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TO: John Pugh, UAS Chancellor
Brian Rogers, UAF Chancellor
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FROM: Patrick Gamble, President

RE: Metrics

Banner and the RPTS/RPTP data store are our common system-wide information systems which we all should be using to make management decisions. To that end, it makes sense to standardize higher level automated management tools, dashboards and metrics across our system.

To accomplish this, we must use common data entry and reporting standards. Currently that is not as easy as it needs to be. For example, without common system input definitions our supposedly relational databases don’t relate. Disciplined users are the other essential component necessary to reach common operating goals. Those goals include a seamless process for enabling system-wide metrics that can be customized appropriately for all users at any level. I have tasked Gwen White, Associate Vice President for Planning and Institutional Research, with leading a system-wide review of existing data definitions and standards for enterprise-wide decision support data and reporting.

Please notify Gwen of one person you designate to represent and coordinate for your MAU in this effort. Once Gwen completes her task, we will commence refining UA level metrics based on standards that ensure “apples-with-apples” integrity, using a relational database that can serve the same purpose for MAUs. In the meantime, UA will continue to report the existing metrics as part of the state of Alaska budget process. Thank you in advance for your interest and support.

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cc: Joe Trubaez, UA Finance and Administration
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