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DATE: July 10, 2018

TO: Kara Axx, Chair, System Governance Council

FROM: Gloria O'Neill, Chair, Board of Regents

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria O'Neill".

SUBJECT: Resolution 2018-01 Request to Post Audio Recordings of Board Meetings Online

Thank you, Kara, for providing the resolution regarding posting audio recordings of the Board of Regents' meetings. The board agrees with and supports President Johnsen's assessment, reasons, and his recommendation of not undertaking the effort and expense of posting recording, due to the following items:

- 1) State law requires the Board of Regents keep minutes of its meetings [AS 14.40.170(a)(S)], and as is the case with other corporations, minutes are the official record of proceedings. Thus, there is no requirement to maintain a verbatim record of proceedings.
- 2) The Board of Regents is a governing body rather than a legislative body. Thus, although the Board of Regents has occasion to pass policies for UA, "legislative history" is not a critical consideration as it is with a legislative body whose entire purpose is to pass legislation of broad applicability.
- 3) Board members have no authority to individually act for the university or speak for the board and have no identified constituency. Thus the need for and desirability of individual board member statements for the record is diminished.
- 4) Recordings are available for a period of time after a meeting and until official minutes are approved as an aid to drafting minutes. Therefore, if an individual has an interest or question about what occurred at a meeting, the individual can request relevant excerpts.
- 5) Board meetings are open to the public, web-streamed, and the agendas, supporting documents, and minutes are posted on the Board of Regents' website. These efforts provide broad access to meetings while avoiding the long-term expense and burden of maintaining archives, and the added expense of having to search those archives if requests for specific information is received.

The Board of Regents is always looking for new ways to innovate in areas that align with the university's mission and I appreciate the work you and your colleagues are doing on behalf of the university. Please note, that if you or members of the System Governance Council have an interest in a recording after a meeting, you should feel free to request a copy from Brandi Berg, Board of Regents' Executive Officer, at 450-8010 or ua-bor@alaska.edu.