

Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
November 5-6, 2020
Zoom Conference

1. Individuals Present

Regents Present:
Sheri Buretta, Chair
Karen Perdue, Vice Chair
Lisa Parker, Treasurer
John Bania
John Davies
Cachet Garrett
Mary K. Hughes
Gloria O'Neill

A. President's Report

Interim President Pitney mentioned UA will provide opportunities to engage and inform the newly elected state legislators through mission and priorities; said in October 2020 an Alaska College of Education (AKCOE) Summit was held with faculty, staff, and chair pathway forward for the program, noting the summit will continue to meet in 2021, and a website will launch in February 2021, providing education programs across the system; stated

Throughout the session about UA's cancellations to create a clear providing pathways to the

regarding differential tuition from Vice President Layer; mentioned Mat-Su student government is working on its officer elections and creating some engaging online events; stated the Student Government University of Alaska Southeast has sworn in new members and is beginning to hold regular meetings; shared the Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (ASUAF) is reviewing its bylaws, discussing the student regent and student commissioner elections, considering options to assist students by providing funding for mental health sessions and for online classes; said USUAA is also discussing the student regent and student commissioner elections and differential tuition, reviewing its scholarship applications, exploring ways to make its Thanksgiving feast COVID-19 friendly for students and community members, maintaining its office hours via Zoom, creating a COVID-19 student relief fund for tuition and fee assistance using \$20,000 from its operating and its club council budgets and stated she and the ASUAF president met with Interim President Pitney regarding the student regent elections and the president's goals and vision for UA.

5. Did You Know Presentation

A. Did You Know Presentation

The "Did You Know" project is designed to highlight an area of university excellence and collaboration through storytelling and data that supports the effort with the goal of informing the Board of Regents and university stakeholders about the university's key role in changing lives and shaping the state's economy. The series is based on personal stories that illustrate the university's many successes and the vital and profound impact it has on graduates and all Alaskans.

Graduate	\$513	\$513	0
Nonresident	\$566	\$566	0

UAF	AY2021	AY2022	%change
Lower Division	\$234	\$234	0
Upper Division	\$282	\$289	2.5
Graduate	\$513	\$539	5
Nonresident	\$566	\$566	0

C. FY22 Operating Budget Request

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the FY22 operating budget request in accordance with the plan as presented. This motion is effective November 5, 2020."

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Cachet Garrett, Mark K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.01.A. – Budget Policy, states, "The budget of the university represents an annual operating plan stated in fiscal terms. All budgetary requests shall be adopted by the board prior to submission to the Office of the Governor or the legislature."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

Interim President Pitney and Vice President of University Relations Rizk led a discussion on UA's Proposed FY22 Operating Budget. The operating budget discussion during this meeting provided the board with the context and guiding principles for the proposed FY22 operating budget.

D. FY22 Capital Budget Request and 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the FY22 capital budget request in accordance with the plan as presented. This motion is effective \$566

PASSED

"The Board of Regents authorizes the chair to submit on behalf of the board the required response to the governor regarding the Compact Agreement. This motion is effective November 5, 2020."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: John Bania, Sheri Burett, John Davies, Cachet Garrett, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

Board members, Interim President Pitney, and administrative staff discussed the progress toward UA's strategic goals as per the Compact Agreement.

10. Committee Reports and New Business

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee received an update on the Alaska College of Education, Teacher Preparation Senate Bill 241 Report, the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) site visit and accreditation review, the University of Alaska Anchorage and the University of Alaska Southeast mission statements and strategic planning as part of the NWCCU accreditation cycle and heard background information regarding differentiated tuition.

B. Audit Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee heard comments from

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of the Undergraduate Certificate in Retail Management at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective November 5, 2020."

5. Approval of the Discontinuation of the Master of Science in _____

Regents' Policy 04.11.020.B – Exclusions and Agreements, states:
“No collective bargaining agreement shall be binding upon the Board of Regents without prior approval of the entire agreement by the Board of Regents.”

RECOMMENDATION

The UA administration has tentatively agreed to extend the contract for a second time with United Academic - Adjuncts, AAUP-AFT /AFL-CIO by one year to February 28, 2022, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

The current collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and the United Academic - Adjuncts, AAUP-AFT/AFL-CIO expires on February 28, 2021.

The university and United Academic - Adjuncts

Governor Sean Parnell in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Gloria O'Neill has demonstrated service as treasurer (2014-2015) and vice chair (2015-2016) of the board and led the university with strategic focus through two years of unprecedented challenges as board chair (2016-2018), courageously facing Title IX challenges and adeptly handling budget reductions; and

WHEREAS, Gloria O'Neill served on numerous committees of the board during her tenure, including Academic and Student Affairs (vice chair 2014), Audit (chair 2014), Facilities and Land Management (chair 2015-2016), Governance (vice chair 2019-2020), Planning and Development, and served on the Subcommittee of the Board of Regents and the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development; and

WHEREAS, Gloria O'Neill places a high priority on a culture of diversity, safety and respect at the university, and strategically led the board and university leadership through its early response to the problems associated with sexual misconduct issues; and

WHEREAS, Gloria O'Neill's strategic leadership was integral to the successful outcome of the university's initial compliance review and ultimately the Voluntary Resolution Agreement with the Office for Civil Rights,

Regular Meeting	September 9-10, 2021	Juneau
Budget/Annual Meeting	November 11-12, 2021	Anchorage

2022

Regular Meeting	January 14, 2022	Anchorage
Regular Meeting	February 24-25, 2022	Fairbanks
Retreat/Regular Meeting	June 2-3, 2022	Anchorage
Regular Meeting	September 8-9, 2022	Juneau
Budget/Annual Meeting	November 10-11, 2022	Fairbanks

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Cachet Garrett, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

RATIONALE
The recruitment and retention of diverse faculty, staff, and students is essential to a vibrant University of Alaska. The Board of Regents recognizes that legitimate issues have recently been raised with regard to the university's recruitment, retention, development, and advancement of Alaska Native faculty, staff, and students. In addition, the board is concerned about the status of Alaska Native and Indigenous academic programs. The board desires to have a thorough understanding of these issues, including empirical data and all other relevant context, so that it can provide informed direction to address these issues within the university.

Analysis and understanding these issues creates an opportunity to proactively review the university's commitment to equity and establish the university as a strong partner for Alaska Native and Indigenous students, faculty and staff, and communities across the state.

21. Adjourn

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Chair Buretta adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m. on Friday, November 6, 2020.

22. Public Testimony, October 26, 2020

Celia Rosen, Eagle River resident and UAA Consortium Library employee, stated concern for UAA student employees not receiving a \$0.25 pay raise, which amounts to \$10 every two pay periods; said it is important to show the students they are valuable to UA and noted doing so is a human resources and dignity issue.

Merrick Peirce, Fairbanks resident, stated the importance of supporting Ballot Measure 1; reviewed the positive issues of the ballot and how it will affect Alaska.

Tuan Graziano, Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage (USUAA) vice president, stated students at UAA support differential tuition; said last spring USUAA passed resolution 20-12 in support of differential tuition; encouraged the board to pursue differential tuition options and thanked UA administration for its support of students during this difficult time.

Nathan Robertson, Anchorage resident, stated concern for the lack of COVID guidelines for students at UAA; said students are not following CDC protocol and encouraged the board to create and enforce penalties for students if CDC direction is ignored.

Sarah Walker, Eagle River resident, stated concern regarding student accessibility requirements, noting all students need a positive learning experience, access to resources, and the requirements should be a concern for all UA programs; said the needed accessibility resources are not in place for the visually impaired UA student and shared there is a statewide accessibility group at UA to review and improve reasonable accommodation needs for students across the system.