The Board of Regents honored the 2004 “Make Student Counts” recipients for their outstanding service to students. This award is given to staff members who have exhibited service above and beyond in enabling students to succeed. Each member was nominated by their peers. This year’s recipients are Marian Mitchell, University of Alaska Anchorage; Maya Salganek, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Elizabeth Schelle, University of Alaska Southeast; and Brian Brubaker, Statewide Administration.

The Board of Regents’ unanimously approved the University of Alaska Anchorage’s Campus Master Plan. Campus officials made the presentation that included full posterboard views of past, current, and future plans for the campus and a master plan document that will now be printed in final form. Regents were impressed by the work accomplished by the master plan steering committee and praised the committee for their thorough and thoughtful work in providing a plan that will enable the academic programs of the University of Alaska Anchorage to succeed within the facilities and grounds framework.

The Board of Regents’ accepted the appropriations from the Alaska Legislature for the operating and capital budgets, approved student government budgets, and approved a spending plan for ConocoPhillips and BP charter gifts. The state appropriations are still pending Governor Murkowski’s approval. Although the capital budget appropriation for FY05 is extremely small, the operating budget appropriation totaled over $15 million above the base budget and will enable the University of Alaska to continue to maintain a solid foundation, pay for the extraordinary PERS/TRS costs for FY05, and enhance areas of excellence and reach established performance goals while at the same time force adherence to the strict accountability standards that have been put in place. Another aspect of the distribution plan demands routine practice of reallocation to support priority programs that address UA performance goals. The Board of Regents also approved an FY05 general obligation bond package that has been presented to the Governor’s Office in anticipation of action at the Alaska Legislature’s special session commencing on June 22, 2004.

A dinner was held and resolutions were approved, thanking Chancellors Edward Lee Gorsuch and Marshall L. Lind for their many years of outstanding service to the state of Alaska and the University of Alaska. Both chancellors will retire in June 2004.

Academic degree programs were approved for University of Alaska Anchorage and University of Alaska Fairbanks. UAA programs were certificates in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Airframe; Aviation Maintenance Technology, Powerplant; Associate in Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology; and Graduate Certificates in Educational Leadership for Principals and for Superintendents. A bachelor of arts in Child Development and Family Studies was approved for the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Several Regents’ Policy revisions were proposed and approved at the June meeting. These included revisions to the policy regarding scope and responsibility of academic administration, evaluation of student performance and course level definitions, employee probationary status, naming of campus facilities, and composition of student records. Two new polices were approved: a Board of Regents’ Audit Committee Charter and gifting opportunities for facilities and infrastructure naming.

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The Audit Committee of the Board of Regents’ met and approved the semi-annual audit report as well as the audit plan for FY05. The next scheduled meeting of the Audit Committee is December 2004.

Facility approvals included the formal project and schematic design for the UAA Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program/Center for Innovative Learning facility, installation of incinerator equipment in the UAF Central Animal facility, and formal project approval for UAS Ketchikan Campus Paul and Ziegler Buildings renovations.

Future Board Meetings

September 14-15, 2004
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