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Regents' Recap

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UA BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETING February 2004

Seven new academic programs, all designed to prepare Alaskans for jobs in the state, were approved by the University of Alaska regents when they met in Juneau Feb. 18-20, 2004.

They approved an Associate of Applied Science in Construction Management at UAA, and six programs at UAS: Certificate in Community Wellness Advocate Program, Certificate in Pre-Nursing Qualifications, Certificate in Health Information Management Privacy, Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology.

Regents also approved the university's 2004 Land Management Development Plan. The plan provides for the university to conduct competitive land sales throughout the year. Offerings will include newly developed subdivision lots, parcels from the university's inventory selected for disposal and not previously offered competitively, and parcels offered for a revised minimum asking price. At the conclusion of the competitive land sales, all unsold lots will be offered for sale over the counter.

Copies of the plan are available from the university's Land Management Office, 3890 University Lake Drive, Suite 103, Anchorage, Alaska 99508, or by visiting the website at <http://www.ualand.com>.

The schematic design for the UAF Biological and Computational Sciences Facility – Central Animal Facility Project was approved, and regents authorized the administration to proceed with the complete design and development of schematics for a total project cost not to exceed

\$17.9 million.

Regents okayed a new total project cost for the Integrated Sciences Facility at UAA at \$74.8 million. The first phase of the project is underway and encompasses the elements of the Ecosystems Bio-medical Lab and the existing UAA science facilities in the Science Building and the Beatrice McDonald Building. Phase one is scheduled to be completed in time for occupancy during this year's fall semester.

The Hutchison Career Center in Fairbanks was renamed the Hutchison Institute of Technology. The building is owned by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and sits on about 11 acres of university-owned land which is leased to the borough. The building will be known as the Hutchison Institute of Technology, and the occupants will be the James T. Hutchison High School and the UAF Tanana Valley Campus Hutchison Center.

University President Mark Hamilton reported to the regents on the Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability and Sustainability, a system wide committee charged with making recommendations to the president for reducing the operating and administrative costs of the university system. He said the committee's recommendations would be submitted to him prior to the April meeting of the Board of Regents.

In other action, the regents approved a resolution of appreciation for Bob Miller, who is retiring at the end of March after nearly 12 years as public affairs director for the statewide university system.

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Future Board Meetings

April 14-15, 2004
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June 9-10, 2004
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