02 error or missing comma, and developed a highly favorable reputation within the industry and with rating agencies; and

WHEREAS, Tamera Weaver hired exceptionally accomplished and loyal staff who maintained her high standards in their work, and as a result, she rarely took credit for accomplishments, choosing to credit her team for their collective efforts; and

WHEREAS, Tamera Weaver is ultimately a people person, putting the needs of investors, stakeholders, and employees first at all times; an extremely loyal, professional, and authentic person, she is never afraid to stand up for her beliefs, support her team or speak up when needed; and

WHEREAS, firm believers in the value of higher education, the Weaver family established the Pat and Ken Weaver Family Scholarship endowment at the University of Alaska Fairbanks' School of Management, renamed the College of Business and Security Management, to provide three years of full scholarship funding to a student who graduated from the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District who is enrolled in academic programs within the college; and

WHEREAS, Tamera Weaver grew up in Fairbanks, attending local schools and graduating from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting; following graduation, she became a licensed, certified public accountant (CPA) and worked with a CPA firm in Fairbanks for eight years before coming to the university; and

WHEREAS, Tamera Weaver is extremely dedicated to her family and community, where she and her husband Randy raised their children, Alyssa and Jeremy - both University of Alaska Fairbanks graduates - and enjoy the benefits of living in Fairbanks, from gardening to supporting the University of Alaska Alumni Association while working at its hamburger booth at the Tanana Valley State Fair, to cheering on the Nanooks when attending hockey games.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks Tamera Weaver for her distinguished service to the University of Alaska; she will be genuinely missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Tamera Weaver with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the June 2-3, 2022, meeting of the Board of Regents. (video timestamp 6:32:47)

### C. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Bruce Schultz

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Bruce Schultz. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

WHEREAS, Bruce Schultz is retiring from his position as the University of Alaska Anchorage Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs after a distinguished career in leadership roles spanning three decades, including serving as Interim University of Alaska Anchorage Chancellor in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Schultz began his professional career in student affairs in 1992 as the administrative coordinator for the University of Alaska Anchorage's Residence Life department; in 1995, he became the associate dean of students; and in 2005, the dean of students and associate vice chancellor for student development; in February 2009, Schultz was appointed interim vice chancellor for student affairs with the full appointment in June 2010; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Schultz has a long history of commitment to student success, enrollment management, and student wellness and safety; as vice chancellor, he led the development of a culture of assessment in student affairs and implemented the MAP-Works program, which contributed to the University of Alaska Anchorage's graduation rate increasing nearly 24 percent in a single year; supported a multi-year transformation of the University of Alaska Anchorage enrollment services operations, and restructured student affairs to improve effectiveness while addressing significant reductions in funding; and

WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2020, Bruce Schultz co-chaired the University of Alaska Anchorage Diversity Action Council, which supported the development of its first Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan and the hiring of its first chief diversity officer; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Schultz's recent accomplishments include creating a transparent process for campus stakeholders to provide comments on proposed changes to policies, rules, and procedures; designing the consolidated student fee model; championing employee onboarding as a campus priority, and guiding the development of a program to welcome and familiarize new employees, creating the University of Alaska Anchorage Campus Services division; leading the University of Alaska Anchorage's transition to an online bookstore; transforming the college experience for first-year students; creating synergy among student engagement and multicultural student programs; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Schultz leads with profound thoughtfulness and patience; he models a leadership style that promotes dignity and respect for all people; values the importance of creating shared visions; and inspires progressive and significant improvements through steadfast determination, tempered by consistent re-evaluation and flexibility; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Schultz created new spaces on campus to promote student engagement and belonging, such as the Student Leadership Lab, KRUA 88.1 FM remote broadcast studio, Student Clubs & Greek Life Office, Military and Veterans Student Services Office, The Hub, and Disability Support Services suite; he established programs to provide support to students and foster belonging, such as the Care Team, Commuter Student Services, the Financial Literacy Program, and he co-created the Alaska Native and Indigenous Outreach Program, the Cama-i Room, and the Alaska Native Visiting Elders and Elders in Residence Program; Bruce Schultz served on call to assist students in crisis, and he steadfastly attended student government meetings and mentored student leaders; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Schultz believed one of the most important investments at the University of Alaska Anchorage was the university's human resources; he provided ongoing professional development for his team and mentored individual staff members; and he was reliably consulted on student affairs matters by the University of Alaska Anchorage's community campuses, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the University of Alaska Southeast, and the University of Alaska System Office; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Schultz holds a bachelor's degree in international business and German from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and a Master of Education in student affairs administration in higher education from Ball State University, and he received his doctorate in educational and organizational leadership from the University of La Verne where his doctoral dissertation was a descriptive study of freshman adjustment to college at the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Schultz plans to enjoy retirement, travel, and immerse himself in other cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks Bruce Schultz for his dedicated service to the University of Alaska and its students; he will be truly missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Bruce Schultz with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the June 2-3, 2022, meeting of the Board of Regents. (video timestamp 6:46:17)

## **12. Title IX Update and Review of the Title IX Compliance Briefings**

### A. Title IX Update and Review of the Title IX Compliance Briefings

Chief Equity and Compliance Officer Gower provided a Title IX update.

Chancellors Carey, Parnell, and White reviewed the Title IX Compliance Briefings. (video timestamp 7:27:37)

## **13. UA Foundation Report**

### A. UA Foundation Report

UA Foundation President Burnett provided an update on university system development efforts and University of Alaska Foundation activities. (video timestamp 7:08:12)

## **14. Governance Committee**

### A. Discussion Regarding Board Governance

Regents Hughes stated the Board of Regents' self-assessment was complete and will be discussed in executive session during this meeting. (video timestamp 7:47:51)

## **15. Approval of 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 changes to the managerial group and titles of officers of the university and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 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 the managerial group (adding President Pitney) and titles of officers of the university.

### B. Approval of Revisions to the Corporate Authority Resolution

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the Corporate Authority Resolution as revised, to reflect a change to an officer position responsibly for the university's banking transactions, custodial and investment accounts, and**

**to sell or assign securities, and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 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. Due to the retirement of Chief Treasury Officer Weaver, a current resolution is necessary in order to execute timely investment and banking transactions, Vice President Rizk will assist in overseeing such transactions during the interim period.

## **16. Executive Session**

### A. Executive Session

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to the naming of a university facility and related to board self-assessment. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Voting in opposition: Darroll R Hargraves

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 11:29 a.m. and concluded an executive session at 12:22 p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to the naming of a university facility and related to board self-assessment. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Pitney, General Counsel Cooper, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 53 minutes.

## **17. Approval of Naming a Facility at the University of Alaska Fairbanks**

### A. Approval of Naming a Facility at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the naming of a facility at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and authorizes Chancellor White to announce the naming at a time of his choosing. This motion is effective June 3, 2022."**

Motion by Karen Perdue, 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, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

#### POLICY CITATION

In accordance with Regents' Policy 05.12.080, official naming of all "significant" buildings, building subcomponents such as wings, additions, auditoriums, and libraries, streets, parks, recreational areas, plazas and similar facilities or sites will be approved by the board.

#### RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Regents was asked to approve the naming of a facility at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The proposed name was sent to the Board of Regents under separate cover for discussion during executive session.

*Note for the record: The University of Alaska Fairbanks Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility was named the Joseph E. Usibelli Engineering Learning and Innovation Building on August 4, 2022.*

## **18. Adjourn**

### A. Adjourn

Chair Buretta adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2022.

## **19. Public Testimony, from May 23, 2022**

Silje Hildebrand, University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) gymnastic team member, provided an update on the team's fundraising progress and its community activities.

Jessica Johnson, UAA gymnastic team member, shared the team's academic and athletic goals, reviewed the team's season successes, and noted ten gymnasts have a 4.0 GPA.

Shelia Vent, University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) student, spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park, noting it would provide a place for Indigenous students to call their own.

Okeri Venn, UAA gymnastic team member, highlighted the team's athletic and academic successes, shared its community volunteer activities, and said a summer gymnastics camp will be held on UAA's campus.

Jaylein Kirska, UAF student, spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park, noting it would provide an opportunity for Indigenous students to connect with other Indigenous students and leaders.

Hope Roberts, UAF student, spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park.

Gail Vanderpool, UAF alumni, spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park, noting it would be a gathering and meeting place and provide an inclusive space for Indigenous people, and she shared her experience at the University of Alaska (UA).

Art Nash, UAF associate professor of energy, shared his views on the faculty union negotiations, noting the UA administrative team often did not understand how academia functions and encouraged UA to engage in the negotiations.

Calvin Moses, UAF alumni, spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park and shared his experience at UAF.

Jodie Anderson, UAF Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension interim director, provided an update on the demand for upcoming critical minerals projects, the master gardener, the maritime extension, and the 4-H programs and thanked the board for its support.

Kylie Reese, UAA alumni and former UAA gymnastics team member, advocated for the team, requested the board's support of the team and recapped the team's successes.

Tiffany Simmons, UAF alumni, spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park, noting the need for a place of being and meeting for Indigenous students.

Elizabeth Ripley, Mat-Su Health Foundation CEO, stated higher education attributes to better health, reviewed its support of UA, and spoke in support of preserving the Mat-Su greenbelt.

Cindy Baldwin, Anchorage resident, spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park, noting it would create a place of belonging, and shared her experience at UAF and with its rural student services department.

Ben Potter, UAF professor, shared his views regarding the ongoing faculty union negotiations and urged the UA administration to engage in meaningful negotiations.

Wes Hoskins, Palmer resident, spoke in opposition to extracting gravel from the Ma-Su greenbelt trail area and encouraged the board to set aside the notice of disposal option and perform an analysis to find a win-win situation for the property.

Charleen Fisher, UAF assistant professor, spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park, noting it would honor Alaska's Indigenous peoples and provide a sense of place and community.

Mary Beth Loewen, UAF Alumni Association president/chair, shared recent and upcoming alumni activities, including the legislative fly-in and the Nanook Rendezvous, and spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park.

Shannon Johnson, Iliamna resident, spoke in support of the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park, noting it would provide a central meeting space for Alaska's 229 Indigenous tribes and a sense of place for UA's Indigenous students.



Andrea Dewees, University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) associate professor representing United Academics, shared her concerns regarding the ongoing faculty union negotiations, noting listening to the bargaining has been demoralizing; said faculty morale is low, attrition is high, and right now, there is a lack of democratic decision-making within UA administration; urged UA administration to engage in meaningful negotiations and stated support for the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park.

Joel Potter, UAA associate professor and chair of the philosophy department, asked the board to urge President Pitney to pursue a different approach regarding the faculty union negotiations and to allow the deans on the negotiating team to have a more prominent voice and to look at a provision for term faculty multi-year contracts.

Lael Oldmixon, Alaska 529 and UA Scholars executive director, said May 29, 2022, is 529 Education Saving Plan Awareness Day; highlighted the activities across Alaska to acknowledge the day; shared information about the Dash to Save incentive program, and noted the importance of saving for higher education.

Jennifer Tilbury, UAF Community and Technical College Learning Center Student Success director, shared her excitement regarding the many student success initiatives at UAF and stated the importance of UAF's Rasmuson Library Student Success Center project, noting it will provide a central area for essential student services.

Rosemary Alexander, UAS assistant professor, shared her concerns regarding the faculty union negotiations, noting it seems disingenuous and unprecedented, and encouraged UA administration to engage in fair and meaningful negotiations.