Agenda

**Board of Regents**

**Meeting of the Full Board**

February 15-16, 2012

Room 109 Butrovich Building

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Fairbanks, Alaska

Times for meetings are subject to modifications within the February 15-16, 2012 timeframe.

***Wednesday, February 15, 2012***

**I.** **Call to Order** *[Scheduled for 8:00 a.m.]*

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION**

**"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as presented.**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Executive Session**

**V. President’s Report**

**VI. Governance Report**

**VII. Public Testimony**

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XXI. Adjourn

**This motion is effective February 15, 2012."**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of December 8-9, 2011 as presented. This motion is effective February 15, 2012."**

**MOTION**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its board retreat of January 25-26, 2012 as presented. This motion is effective February 15, 2012."**

**IV. Executive Session**

## MOTION

**"The Board of Regents goes into executive session at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alaska Time in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to litigation, labor, a land acquisition, and matters that could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to personnel. The session will include members of the Board of Regents, President Gamble, General Counsel Hostina, and such other university staff members as the president may designate and will last approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This motion is effective February 15, 2012.”**

*(To be announced at conclusion of executive session)*

The Board of Regents concluded an executive session at \_\_\_\_\_ Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 discussing matters the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect on the finances of the university and matters that could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to personnel. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Gamble, General Counsel Hostina, and other university staff members designated by the president and lasted approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***[10:50 a.m. - 10 Minute Break]***

**V. President’s Report** *[Scheduled for 9:30 a.m.]*

**VI. Governance Report** *[Scheduled for 9:45 a.m.]*

Representatives from the Faculty Alliance, Staff Alliance, Coalition of Student Leaders and System Governance Council will report on issues of importance to the faculty, staff and students at the University of Alaska. Representatives are:

Juella Sparks, Staff Alliance Chair

Daniel Monteith, Faculty Alliance Chair

Nicholas Pennington, Coalition of Student Leaders Speaker

Joe Hayes, System Governance Council Chair

**VII. Public Testimony** *[Scheduled for 10:00 a.m.]*

Public testimony will be heard at approximately 10:00 a.m. Comments are limited to three minutes per individual. Written comments are accepted and will be distributed to the Board of Regents and President Gamble by the Board of Regents’ Officer *following* the meeting. The chair will determine when public testimony is closed.

***[10:50 a.m. - 10 Minute Break]***

**VIII. Approval of Naming of Ridge on the University of Alaska Fairbanks Campus – Troth Yeddha’**

The President recommends that:

**MOTION**

**“The Board of Regents approves the naming of the ridge that runs east/west and is the site of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and UA systemwide office building as *Troth Yeddha’*. This motion is effective February 15, 2012**.”

POLICY CITATION

Regents’ Policy 05.12.080.A. states: “Official naming of all ‘significant’ buildings, building components, subcomponents (e.g. wings, additions, auditoriums, and libraries), streets, parks, recreational areas, plazas and similar facilities or sites will be approved by the Board of Regents.

Regents’ Policy 05.12.080.D. states: “The president is authorized to determine which namings will be considered “significant” for purposes of approval by the board. In making that determination, the president shall consider the type, location, usage, condition, and value of the facility or area to be named; the individual, event or other to be memorialized; and the compatibility of the name with the facility or other improvement.

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

The ridge where the University of Alaska Fairbanks is located has no official place name. Throughout the UAF Master Plan document the namelessness of UAF’s ridge is evident. The areas frequently referred to as “West Ridge”, “Lower Campus”, and “College Hill” do not have official status as geographic names in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), the official record of US place names.

This proposal recommends the official name of the ridge to be *“Troth Yeddha’”* and that, pending Board of Regents approval, the name be submitted to the Alaska State Board of Geographic Names as the official name of the ridge.

Background:

The land now occupied by the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus was called *Troth Yeddha’* (sometimes spelled *Troth Yedda’* or *Troth Yeddh*) by the Tanana Athabascans. Tanana Athabascan is the indigenous language of the Middle Tanana Valley, spoken from Salcha (*Sol Chaget*) to Chena Village (*Ch’eno’*) to Nenana (*Nina No’*) to Minto (*Menhti*).

The word *troth* refers to the plant known in English as "Indian potato", "wild potato", or "wild carrot". The word *yeddha'* means "its ridge, its hill." Linguistically, the name *Troth Yeddha'* can be translated into English as "Wild Potato Ridge." The apostrophe at the end of the word *yeddha'* is a meaningful symbol that represents a glottal stop in the Tanana language.

According to the Late Chief Peter John of Minto, *Troth Yeddha’* is a site where elders would gather and hold council regarding the state of affairs of Native nations in the Interior of Alaska. When the elders learned that *Troth Yeddha’* was to become the site of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, they placed an eagle feather on a pole to let the Athabascan people know that the ridge would no longer be used for meeting or picking wild potatoes but for a new formalized type of education that would serve future generations of their people.

Recognition of the place name *Troth Yeddha’* reinforces several core themes of UAF and the University of Alaska system and recognizes the connection between the ancient Athabascan place name and the mission of the University of Alaska.

On February 7, 2008, the Board of Regents officially named a tract of land located between the Reichardt Building and the University of Alaska Museum of the North, *Troth Yeddha’ Park*. The proposed action would enhance the significance of the previous naming and enshrine the name with official status.

**IX. Report on UA Metrics**

President Gamble and Associate Vice President Gwen Gruenig will give a report on UA Metrics.

**X. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Patricia Ivey**

The President recommends that:

**MOTION**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Patricia Ivey. This motion is effective February 15, 2012.”**

WHEREAS, Pat Ivey first came to work at the University of Alaska over 36 years ago, in 1975, at the Cooperative Extension Service at UAF. She became the head of the UA Governance Office in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the System Governance Office was created by Board of Regents’ Policy 03.01.01 to allow faculty, staff and students across the system an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process and advocate on behalf of  the university; and

WHEREAS, governance groups under Pat Ivey’s guidance have included the Faculty Alliance, Staff Alliance, Coalition of Student Leaders and the System Governance Council. Members of these groups are leaders of governance groups at their respective Major Administrative Units (MAUs); and

WHEREAS, Pat Ivey has served as Northern Regions vice president for Alaska chapter of the National Federation of Press Women; worked with National Geographic; received grants from Reader’s Digest and the Alaska Humanities Forum; and

WHEREAS, Pat Ivey in April of 1990 received a university award in recognition of demonstrated leadership in promoting minority employment; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Student Leaders approved a citation for Pat Ivey in 1994, noting that Pat worked “with a certain determination to make the Coalition of Student Leaders a reality in the University of Alaska System”; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Student Leaders named Pat Ivey “Most Valuable Staff Member” in April 2005; and

WHEREAS, the students aren’t the only ones to notice Pat’s efforts. Pat received certificates of appreciation for “exceptional service” from the University of Alaska Faculty Alliance in 1997 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, Faculty Alliance also presented Pat Ivey with a special recognition award in June 2007 “for over 20 years of outstanding service and dedication to the System Governance office”; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Administration Assembly has long appreciated Pat, presenting her with an award in June 1988 for outstanding service, citing her exceptional efforts to research “major issues tended to improve employee relations, morale, efficiency and welfare.” The award notes Pat’s “energy, intelligence, research, communication skills and outstanding efforts”; and

WHEREAS, Pat Ivey, in 2003, received the relatively new “Make Students Count” award by then-President Mark Hamilton, an award that goes to employees specifically for their efforts to empower students; and

WHEREAS, Pat announced her retirement Jan. 31, 2012, by noting, with her typical self-deprecating humor, that “governance deserves a dedicated whippersnapper younger and snappier than me to serve you all and help move the university forward into a new era.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Board of Regents officially recognizes the dedication of Pat Ivey in her 36-plus years of service, and wishes her good luck in enjoying her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild in her much deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Pat Ivey, with a copy to be incorporated in the Feb. 15-16, 2012, official minutes of the Board of Regents.

**XI. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Jeannie Phillips**

The President recommends that:

**MOTION**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Jeannie Phillips. This motion is effective February 15, 2012.”**

WHEREAS, Jeannie D. Phillips’ dedication to the University of Alaska can be traced throughout her entire adult life; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie D. Phillips initially came to the University of Alaska as a student, graduating from Kodiak Community College in 1980. She was hired as a clerk stenographer for KUAC in 1981; relocated to System Human Resources in 1983, Academic Affairs in 1985, and finally became Executive Officer to the Board of Regents in 1991; and

WHEREAS, from 1991 to February 2012, she has managed the Board of Regents’ office with skill, grace, good humor, flexibility and humility. For 21 years, Jeannie has handled all logistics, dealt with delayed or cancelled airline flights, hotels and car rental agencies. She’s hauled binders, reams of papers and, more recently, eight cases of audio-visual equipment to each and every meeting; and

WHEREAS, over these years Jeannie D. Phillips has worked with 67 regents and attended more than 250 board meetings; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie D. Phillips has worked with six University presidents including Jay Barton, Donald O’Dowd, Jerome Komisar, Mark R. Hamilton and Patrick Gamble; and 10 board chairs including Robert F. Williams, Sharon D. Gagnon, Michael P. Kelly, Michael J. Burns, Chancy Croft, Brian D. Rogers, Mary K. Hughes, Cynthia Henry, Fuller A. Cowell and Patricia Jacobson; and

WHEREAS, while working full time for UA, Jeannie and her husband Jerry raised two children, Jay and Jill, yet she still found time to volunteer in her community and in her profession, including serving 15 years on the Board Professionals with the Association of Governing Boards, on the Spirit of Alaska Federal Credit Union board, and as an active member of the Alaska Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie D. Phillips’ most recent accomplishment has been initiating and overseeing the transition to “paperless” board meetings, following the digitization of the Board of Regents’ minutes; and

WHEREAS, she has a special interest in the history of the university and enjoys collecting and showcasing University of Alaska memorabilia; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie D. Phillips retired from her position as Executive Officer to the Board of Regents on February 1 to accept a part-time position at the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska takes official recognition of Jeannie’s outstanding service and extends to her this statement of appreciation for her contributions to higher education at the University of Alaska and in the State of Alaska, the University of Alaska;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Jeannie D. Phillips with a copy incorporated in the official minutes of the February 15-16, 2012, meeting of the Board of Regents.

***[12:00 noon. - 1:30 p.m. – Lunch Break and Presentation]***

**XII. Presentation from the University of Alaska Fairbanks**

Dan White, Director of the Institute of Northern Engineering and Associate Vice Chancellor for Research will present information on Intellectual Property and Commercialization. Michelle Hebert, Director of Sustainability will present information on Review of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Energy (RISE). Chancellor Rogers and Bob Shefchik, UAF Executive Officer, will present information on the Heat and Power Plant.

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**XIII. Human Resources Issues**

Donald Smith, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, will update the board regarding human resources issues.

**VII. Public Testimony (cont’d)** *[Scheduled for 10:00 a.m.]*

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**XIV. Planning and Development Issues**

1. UA Foundation Report

Vice President Carla Beam along with UA Foundation Board of Trustees Chair Jo Michalski will provide an update on UA Foundation activity.

1. Development Report Reference 1

Vice President Carl Beam will update the board on development activities at the University of Alaska.

**XV. Consent Agenda**

**MOTION**

**"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda as presented. This motion is effective February 16, 2012."**

1. Academic and Student Affairs Committee
2. Approval of Certificate in Bakery and Pastry Arts at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Reference 2

MOTION  
“The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends the Board of Regents approve Certificate in Bakery & Pastry Arts at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective February 16, 2012."

1. Facilities and Land Management Committee
2. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Critical Electrical Distribution Renewal Phase 2 Reference 3

MOTION

“The Facilities and Land Management Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve the Formal Project Approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Critical Electrical Distribution Renewal, Phase 2 as presented in compliance with the campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through Schematic Design not to exceed a total project cost of $24,250,000. This motion is effective February 16, 2012.”

**XVI. New Business and Committee Reports**

1. Academic and Student Affairs Committee
2. Audit Committee

C. Facilities and Land Management Committee

**XVII. Approval of Revisions to Industrial Security Resolution**

The President recommends that:

MOTION

"The Board of Regents approves the Industrial Security Resolution as revised to reflect changes in university administration and officers of the board, and authorizes the Chair and Secretary of the Board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective February 16, 2012."

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

The President and selected members of the university administration are routinely designated by the Board of Regents to handle any duties and responsibilities relating to classified information in connection with contracts with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. These individuals are given an extensive security screening and are the only members of the administration, including the Board of Regents, to have access to classified information.

The university has received similar security clearances since the mid-1950s. Execution of the resolution allows regents and other members of the administration to be exempted from security clearance procedures.

The resolution is identical to resolutions previously passed except for changes to university administration**.**

**XVIII. UA Athletics Report**

A report will be given by Regent Freitag, the Board of Regents’ representative for UA Athletics.

**XIX. Future Agenda Items**

**XX. Board of Regents' Comments**

**XXI. Adjourn**