Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Special Meeting of the Full Board
May 9, 2019
Anchorage, Alaska

1. Individuals Present and Opening Items

Regents Present:
John Davies, Chair
Sheri Buretta, Vice Chair
Dale Anderson, Secretary
Lisa Parker, Treasurer
John Bania
Darroll R. Hargraves
Mary K. Hughes
Gloria O’Neill
Karen Perdue
Stephen ’Joey’ Sweet
Andy Teuber

Others Present:
Rick Caulfield, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Michael Hostina, General Counsel
Myron Dosch, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Layer, Vice President for Academics, Students and Research
Michelle Rizk, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget Officer
Roberta Graham, Associate Vice President of Public Affairs
Keli Hite McGee, Chief Human Resources Officer
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents
Maria Williams, Faculty Alliance Chair

A. Call to Order

Chair Davies called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PASSED AS AMENDED (amendment noted by *)
"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective May 9, 2019."

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Lisa M Parker.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: John Bania, Sheri Buretta

2. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

PASSED
"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which clearly would have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to legislative strategy, those matters also involve matters that by law or Regents’ Policy are required to be confidential related to legal advice on personnel matters and university finances; and matters that are confidential by law or
Regents’ Policy and that would affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to board governance. This motion is effective May 9, 2019.”

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 10:09 a.m. concluded an executive session at 12:13 p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which clearly would have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to legislative strategy, those matters also involve matters that by law or Regents’ Policy are required to be confidential related to legal advice on personnel matters and university finances; and matters that are confidential by law or Regents’ Policy and that would affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to board governance. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Johnsen, General Counsel Hostina, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 2 hours and 4 minutes.

Motion by Gloria R O'Neill, second by Lisa M Parker.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: John Bania, Sheri Buretta

3. Update on the Plan to Transition the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Education’s Initial Licensure Programs to the University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska Fairbanks

A. Update on the Plan to Transition the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Education’s Initial Licensure Programs to the University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska Fairbanks

Vice President Layer and Executive Dean Atwater provided an update on the transition plan for the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Education’s initial licensure programs.

4. Budget Discussion

A. Budget Discussion

President Johnsen provided an update on UA’s budget advocacy and contingency planning; shared specific plans for each budget funding case and reviewed potential future UA structural considerations. Dennis Jones, president emeritus, with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, presented information regarding how UA can provide a more seamless student experience.

*4.1. Authorization to Convene a Special Task Force to Assess University Structure (added)

A. Authorization to Convene a Special Task Force to Assess University Structure

PASSED
"Pursuant to its commitment to provide broad access to high quality and affordable higher education opportunities for Alaskans, the Board of Regents authorizes the chair to convene a special task force comprised of Alaska leaders to assess options for the university’s organizational structure and to report its findings and recommendations to the board on September 5, 2019. This motion is effective May 9, 2019."

Motion by Gloria R O'Neill, second by Sheri Buretta.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Voting in favor: Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Stephen 'Joey' Sweet, Andy Teuber
Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Mary K Hughes

5. Review of the May and June 2019 Agenda Topics

A. May and June 2019 Agenda Topics
Board members and executive staff reviewed and discussed the agenda topics for the May and June 2019 committee and full board meetings.

* 5.1. Regents' Comments (added)*

Regent Hargraves said at the onset of the legislative session he had a very pessimistic view of UA’s funding situation noting that the situation is more positive than anticipated and stated appreciation for UA’s great administrative team, President Johnsen’s management and the support of Alaska’s community members across the state during this difficult budget time.

Regent Perdue agreed with Regent Hargraves’ comments and thanked Chancellors White and Sandeen for hosting the fantastic graduation celebrations.

Regent O’Neill thanked Chancellor Sandeen for the hospitality; welcomed Maria Williams to her new role as the Faculty Alliance chair; supported Regent Hargraves’ comments; acknowledged UA staff’s time, effort, and energy in Juneau this year; thanked Vice President Rizk for the work she does on behalf and in support of UA and commended President Johnsen for his leadership.

Regent Parker concurred with Regent Hargraves and thanked Chancellor Sandeen for the hospitality.

Regent Sweet concurred with Regent Hargraves’ remarks and optimism; stated appreciation for being part of the Board of Regents; said he has been in contact with the student regent candidates to share details about UA and stated with all the tough decisions that will come before the board a strong student regent voice will be necessary.

Regent Teuber stated appreciation for everyone’s efforts during the meeting.

Regent Buretta reflected on UAA’s commencement that she attended on May 5, 2019.

Chancellor White said focusing on the positive and reflecting on commencements provides the opportunity to celebrate students and the great work done every day at UA.

Chancellor Sandeen shared she and Regent Parker are attending Kenai River Campus commencement this evening, May 9, 2019.

Chancellor Caulfield stated Southeast campuses had successful commencements awarding 650 degrees; said the visit from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities went well and UAS received five commendations and three recommendations and thanked Regents Anderson and Bania for attending Southeast commencements.

Regent Davies thanked Chancellor Sandeen and staff for the hospitality; echoed the comments about commencements; noted the importance of education; stated appreciation for the faculty and staff work that contributes to student success and shared during UAF’s commencement ceremony Reverend Anna Frank received an honorary degree and a standing ovation.

6. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

Chair Davies adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019.