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Faculty Alliance

Resolution 2020-07

Concern Regarding the KTUU Article and NWCCU Letter

WHEREAS, The University of Alaska (UA) Faculty Alliance is alarmed at the recent memo from President Johnsen that KTUU released on Sept. 24, 2019, which indicates that the three UA chancellors have not had the opportunity to fully participate in shared governance processes in possible restructure; and

WHEREAS, Faculty Alliance has written resolutions, memorandums and given oral testimony at UA Board of Regents' (BOR) meetings expressing the need to have shared governance principles incorporated into decision making on possible university restructure; and

WHEREAS, Faculty Alliance has also requested that the three chancellors have more leadership and independence on identifying other models for possible restructure; and,

WHEREAS, The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) letter dated Sept. 26, 2019, clearly indicates that UA leadership is not following [NWCCU Standard for Accreditation 2.A.2, and Standard 2.A.1](#); and

WHEREAS, The NWCCU letter noted that President Johnsen's memorandums to the chancellors fail to meet the Standards for Accreditation in accordance with the [US Department of Education's 34 CFR Part 602](#); and

WHEREAS, Inclusive decision making must now be incorporated and involve the chancellors, and student, faculty and staff governance groups in order to respond to the NWCCU with an ad hoc report no later than Oct. 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The University is now in a serious position as it is out of compliance with NWCCU and U.S. Department of Education regulations, indicating that BOR Policies must be amended to bring the university into compliance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The UA BOR must immediately put a moratorium on all expedited program reviews until the UA administration follows the NWCCU and U.S. Department of Education guidelines to insure inclusive decision making; and

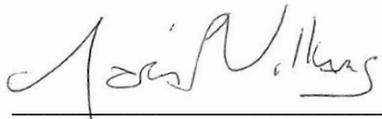
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an ad hoc task force be formed and led by the three chancellors, their provosts, and shared governance leadership, in consultation with UA General Counsel and the NWCCU, to identify all specific BOR policies and regulations that need to be amended in order to come into compliance with NWCCU standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commercials, media and the [New UA Website](#) be frozen as it presents uninformed and erroneous information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The ad hoc task force must be chaired by the three chancellors, and include the provosts and shared governance leadership, in order to get the report to the NWCCU in advance of their Oct. 31, 2019, deadline and must be formed by Oct. 3, 2019.

Adopted unanimously by the Faculty Alliance on the 30th day of September 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Williams", written over a horizontal line.

Maria Williams, Chair