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DATE: July 27, 2017
TO: James R. Johnsen, University of Alaska President
FROM: University of Alaska Faculty Alliance
SUBJECT: Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Recruitment

The Faculty Alliance (FA) would like to thank you for the many efforts you have made towards addressing the serious budget shortfalls currently facing the University of Alaska as well as the changes made in the Strategic Pathways initiative aimed at increasing the role of shared governance in that process. The FA is aware of the difficulties associated with the former and are committed to maximizing their contribution to the latter.

In light of the sizeable deficit that still remains in the funding needed to continue offering quality higher education to the people of Alaska at an affordable cost, the FA believes that a substantial savings could be achieved by leaving the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs vacant for the 2018 academic year. The salary typical to this position could easily fund a faculty position and thus further strengthen the quality of academic and research programs at UA. The FA realizes that the search for an individual to fill this position has already begun but asks that you postpone further action until all affected parties have had the opportunity to discuss the merits and drawbacks of a year without this statewide administrative position.

Respectfully,

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