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DATE: December 2, 2016
TO: UAA Faculty Senate, UAF Faculty Senate, UAS Faculty Senate
FROM: Tara Smith, Chair, Faculty Alliance
RE: October Report of Activities

The [Faculty Alliance](#) consists of the president-elect (First Vice President at UAA), president, and past president of each Faculty Senate in the University of Alaska System. The chair of this body rotates amongst the past presidents of each university. AY17 is UAA's year to chair, and this is why I am writing to you on behalf of the Faculty Alliance members.

The Faculty Alliance exists primarily to promote communication amongst the Faculty Senates and to/from Statewide leadership. We are an advisory body to the President and we have members serving on the Statewide Academic Council and the chair is an ex-officio member of the Board of Regents Academic & Student Affairs (ASA) committee. We meet via Google Hangouts and anyone is welcome to attend our [meetings](#). Both the ASA and BOR meetings are [livestreamed](#) if you are interested in watching. *Please note that [public testimony](#) is no longer conducted during the regular BOR meetings. It occurs in advance via audio.*

Following this overview are documents related to the work of Faculty Alliance from November. During this month, we held one regular meeting and one emergency meeting. We approved a resolution to President Johnsen and the Board of Regents at the emergency meeting. The resolution concerns the process for deciding on the location for a single administrative structure for all education programs within the University of Alaska System. We have not yet received a formal response to this resolution, nor to the two items included in our report to the Senates for November. However, there is a special meeting of the BOR scheduled for December 14th in Fairbanks. The agenda has not yet been posted, but it is expected to focus on the motion regarding the location of a centralized administrative structure for education. There is no in-person testimony nor governance reports for a Special Meeting, so please send in your written testimony to ua-bor@alaska.edu.

We have received some information from VPAAR Daniel White regarding the general fund allocation and position count for Statewide. These follow the Faculty Alliance Resolution in this report. We also received a draft [Enrollment Planning Report](#) from AVP Saichi Oba. Feedback on this document is due to AVP Oba (stoba@alaska.edu) by December 7th.

The GER Coordinating Task Force continues its work with the Disciplinary teams. The Writing Placement Community of Practice is finalizing their work on schedule. We continue to collaborate with Dr. Andy Anger on faculty overload and summer contract benefit rates. He coordinated an initial meeting with Statewide HR and Finance officers and we plan to meet again in December.

Other continuing projects include feedback from faculty on the new common calendar and comparable budget information from all three universities and Statewide. Please note that my monthly meetings with President Johnsen for January through May 2017 have yet to be scheduled.

In my capacity as chair, I attended the two-day Leadership Summit held by President Johnsen for senior leadership across the system. We received communications and media relations training, national data from representatives from [NCHEMS](#) and [SHEEO](#), an address by Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallot, and heard from an Alaskan panel of faculty, student, and community/business perspectives on the [ACPE](#) goal of 65% of Alaskans having some postsecondary credential by 2025. I was one of the panel members. The communications training was given by [David Grossman](#) and focused heavily on listening with empathy and communication principles to improve morale and collaboration. No gathering of this kind has occurred in our system for many years. Attendees also spent some time collaboratively focusing on how the Strategic Pathways process could be improved. I believe the quality of the training provided and the breadth of the participation gives reason to expect improved communication from our senior leaders across the system, though I do note that we have leaders who already excel at respectful communication. I think generalized enhancement of direct, empathetic, and respectful communication is welcome, regardless.

Faculty Alliance will have only one regular meeting in December on the 9th. Faculty Alliance will hold a retreat in January overlapping with the BOR retreat (19th & 20th) and will not hold a regular meeting on January, 27th. We hope to have an informal dinner with the regents on January 19th. When confirmed, this will be posted on the BOR website as per the Open Meetings Act. We have offered to conduct a shared activity before the dinner, as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact your respective Faculty Alliance members with any comments or questions on these items or to make suggestions of items we should address. I can be reached best at tmsmith@alaska.edu if you would like to contact me.



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Resolution 2017-03 Regarding the Proposal to Consolidate the Colleges of Education at the University of Alaska

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the University of Alaska Board of Regents: 1) that the faculty shall share in the governance of the university, 2) that shared governance is an integral part of the business of the university, and 3) that participators in shared governance are empowered by the UA Board of Regents to carry out their governance responsibilities to the best of their abilities without interference or fear of reprisal.

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Faculty Alliance is threefold: **Representation:** to provide official representation for the faculty of the University of Alaska in matters which affect the general welfare of the university system and its educational purposes and effectiveness; **Consultation:** To provide consultation to the UA Summit Team, UA vice president for Academic Affairs and Research, UA President and the UA Board of Regents; and **Communication:** To serve as an instrument by which information which is of interest and concern to the university system faculty may be freely collected, disseminated, coordinated, and discussed.

WHEREAS, when issues have statewide impact, the responsibilities of the Alliance may include, but are not limited to, coordination on matters relating to academic affairs such as academic program review; the addition, deletion or merging of academic programs; curriculum; subject matter and methods of instruction, those aspects of student life relating to the educational process such as degree requirements, grading policy, course coordination and transfer, student probation and suspension, standards of admission and scholastic standards; and faculty welfare issues, including, but not limited to compensation, benefits, appointments, reappointments and termination, workload, promotions, the granting of tenure, dismissal, ethics, and other matters affecting the faculty, the general welfare of the university and its educational purposes and effectiveness.

WHEREAS, the UAA, UAS, and UAF Faculty Senates and the Faculty Alliance have all passed motions that no further actions should be taken out of Strategic Pathways until the process has been aligned with accreditation standards and established policy on faculty participation.


WHEREAS, major structural changes to academic programs, which directly affect students and faculty, are among the most complex, disruptive and long-lasting changes that can occur at a university.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Alliance urges the Board of Regents and President Johnsen to:

- postpone the vote on eliminating the UAS School of Management and the vote on consolidating the UAA, UAF, and UAS colleges and school of Education until no sooner than the regularly scheduled BOR meeting in March 2017, so that faculty can vet the changes, and a detailed cost-benefit analysis can be performed; and
- work closely with the Faculty Alliance and the UAA, UAF, and UAS Faculty Senates to ensure that all budgetary and programmatic implications have been thoroughly assessed and all proposed changes have review and comment from established shared governance bodies before they are voted on by the Board of Regents.

Adopted unananimously by the Faculty Alliance the 9th day of November 2016.

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Tara Smith, Chair

31	Statewide Services -"Self Funded" Activities					
32	Educational Properties	2	2	2	2	2
33	Land Management	10	11	12	11	9
34	Labor Relations	5	6	6	3	3
35	Risk	11	11	11	11	9
36	Foundation	17	16	18	18	19
37	Foundation Accounting	7	6	6	6	6
38	College Savings/Scholars	4	5	5	5	6
39	Sub-Total Statewide Services - "Self Funded" Activities	56	57	60	56	54
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41	Total Statewide Services	158	158	161	145	130
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43	Statewide Networks					
44	Administration	9	6	6	5	6
45	Infrastructure	30	30	30	28	25
46	Applications Services	22	20	22	19	12
47	Technology Oversight	11	11	9	10	11
48	User Services	9	11	9	8	3
49	Video Conferencing	6	6	6	6	6
50	Total Statewide Networks	87	84	82	76	63
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52	Education Outreach					
53	UACP	13	5	0		
54	MAPTS	12	13	12	12	
55	Voc Tech Operations		1	1		
56	K12 Outreach	10	19	19	1	1
57	Statewide Education/Outreach	35	38	32	13	1
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60	Total Statewide	280	280	275	234	194
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63	***194 count includes the elimination of MAPTS from SW by 12 positions					
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65	Prepared by: UA Controller's Office, D Carlson, 7Nov16					