

## **Faculty Alliance**

## Resolution 2022-03

## Resolution of Appreciation for Juella Sparks's Commitment to the University of Alaska Fairbanks and University of Alaska System Through Service on the UAF Staff Council and UA Staff Alliance

WHEREAS: Juella Sparks translated her love of Alaska into 18 years of dedicated service to Alaskans in her career at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in the role of key staff person at the Cooperative Extension Service;

WHEREAS: Juella Sparks was elected by her peers to serve as the highest system governance role for staff, as Chair of Staff Alliance;

WHEREAS: Juella Sparks demonstrated a strong commitment to finding ways to reduce administrative costs at the University of Alaska Fairbanks so that money could be diverted to academic programs and staff by serving on the UAF Administrative Management Review Committee:

WHEREAS: Juella Sparks served as an essential member on the Faculty Senate ad hoc committee that was charged with assessing the progress made on the recommendations from the UAF Administrative Management Review;

WHEREAS: Juella Sparks effectively collaborated with members of the UA Coalition of Student Leaders, UA Faculty Alliance, and the alumni associations as a member of the System Governance Council;

WHEREAS: Juella Sparks bravely and eloquently spoke truth to power in her written and oral testimony delivered as Chair of the University of Alaska Staff Alliance to the University of Alaska Board of Regents;

WHEREAS: Juella Sparks exhibited tireless dedication to and advocacy for effective shared governance for the benefit of the three separately accredited universities (UAA, UAF, and UAS) and the University of Alaska system by championing the Common Table concept;

WHEREAS: Juella Sparks embodies the dedication, commitment, selflessness, and excellence that is the best of the University of Alaska;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the University of Alaska Faculty Alliance recognizes and honors the contributions of Juella Sparks and her commitment to the University of Alaska System through her service on the University of Alaska Fairbanks Staff Council and the University of Alaska Staff Alliance as well as enumerable other committees.

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The UA Faculty Alliance approved this resolution unanimously on 13 May 2022.

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Chair, UA Faculty Alliance