



University of Alaska regents approved 19 new academic programs and revised three others this month at their meeting in Fairbanks, the most new programs ever approved in a single board meeting.

All the programs are aimed at meeting the state's highest priority workforce needs, and they range from undergraduate and graduate to associate and certificate programs throughout the system.

Reform of the university's teacher education program continued with the approval of a new elementary education undergraduate degree that will be offered at the Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau campuses as well as through distance-education programs.

The new program meets the standards for teacher education established by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). All teacher preparation programs in Alaska will be required to have NCATE accreditation by 2006 at the direction of the Alaska Board of Education.

Students seeking the new degree will take more courses in math, science, English and social studies, and they will start training in elementary school classrooms when they are freshmen, and spend most of their senior year in classrooms. The new program replaces the old bachelor of education degree, and also replaces a plan to require prospective teachers to follow a liberal arts degree with a fifth-year master's degree in teaching. The master's degree will still be offered, as a requirement for prospective secondary teachers and for those who have a bachelor's degree in another area, and want to change careers.

University officials hope the new program will help increase the number of Alaska-trained elementary teachers for jobs with Alaska school districts.

The other degree programs and revisions approved by the regents were as follows:

- Certificate in Logistics, UAA.
- Certificate in Practical Nursing, UAA.
- Certificate in Tribal Management, UAF.
- Certificate in Emergency Medical Svcs., UAF.
- Certificate in Dental Assistant, UAF.
- Certificate in Outdoor Leadership, UAS.
- Major Revision to Certificate in Computer and Network Technology, UAA.
- Major Revision to Certificate in Telecommunications and Electronic Systems, UAA.
- Associate of Applied Science in Process Technology, Kenai Peninsula College, UAA.
- Major Revision to the Associate of Applied Science in Telecommunications, Electronics, and Computer Technology, UAA.
- Associate of Applied Science in Tribal Management, UAF.
- Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Services, UAF.
- Associate of Applied Science in Dental Assistant, UAF.
- Associate of Applied Science in Process Technology, UAF.
- Integrated Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Computer Science, UAF.
- Master of Science in Statistics, UAF.
- Master of Arts in Admin. of Justice, UAF.

Regents accepted the legislative appropriation of \$14.4 million for the university's FY02 operating budget. Of the total, \$12.9 million will be dedicated to programs outlined in the FY02 budget request of \$18.4 million, and \$1.5 million to emerging workforce and vocational-education priorities. Because the legislative appropriation

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fell \$4 million short of what the university requested, regents faced tough choices in deciding on the distribution plan. Of the items contained in the request, 10 projects were partially funded, and eight were not funded through the increment process. Regents softened the impact by reallocating \$1.5 million from other sources. Board Chair Michael Burns and University President Mark Hamilton expressed thanks for the increase this year, but said they were disappointed that the shortfall will make it impossible for the university to implement all the requested initiatives.

On the capital budget side, the legislature funded \$29 million of UA's \$87 million priority capital request, and also approved \$37 million of receipt authority for externally funded projects including authority for a \$30 million supercomputer upgrade and \$2.5 million for an aviation simulator. Regents accepted the capital appropriations and approved a distribution plan. Included in the state-funded capital budget was the remaining \$8 million needed for the UA museum expansion, the remaining funding to complete the Egan classroom expansion at UAS Juneau; funding for a classroom addition at the UAF Bristol Bay Campus which has been a UA

priority for 10 years; and the UAS Ketchikan classroom and lab remodel. In all, about \$4 million in capital dollars will go to the university's community campuses around the state in FY02.

The board directed the administration to continue to investigate the cost and scheduling of the expansion of the Tanana Valley Campus of UAF, and to pursue the acquisition of the Old Fairbanks Courthouse and parking facility to accommodate the TVC expansion in downtown Fairbanks.

Regents also authorized the acquisition of about 1.96 acres of land adjacent and south of the UAS student-housing complex near the UAS Auke Lake campus. The new property will allow the eventual expansion of UAS student housing. **In another land matter**, regents authorized the sale of about 2.5 acres in Seward near the Alaska SeaLife Center for a Park Service/Forest Service office and visitor center.

A 1.5% increase to the salary grid for non-union represented staff of the university was approved. Total cost of the salary adjustment will be \$1.5 million, and the increase will affect about 2,300 university employees.

President Hamilton presented Make Students Count awards to four university employees: **Gail Klein**, student counselor at the Ketchikan campus of UAS; **Karen Wegzyn**, manager of UAA accounting services; **Saichi Oba**, manager of Electronic Student Services for the university system; and **Michele Stalder**, student services coordinator for the Tanana Valley Campus of UAF. The awards are given annually for outstanding service to students.

In other actions, the regents elected Regent Fran Rose to be board secretary, a post left vacant with the departure of Regent Mary Jane Fate, whose term expired this year . . . **gave special recognition** to Dr. Ralph Gabrielli, who steps down this year as executive dean of UAF's College of Rural Alaska to return to the faculty . . . **passed resolutions of appreciation** for Ron Keyes, who retired after 29 years as Director of UAF's student union center, and for Bruce Gifford, former Dean of Students and Enrollment Management at UAS who is now the Vice President of Student Services at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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