

Official Minutes
University of Alaska Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
February 20, 1998
Juneau, Alaska

Regents Present:

Michael P. Kelly, President
R. Danforth Ogg, Vice President
Mary Jane Fate, Secretary
Chancy Croft, Treasurer
Michael J. Burns
Elsa Froehlich Demeksa
Sharon D. Gagnon
Joseph R. Henri
Lew M. Williams, Jr.

Jerome B. Komisar, Executive Officer and President of the University of Alaska

Regents Absent:

Annette M. Nelson-Wright
Joe J. Thomas

In Attendance:

E. Lee Gorsuch, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
Marshall L. Lind, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Joan K. Wadlow, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
David Creamer, Vice President for Finance and Planning
James A. Parrish, General Counsel
Wendy Redman, Vice President for University Relations
Patty Kastelic, Executive Director for Human Resources
'Nanne Myers, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs
Daniel Johnson, Provost, University of Alaska Anchorage
John P. Keating, Provost, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Roberta Stell, Vice Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Jim Lynch, Associate Vice President for Finance
Marylou Burton, Director of Statewide Budget Development
Jim Johnsen, Director, Statewide Labor Relations
Robert Miller, Director of Public Affairs
J. Mark Neumayr, Associate General Counsel
Ann Ringstad, Director of Government Relations
Jeannie D. Phillips, Board of Regents' Officer
Dawn Hunziker, Board of Regents' Coordinator

I. Call to Order

President Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent as amended.

PASSED AS AMENDED (revisions indicated by *)

"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as presented.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Employee Organization Reports
 - A. System Governance
 - B. Collective Bargaining Units
- VI. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee
 - 1. Approval of the Continuation of the Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in Health Information Management at the University of Alaska Southeast
 - 2. Endorsement of the Professional Education Coordinating Committee Report and Recommendations
 - 3. Approval of Student Affairs Policies Regarding General Provisions and Education Records
 - 4. Approval of Renumbering Current Chapters in Regents' Policy and University Regulation Part IX - Student Affairs
 - B. Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee
 - 1. Approval of Intellectual Property Management Plan
 - 2. Approval of Butrovich Building Exterior Modifications
 - 3. Approval of UAF Lola Tilly Commons Phase I Renovation Project
 - 4. Approval of UAF Toolik Lake Electrical Project
 - 5. Approval of UAF Participation in the Design Phase of the NOAA/NMFS Consolidated Facility Project
 - 6. Approval of Coffman Cove #2 Timber Sale
 - 7. Approval of Stampede Mine Sale (added)
 - C. Committee of the Whole
 - ~~*1. Adoption of FY99 Tuition Rates (moved to Item VII.H.1)~~
 - 2. Approval of Sale of Art and Establishment of Quasi-Endowment
 - 3. Spending Plan for Earnings Deposited to the Natural Resources Fund: Approval of Allocation of Funds from the Natural Resources Fund to Projects Relating to Natural Resources

- VII. New Business and Committee Reports
 - A. Joint Academic and Student Affairs and Human Resources Committee
 - B. Ad Hoc Committee on UA Schools of Education
 - C. Audit Committee
 - D. Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee
 - *1. Clarification of Action re: Approval of Statewide Office of Land Management Annual Report (added)
 - *2. Approval of Public Information Campaign (added)
 - E. Labor Relations Committee
 - F. Nominating Committee
 - G. Planning and Development Committee
 - H. Committee of the Whole
 - *1. Adoption of FY99 Tuition Rates (removed from Consent Agenda)
 - I. Presidential Search Committee
- VIII. ~~Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. April E. Crosby~~ (deleted)
- *VIII. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation to the Fairbanks Professional Design Community for Work on the Brooks Building (added)
- IX. Approval of Honorary Degree Recipient
- X. Review of Spring 1998 Commencement Schedule
- XI. Future Agenda Items
- XII. Chancellors' Status Reports
- XIII. Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Report
- XIV. Presidents' and Board of Regents' Comments
- *XIV.A. Executive Session (added)
- *XIV.B. Conversation with Lt. Governor Ulmer (added)
- XV. Adjourn

This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

III. Approval of Minutes

Regent Ogg moved, seconded by Regent Demeksa, that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved with no objection.

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its November 20, 1997 meeting as presented. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its special meeting of December 16, 1997 as presented. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its special meeting of December 17, 1997 as presented. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its emergency meeting of January 14, 1998 as presented. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

IV. Public Comments

Andrew Hund, UAA student, asked the board to keep tuition at this year's rates.

Nick Maggard, UAA student, urged the board to mobilize the students to assist in speaking with the legislature about the need for more funding.

James Stagg, UAA student, encouraged the board to meet and listen with students; and urged the board not to raise tuition.

Jake Pool, Executive Director, UAF Alumni Association, reported on alumni activities and encouraged the board to keep open communications.

Patrick Case, UAF student, voiced his concerns regarding the transfer of military courses to the university.

Laura Burlison, UAF student, reported on her conversations with legislators, and urged support of a public information campaign.

Patrick Race, UAF student, spoke of the poor food at Lower Commons and problems with the Residence Life plan.

Matthew Shields, UAF student, voiced his concerns with raising tuition, and expressed his appreciation for the dedication of UAF professors.

Sitka Campus students Liza Mack, Gloria Burns, Jennifer Robinson, thanked the board for supporting the extended sites, and the delivery of distance education courses.

Wonder Russell, UAS student, spoke in support of the university and offered the following quote: - "Every moon, every year, every day, and every storm, it comes and it passes also."

UAS students Tiffany Sargent and Ethan Windall expressed their appreciation for the support given to them at the UAS campus.

Leonard Vaughn, UAS student, spoke of how much the university had done for him and his special appreciation for the UAS Learning Center.

Ray Collins, chair of Iditarod Area School District school board and McGrath Center coordinator, voiced his support of the recommendations from PECC, especially in its emphasis of the importance of hiring more Alaska Native teachers.

W. P. "Bill" Dunn, 47-year resident of Juneau, expressed his appreciation to the Egan Library.

Win Gruening, UAS Advisory Council chair, spoke of his pride in the work of the faculty and staff of the University of Alaska Southeast; and reported that enrollment has increased 42 percent in last 5 years, that the Juneau-Douglas School District just hired 15 UAS education graduates, and that the UAS Alumni Association has over 100 dues-paying members. He also thanked the board for their work on behalf of former Regent Gordon Evans.

John French, UAF faculty member, urged the board to support the university's natural resources programs.

Forest Jenkins, Kuskokwim Campus student, asked that the board not cut rural education.

Ruth Danner, vice president of the UAS Alumni Association, talked about how education has improved her life.

Chris Phillips, president of the UAS Alumni Association, reported on alumni activities including scholarship fund-raising, and lobbying efforts to support the university's budget.

V. Employee Organization Reports (3 minutes per organization)

A. System Governance: Faculty Alliance, Staff Alliance and Coalition of Student Leaders

Marie Scholle, System Governance Chair and Staff Alliance Chair spoke of her concerns regarding the legislature's determination to cut budgets. She reported on comments she had received from legislators including possible cuts, no new funds for union contracts, and the need to develop better public information methods. She also introduced the members of the Staff Alliance who visited legislators and thanked the System Governance office staff for their assistance.

John Craven, Faculty Alliance Chair, thanked the board for forming the Evaluation Committee and reported that its first meeting with the consultant was very productive; thanked Professor French for his work in completing the work on the United Academics contract; urged a greater emphasis on communication between the board and its academic community on issues of common concern; reported on concerns regarding the current grade appeals policy; and expressed his view that the university family has a battle on its hands regarding funding this session.

Coalition of Student Leaders members Grace Wilson, Rosie Gilbert, Stephen Nuss, and James Stagg, reported that the Commission on Postsecondary Education's student loan computer system seems to be operating well; and read the following motion into the minutes regarding tuition.

Coalition of Student Leaders Resolution

While: The CSL recognizes the difficult financial situation faced by the University of Alaska due to reductions in state appropriations; and

Whereas: The CSL is sincerely concerned with the continued improvement of the quality of education and the ability of the UA to meet the needs of its diverse student population; and

Whereas: In the past 10 years, tuition at the UA has increased by more than 60 percent; and

Whereas: The CSL of the UA did not oppose the tuition increases of last year; and

Whereas: The quality of student access to courses, faculty and scheduling has not improved and in some cases deteriorated; and

Whereas: The U has provided evidence indicating that it is capable of achieving substantial savings through changes and reductions to its Administrative departments; and

Whereas: The quality of our education should be the highest priority of the UA; now

Therefore be it Resolved: That the CSL opposes the tuition increases before the Board of Regents for the 1998-99 academic year; and

Further be it Resolved: That the CSL of the UA believes that if cuts are made to the U budget, the area of highest priority for protection and preservation should be student education, academic services, and maintaining accreditation standards.

Passed February 3, 1998

B. Collective Bargaining Units: ACCFT, CEA, United Academics

Mike Mayberry, University of Alaska Classified Employees Association negotiation team member, reported that the University of Alaska and the UACEA had reached a tentative agreement on its union contract; and

expressed his thanks for the good negotiations and management team receptivity.

John French, United Academics vice president, reported that the University of Alaska and United Academics have reached a tentative agreement on the union contract.

Bob Congdon, Alaska Community College Federation of Teachers representative, reported on discussions held with members of the legislature.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Joint Academic and Student Affairs and Human Resources Committee

1. Approval of the Continuation of the Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in Health Information Management at the University of Alaska Southeast Reference 3

MOTION

“The Academic and Student Affairs and Human Resources Committees recommend that the Board of Regents approve the continuation of the Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in Health Information Management at the University of Alaska Southeast. This motion is effective February 19, 1998.”

2. Endorsement of the Professional Education Coordinating Committee Report and Recommendations Reference 2

MOTION

“The Academic and Student Affairs and Human Resources Committees recommend that the Board of Regents endorse the report of the Professional Education Coordinating Committee. This motion is effective February 19, 1998.”

3. Approval of Student Affairs Policies Regarding General Provisions and Education Records Reference 4

MOTION

“The Academic and Student Affairs and Human Resources Committees recommend that the Board of Regents approve Regents’ Policy 09.01 - General Provisions and Regents’ Policy

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09.04 - Education Records and rescind Regents' Policy 09.07.01 -
Student Participation on Committees. This motion is effective
February 19, 1998."

4. Approval of Renumbering Current Chapters in Regents' Policy and University Regulation Part IX - Student Affairs

MOTION

"The Academic and Student Affairs and Human Resources Committees recommend that the Board of Regents approve the renumbering of Regents' Policy and University Regulation as follows:

- 09.01 -- Student Self-government to 09.91
- 09.02 -- Student Activity Fees to 09.92
- 09.03 -- Student Housing to 09.93
- 09.04 -- Student Health Fees to 09.94
- 09.06 -- Student Behavioral Standards to 09.96
- 09.08 -- Transcripts to 09.98

This motion is effective February 19, 1998."

Regent Gagnon moved, seconded by Regent Demeksa, and passed unanimously that:

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the recommendations of the Joint Academic and Student Affairs and Human Resources Committee as stated above. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

B. Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee

1. Approval of Intellectual Property Management Plan

Reference 8

MOTION

"The Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve the intellectual property management plan as presented. This motion is effective February 19, 1998."

2. Approval of Butrovich Building Exterior Modifications

Reference 9

MOTION

"The Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve the University of

Alaska Fairbanks Butrovich Building Exterior Modifications Project as presented and authorize the university administration to proceed with preparing schematic documents. This motion is effective February 19, 1998.”

3. Approval of UAF Lola Tilly Commons Phase I Renovation Project Reference 10

MOTION

“The Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve the University of Alaska Fairbanks Lola Tilly Phase I Renovation Project within a total project budget of \$750,000 and approve the schematic design as presented and authorize the university administration to proceed with contracting the consultant, preparing construction documents, and bidding and awarding a construction contract. This motion is effective February 19, 1998.”

4. Approval of UAF Toolik Lake Electrical Project Reference 11

MOTION

“The Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve the schematic design of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Toolik Lake Electrical Project as presented and authorize the university administration to award a construction contract within available funding contingent on receipt of a subcontract from PICO-UNL. This motion is effective February 19, 1998.”

5. Approval of UAF Participation in the Design Phase of the NOAA/NMFS Consolidated Facility Project

MOTION

“The Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee recommends that the Board of Regents authorize the university administration to enter into a joint agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the purpose of designing a cooperative facility to be located in Juneau with funding for the design phase of the project not to exceed \$1.0 million. This motion is effective February 19, 1998.”

6. Approval of Coffman Cove #2 Timber Sale

MOTION

"The Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee recommends that the Board of Regents authorize the administration to sell the Coffman Cove #2 Timber Sale and to execute all necessary documents to complete the transaction. This motion is effective February 19, 1998."

7. Approval of Stampede Mine Sale

MOTION

"The Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee recommends that the Board of Regents authorize the university administration to sell the Stampede Mine to the National Park Service for \$300,000 and to execute all necessary documents to complete this transaction. The proceeds of the sale will be held in the Land-Grant Endowment Trust Fund Inflation Proofing Fund for the benefit of the School of Mineral Engineering and will be expended in accordance with a plan approved by the Board. This motion is effective January 14, 1998."

Regent Henri moved, seconded by Regent Williams, and approved unanimously that:

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the recommendations of the Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee as stated above. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

C. Committee of the Whole

1. Approval of AY99 Tuition Rates

[Removed from Consent Agenda to New Business, Item VII.H.2.]

2. Approval of Sale of Art and Establishment of Quasi-Endowment

MOTION

"The Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Regents authorize the transfer to the University of Alaska

Foundation of the two Korean artworks held in the fine arts collection of the UA Museum with the expectation that the works will be sold and the proceeds established as a quasi-endowment, the annual spendable earnings of which will be used to acquire new art for the Museum's fine arts collection. This motion is effective February 19, 1998."

3. Spending Plan for Earnings Deposited to the Natural Resources Fund: Approval of Allocation of Funds from the Natural Resources Fund to Projects Relating to Natural Resources

Reference 16

MOTION

"The Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Regents approve the distribution plan for the Natural Resources Fund allocation for projects related to natural resources as presented in Reference 16. This motion is effective February 19, 1998."

Regent Ogg moved, seconded by Regent Fate, and passed unanimously that:

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole as stated above. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

VII. New Business and Committee Reports

- A. Joint Academic and Student Affairs and Human Resources Committee

Regent Gagnon submitted the following report:

Committee discussion and action items are listed on the meeting agenda. Noteworthy is the completion, after a year's work by the student affairs directors of the three MAUs of two new student policies:

- 09.01 - General Provisions
- 09.04 - Education Records

Also noteworthy is the committee's endorsement of the Professional Education Coordinating Committee report and recommendations, which is the result of four year's work on developing a statewide program of teacher education.

The committee congratulated Carol Liberty on the presentation of the Health Information Management distance-delivered program and Susan Warner on her work on the technology required by the program.

Four future agenda items were identified:

1. A discussion of tuition pricing for distance education (Gagnon).
2. Uniform numbering of courses (Demeksa).
3. Payback to University for research (Senator Al Adams).
(Note: the University will make a presentation to Senator Adams in the Finance Committee)
4. The topic of quality in university programs, to include a discussion with the SAC on measurements for determining quality, monitoring of weak programs (Senator Adams), and programs at risk for losing accreditation (Croft).

B. Ad Hoc Committee on UA Schools of Education

Regent Gagnon submitted the following report:

The Professional Education Coordinating Committee (PECC) met with representatives from the UA Schools of Education during a 2-day retreat in Anchorage on February 13 and 14 to review the PECC's proposed plan for the UA Schools of Education. Commissioner Shirley Holloway and Regent Sharon Gagnon welcomed the participants and stressed the importance of a plan for teacher education in Alaska.

C. Audit Committee

Regent Croft reported that the Audit Committee has asked the Human Resources Committee to review Ethics Act information with employees of the University; that summaries of audits will be sent to all members of the board; on Banner concerns; on the American Russian Center audit results; on the possibilities of auditing program assessment; and on concerns expressed regarding the possible merging of business offices at UAF.

D. Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee

1. Clarification of Action re: Approval of Statewide Office of Land Management Annual Report

At the November 1997 regular meetings of the Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee and the Full Board, the

Statewide Office of Land Management Annual Report was considered in detail at the committee level and on the consent agenda before the Full Board. A review of the committee audiotapes reveals that it was explained in committee that the motion on page 4 of the committee agenda and on page 6 of the Full Board agenda were intended to provide Board of Regents notification and approval for matters contained within both of the sections entitled "Statewide Office of Land Management 1998 Development Plan" and "Other New Projects."

The motions, however, were written to approve the "1998 Land Management Development Plan," a description which does not match either section of the Annual Report, but could be read to imply approval of only the portion of the Annual Report entitled "Statewide Office of Land Management 1998 Development Plan."

To make certain that the formal record reflects that the Board of Regents approves all plans contained in the Annual Report, the following motion restating the board's action was recommended for approval.

Regent Henri moved, seconded by Regent Fate, and passed unanimously that:

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the Statewide Office of Land Management Annual Report as contained in the November 1997 Agenda as Reference 6, including the portions entitled: 'Statewide Office of Land Management 1998 Development Plan' and 'Other New Projects' and directs the university administration to carry out plans set forth in the Annual Report to the extent practicable. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

2. Approval of Public Information Campaign

Regent Henri moved, seconded by Regent Burns, and passed unanimously that:

PASSED

"The Board of Regents authorizes and directs a grassroots program of public relations and enlightenment between the University of Alaska and the people of Alaska, under the aegis of the Office of the Vice President for University Relations,

with every university agency and employee fully cooperating and available to help in the campaign efforts, for a sum not to exceed \$200,000, raised from private funds. The work will begin immediately and continue through calendar year 1998. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

E. Labor Relations Committee

Regent Kelly reported that the Labor Relations Committee held emergency audioconference meetings on January 28 and February 12, 1998.

F. Nominating Committee

Regent Williams announced that the Nominating Committee will meet during the April 1998 board meeting.

G. Planning and Development Committee

Regent Gagnon submitted the following report:

The Planning and Development Committee meeting was postponed from February 19 to a date in March to be announced. At that meeting, the committee will review progress on the redesign of the University as set forth in the Board motion of November 21, 1997. The Committee will also hear the report of Chancellor Lind on the President's Committee on Extended Campuses and the report of the Systemwide Academic Council on the President's Committee on Instructional Equipment and Distance Education Technology. Chancellor Gorsuch will give a progress report on the President's Committee on the Allocation Model.

H. Committee of the Whole

1. Approval of AY99 Tuition Rates Reference 15

The Committee of the Whole forwarded the following motion to the full board:

MOTION

"The Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Regents approve the following tuition rates for the 1998-1999 academic year, effective for the 1998 summer session:

Lower Division:

PWSCC

\$ 62

Kodiak College	\$ 65
All Other	\$ 73
Upper Division	\$ 82
Graduate	\$164
Non-Resident Surcharge	\$154

This motion is effective February 19, 1998.”

Regent Henri moved for adoption of the main motion, seconded by Regent Burns.

Regent Demeksa moved, seconded by Regent Williams, that the motion be revised to reflect no tuition changes from FY97 to FY98 as follows. The motion failed with Regents Croft, Demeksa and Williams voting in favor, and Regents Burns, Fate, Gagnon, Henri, Kelly and Ogg voting in opposition.

FAILED

“The Board of Regents approves that the AY98 tuition rates remain in effect for AY99, effective for the 1998 summer session as stated below:

Lower Division:	
PWSCC	\$60
Kodiak	\$61
All Other	\$71
Upper Division:	\$79
Graduate:	\$158
Non-resident Surcharge:	\$150

This motion is effective February 20, 1998.”

Regent Gagnon moved, seconded by Regent Fate, that the tuition rates be revised to reflect the change in the Higher Education Price Index. The chair ruled the motion out of order since Regents’ Policy specifies that if no action is taken, HEPI rates are automatically implemented.

Regent Ogg moved to amend the main motion, seconded by Regent Demeksa, to add the following sentence. The amendment failed with Regents Croft, Demeksa, Ogg and Williams voting in favor and Regents Burns, Fate, Gagnon, Henri, Kelly voting in opposition.

FAILED

“Should the Alaska Legislature fund and Governor approve the University of Alaska operating budget at the full request, no tuition increase will be made for AY99.”

The Board of Regents then voted on the main motion. The main motion failed with Regents Croft and Henri voting in favor and Regents Burns, Demeksa, Fate, Gagnon, Kelly, Ogg and Williams voting in opposition that:

FAILED

“The Board of Regents approves the following tuition rates for the 1998-1999 academic year, effective for the 1998 summer session:

Lower Division:	
PWSCC	\$ 62
Kodiak College	\$ 65
All Other	\$ 73
Upper Division	\$ 82
Graduate	\$164
Non-Resident Surcharge	\$154

This motion is effective February 20, 1998.”

Because the vote resulted in no action, the HEPI increase is automatically applied. Therefore, the 1998-1999 academic year tuition rates, effective for the 1998 summer session, are as follows:

Lower Division:	
PWSCC	\$ 62
Kodiak College	\$ 63
All Other	\$ 73
Upper Division	\$ 81
Graduate	\$162
Non-Resident Surcharge	\$154

2. Resolution re: State Finances

Regent Williams moved, seconded by Regent Ogg, and passed with Regents Croft, Fate, Henri, Ogg and Williams voting in favor and Regents Burns, Demeksa, Gagnon and Kelly voting in opposition that:

PASSED

"WHEREAS, Alaskans value education, and have always ranked it among their top priorities for state funding; and

WHEREAS, ironically, that deep commitment to education has been frustrated for the past decade. With declining state revenues, it has been virtually impossible to fund the state's education needs at the levels necessary to guarantee a vital, healthy, growing educational system; and

WHEREAS, there is now an opportunity to change that situation, an opportunity made possible by the fact that the Permanent Fund earns much more money each year than it takes to pay dividends and inflation-proof the funds. This year alone, those surplus earnings total \$900 million;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska urges the Alaska Legislature to reallocate enough surplus earnings of the Permanent Fund to fully fund the budget request of the Board of Regents and the deferred maintenance accounts of the University of Alaska and other state agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to members of the Alaska Legislature and to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska, with a copy to be incorporated into the official minutes of the February 20, 1998 meeting of the Board of Regents."

I. Presidential Search Committee

President Kelly announced that the Presidential Search Committee met with Consultant Betty Hasler on Wednesday, February 17, 1998. Discussions included vacancy announcement content and schedule for future meetings. Ms. Hasler also met with the Evaluation Committee on February 17.

~~VIII. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. April E. Crosby~~

This item was deferred until the April 17, 1998 meeting of the Board of Regents.

VIII. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation to the Fairbanks Professional Design Community for Work on the Brooks Building

Regent Croft moved, seconded by Regent Henri, and passed with unanimous consent that:

PASSED

"The Board of Regents receives the 'Planning Survey: Brooks Building Deferred Maintenance and Code Corrections' and approves a resolution of appreciation to the following organizations who volunteered their time and expertise to complete this survey:

- Design Alaska Inc.**
- Lake & Boswell Consulting Electrical Engineers**
- Dames & Moore**
- Nortech Environmental & Engineering Consultants**
- Bryon Borgesson, P.E.**
- Ghemm Company Inc.**
- Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce**
- Alaska Miners Association**

The Board of Regents further directs the university administration to forward this resolution to each of the above entities, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, the Alaska Legislature, and the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

IX. Approval of Honorary Degree Recipient

A recommendation was been submitted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks for approval of a recipient of an honorary degree. Information regarding the recipient was sent under separate cover for Board of Regents' review prior to the February 1998 board meeting.

The President recommends that:

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves an honorary doctoral degree at the University of Alaska Fairbanks for Irene Reed, for commencement exercises in the spring of 1998, and authorizes Chancellor Wadlow to invite the approved nominee and announce her acceptance. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

X. Review of the Spring 1998 Commencement Schedule

The University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and University of Alaska Southeast are in the process of scheduling commencements at their campuses for Spring 1998. A schedule of those commencements was distributed at the meeting.

XI. Future Agenda Items

Regent Henri requested that each student newspaper be contacted to ensure that Board members are included in mailings.

XII. Chancellors' Status Reports

Joan K. Wadlow, Chancellor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, reported on enrollment efforts including competitions using private funds.

Marshall L. Lind, Chancellor at the University of Alaska Southeast, reported that UAS will be the pilot for the Gartner Group work regarding distance delivery; on technology fee purchase; recruitment efforts on faculty positions; and acknowledged the generous support of Mapco and Keybank regarding their recent donations.

E. Lee Gorsuch, Chancellor at the University of Alaska Anchorage, reported on the new dormitory progress and the opportunities it presents to promote the campus; technology fee and connectivity improvements; activities with Anchorage Chamber of Commerce regarding the Gartner Group; library expansion concerns; and organizational streamlining progress.

XIII. Report from Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Representatives

Regent Fate distributed the agenda from the last meeting of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education.

XIV. Presidents' and Board of Regents' Comments

None.

***XIV.A. Executive Session**

The following motion passed with no objections:

PASSED

"The Board of Regents goes into executive session at 1:00 p.m. A.S.T in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters relating to litigation, collective bargaining, land acquisition, contract negotiations and personnel issues, these topics being subjects the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect on the finances of the university. The session will include members of the Board of Regents, President Komisar, General Counsel Parrish, and such other university staff members as the president may designate and will last approximately two hours. Thus, the

open session of the board will resume in this room at approximately 2:30 p.m. A.S.T. This motion is effective February 20, 1998."

The Board of Regents recessed the Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. and resumed the session at 4:00 p.m.

The Board of Regents concluded an executive session at 4:30 p.m. A.S.T. in accordance with AS 44.62.310 discussing matters to litigation, collective bargaining, land acquisition and contract negotiations, these topics being subjects the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect on the finances of the university. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Komisar, General Counsel Parrish and other university staff members designated by the president and lasted approximately 2 1/2 hour(s).

XIV.B. Conversation with Lt. Governor Ulmer

President Kelly welcomed Lt. Governor Ulmer to the Board of Regents' meeting. Lt. Governor Ulmer extended her greetings to the board on behalf of herself and Governor Knowles. Her comments included her appreciation of the excellent communication between the university and state government this year; that Governor Knowles is still supporting his increase to the university's budget; requested that the board try to meet with the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation at some point in the future; reported that she and the governor have been briefed on the Presidential Search and would be willing to meet with finalists; and asked for the support of the Board of Regents regarding Governor Knowles' "Smart Start" initiatives for children.

XV. Adjourn

President Kelly adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.