Official Minutes

**Board of Regents**

**Meeting of the Full Board**

December 8-9, 2011

Anchorage, Alaska

**Regents Present:**

Fuller A. Cowell, Chair

Patricia Jacobson, Vice Chair

Robert Martin, Jr., Secretary

Kirk Wickersham, Treasurer

Timothy C. Brady

Mari Freitag

Kenneth Fisher

Jyotsna Heckman

Mary K. Hughes

Carl Marrs

Michael Powers

Patrick K. Gamble, Chief Executive Officer and President, University of Alaska

**Others Present:**

John Pugh, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast

Brian D. Rogers, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Tom Case, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage

Michael Hostina, General Counsel

Carla Beam, Vice President for University Relations

Daniel J. Julius, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research

Myron Dosch, Controller

Karl Kowalski, Chief Information Technology Officer

Chris Christensen, Associate Vice President, State Relations

Kit Duke, Associate Vice President, Facilities

Michelle Rizk, Associate Vice President, Budget

Donald Smith, Executive Director, Labor and Employee Relations

Kate Ripley, Director, Public Affairs

Jeannie D. Phillips, Executive Officer, Board of Regents

Brandi Berg, Assistant to the Executive Officer, Board of Regents

**I.** **Call to Order**

Chair Cowell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Regent Martin moved, seconded by Regent Heckman and passed with no objection that:

**PASSED AS AMENDED** (amendments noted by \*)

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

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Executive Session**

**\*IV.A. Executive Session regarding Optional Retirement Program**

**V. President’s Report**

**VI. Governance Report**

**VII. Public Testimony**

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**B. Development Report**

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XXVII. Adjourn

**This motion is effective December 8, 2011."**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Regent Wickersham moved, seconded by Regent Martin, and passed with no objection that:

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of September 22-23, 2011 as presented. This motion is effective December 8, 2011."**

Regent Powers moved, seconded by Regent Fisher, and passed with no objection that:

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of November 2, 2011 as presented. This motion is effective December 8, 2011."**

**IV. Executive Session**

*Note for the record: Regent Heckman disclosed that she has a conflict of interest regarding the building acquisition discussion. She did not participate and was not present during the discussion of this matter.*

Regent Hughes moved, seconded by Regent Fisher, and passed with no objection that:

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents goes into executive session at 8:04 a.m. 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, and a building 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 1 ½ hours. This motion is effective December 8, 2011.”**

The Board of Regents concluded an executive session at 10:21 a.m. 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 2 ½ hours.

**IV.A. Executive Session (added)**

*Note for the record: General Counsel Hostina was not present and did not attend the executive session on the topic of the Optional Retirement Program.*

Regent Jacobson moved, seconded by Regent Marrs, and passed with no objection that:

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents goes into executive session at 9:40 a.m. 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 the Optional Retirement Program. The session will include members of the Board of Regents, President Gamble, and such other university staff members as the president may designate and will last approximately 15 minutes. This motion is effective December 9, 2011.”**

The Board of Regents concluded an executive session on Friday, December 9, 2011 at 9:40 a.m. 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 related to the Optional Retirement Program. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Gamble, and other university staff members designated by the president and lasted approximately 15 minutes.

**V. President’s Report**

President Gamble updated the board regarding the external review of the Information Technology area of the system; the importance of getting good metrics to make the management decision based on outputs; updated on the Strategic Direction initiative; the potential for a consortium on teacher preparation; the “Complete College America” national program initiative; work on fisheries programs.

**VI. Governance Report**

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

Juella Sparks, Staff Alliance Chair, spoke regarding advocacy for the budget, proposed changes to the employee education benefit; strategic direction process; and responding to the call to review policy and regulation.

Daniel Monteith, Faculty Alliance Chair, reported on strategic direction processes and update on listening sessions; work with SAC regarding the policy and regulation review; on the e-learning task force progress; “Complete America” and transferability issue discussions that continue with the Faculty Alliance; and the UAS workforce credential program.

Nicholas Pennington, Coalition of Student Leaders Speaker, reported on the policy and regulation review; strategic direction meetings with students; and thanked President Gamble and the board for supporting academic advising and the students’ plans to advocate for this budget item.

Joe Hayes, System Governance Council Chair, reported on legislative advocacy issues; strategic direction progress; and the status of the policy and regulation review.

**VII. Public Testimony**

Marty Margeson, former UAA faculty and current student, spoke of her disagreement with the “Stay on Track” program and her concern regarding credit hour requirements for certain degree programs and faculty apathy.

Nalinaksha Bhattacharyya, UAA faculty senate president, spoke regarding the University as a public good, role of research at a university, and the inadvisability of using a “One University” model for Alaska.

Ryan Buchholdt, president of the Union of Students at UAA, welcomed the board to the University of Alaska Anchorage campus; thanked the administration for working with students on issues of concern; and progress on legislative visits this spring advocating for financial aid and student advising funding.

Dr. Mary Anne Hollick, Anchorage veterinarian, spoke of her concerns regarding the proposed 2+2 veterinary medicine program in cooperation with Colorado State University.

Ray Jakubczak, former advisory member for School of Natural Resources, urged the board to support a WWAMI-type program for an Alaskan veterinary school.

Dr. John Basler, local veterinarian, spoke regarding the 2+2 program on veterinary medicine with Colorado State University and his concerns that this program may not be the right direction to take to enable Alaska students to obtain a veterinary education degree.

**VIII. University of Alaska Anchorage Showcase**

The University of Alaska Anchorage campus highlighted the “I am UAA” marketing campaign which included student, faculty, staff and alumni vignettes featuring UAA's best.

The showcase presentation brings to life a one year-old marketing campaign that vividly describes the breadth and depth of talent, dedication and scholarly endeavor of UAA students, faculty, staff and alumni. It featured 16-18 individuals providing 60-90 second vignettes highlighting their work, their passion and how UAA has helped them achieve their dreams.

Participants included Jim Hemsath, Agatha John-Shields, Jeff Oliver, Ruth Keino, Tim Gravel, Annie Ping Zeng, Doug Markussen, Bradford Jackson, Carrie Lindow, Fred Rainey, Judit Owens-Manley, Kris Homerding, Dan Bigley, Kathleen McCoy, Jaime Bronga, Patty Hickok and Travis Rector.

**IX. Presentation from UArctic President Lars Kullerud**

University of the Arctic President Lars Kullerud, provided an update on the recent UArctic Board of Governors meeting hosted by UAF. He discussed UArctic initiatives and reviewed with the board the work of UArctic and its cooperation with the University of Alaska.

Both the University of Alaska Anchorage and the University of Alaska Fairbanks are members of the University of the Arctic, a 10-year old consortium of over 100 circumpolar universities and colleges. UAF was one of the founding members, leads the UArctic graduate program area, and provides substantial support for the US participation (with Dartmouth College, University of Washington, and several others interested in Arctic issues.) UAF co-leads with Dartmouth the UArctic Institute for Circumpolar Policy, which has received international attention for work on Arctic shipping, sovereignty, and Arctic High Seas issues.

**X. Approval of 2012 Meeting Schedule Revision and Meeting Schedule for 2013**

Regent Hughes moved, seconded by Regent Fisher, and passed with Regents Brady, Freitag, Fisher, Heckman, Hughes, Jacobson, Marrs, Powers, Wickersham, and Cowell voting in favor, and Regent Martin voting in opposition that:

**PASSED AS AMENDED**

**“The Board of Regents approves the revision of the meeting schedule for 2012 and approves the meeting schedule for 2013. This motion is effective December 8, 2011.”**

2012

Retreat January 25-26, 2012 Anchorage

Regular Meeting February 15-16, 2012 Fairbanks

Regular Meeting April 12-13, 2012 Kenai

Regular Meeting June 7-8, 2012 Anchorage

Summer Briefing August 8, 2012 Audioconference

Regular Meeting September 27-28, 2012 Juneau

Meeting re Budget November 7, 2012 Anchorage

Annual Meeting December 6-7, 2012 Fairbanks

2013

Retreat January 23-24, 2013 Anchorage

Regular Meeting February 21-22, 2013 Anchorage

Regular Meeting April 11-12, 2013 Sitka

Regular Meeting June 6-7, 2013 Fairbanks

Regular Meeting September 26-27, 2013 Juneau

Meeting re Budget November 6, 2013 Anchorage

Annual Meeting December 12-13, 2013 Fairbanks

**XI. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Joseph Trubacz**

Regent Marrs moved, seconded by Regent Martin, and passed with no objection that:

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Joseph Trubacz. This motion is effective December 8, 2011.”**

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz has served the University of Alaska in several key positions from 1990 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz graduated with a Master of Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University and a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz always demonstrates the highest regard to employees and their families and is steadfastly devoted to his wife and their four children; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz is an avid runner and significantly advanced Fairbanks and Alaska High School runners serving as the North Pole High School Cross Country Running and Track and Field Coach; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz started his career at the University of Alaska Fairbanks as the Executive Officer for the School of Engineering and the Institute of Northern Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz single handedly resurrected the University of Alaska Fairbanks’ institutional research function creating the UAF Institutional Research Office in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Financial Services from 1999-2006; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz took on the most serious fiscal challenges facing the University of Alaska Fairbanks including the Arctic Region Super Computing Center and the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences with grace and tact building long term solutions; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz in his University of Alaska Statewide positions as Associate Director of Budget and Institutional Research from 1996-1999, and the Chief Financial Officer and most recently Vice President for Finance 2006-2011 continued his service to all University of Alaska campuses; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Trubacz resigned in October 2011 to advance his career as Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration at the Colorado School of Mines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska recognizes Joseph Trubacz’s service and extends to him and his family this statement of sincere appreciation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Joseph Trubacz with a copy to be incorporated into the official minutes of the meeting of the Board of Regents on December 8-9, 2011.

**XII. Approval of Resolution in Memory of Alvin Okeson**

Regent Jacobson moved, seconded by Regent Martin, and passed that:

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the resolution in memory of Alvin Okeson. This motion is effective December 8, 2011.”**

WHEREAS, Alvin Okeson’s life exemplified an unwavering commitment to the value of education; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Okeson’s work in elementary and secondary education included positions as teacher, coach and high school counselor in North Dakota and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Okeson in 1961 was hired as the part-time director of the Palmer area’s night school community college, which he transformed into Matanuska-Susitna College, a 970-acre campus with several permanent buildings, and served as its director until 1987; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Alvin Okeson had served as director of the Matanuska-Susitna College longer than all of the other nine directors combined; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Okeson served as interim chancellor of the Community Colleges, Rural Education & Extension, a major administrative unit of the University of Alaska System, from 1984 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding service to the University of Alaska, the State of Alaska, and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley, the University of Alaska Board of Regents in 1988 named the Mat-Su Campus Library the ‘Alvin Okeson Building’; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Board of Regents in 1989 awarded Alvin Okeson an honorary Doctor of Education; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Okeson received many other distinguished honors from the university, the Mat-Su Borough and the Alaska Legislature; and

WHEREAS, President George H. W. Bush presented Alvin Okeson a Leadership Recognition Award in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Al and Gloria Okeson established and funded a $25,000 scholarship for Matanuska-Susitna College non-traditional students to assist them in their endeavors to return to college studies; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Okeson passed away in October 2011 at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Okeson will be remembered for his contributions to higher education and his passion for the Mat-Su Campus and its faculty, staff and students.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents recognizes the substantial contributions in the field of education made by Alvin Okeson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents extends to the family of Alvin Okeson its deepest sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be conveyed to the family of Alvin Okeson with a copy to be incorporated into the official minutes of the December 8-9, 2011 meeting of the Board of Regents.

**XIII. Human Resources Issues** Reference 1

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

**XIV. Acceptance of FY2011 Audited University of Alaska Financial Statements**

Reference 2

Regent Fisher moved, seconded by Regent Powers, and passed with Regents Freitag, Fisher, Heckman, Hughes, Jacobson, Marrs, Martin, Powers, Wickersham, and Cowell in voting in favor that:

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents accepts the FY2011 Audited Financial Statements as presented. This motion effective December 9, 2011."**

Myron Dosch, controller, presented an overview for the University of Alaska annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011.

**XV. Acceptance of FY2011 Audited Education Trust of Alaska Financial Statements**

Reference 3

Regent Powers moved, seconded by Regent Fisher, and passed with Regents Freitag, Fisher, Heckman, Hughes, Jacobson, Marrs, Martin, Powers, Wickersham, and Cowell in voting in favor that:

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents accepts the FY2011 Audited Education Trust of Alaska Financial Statements as presented. This motion effective December 9, 2011."**

Jim Lynch, associate vice president for Finance, presented an overview of the annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011 for the Education Trust of Alaska. The Trust administers Alaska’s three college Savings Plans; the University of Alaska College Savings Plan, the T. Rowe Price College Savings Plan and the John Hancock Freedom 529 Plan.

**XVI. Joint Meeting with the Anchorage School Board** Reference 4

The Board of Regents met with members of the Anchorage School Board on issues of importance to both bodies. Members discussed how to encourage greater collaboration between the university and the school district, how to help students succeed, and where to go from here.

**XVII. Planning and Development Issues**

A. Review of FY2011 University of Alaska Foundation Financial Statements and the Consolidated Fund Statements Reference 5

Tammi Weaver, chief investment officer, presented an overview of the annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011 for the Consolidated Endowment Fund and the University of Alaska Foundation.

The Consolidated Endowment Fund is a commingled investment fund established to invest the endowment funds of the University and the University of Alaska Foundation.

B. Development Report Reference 6

Vice President Carla Beam updated the board on development issues at the University of Alaska.

C. Foundation Report

Vice President Carla Beam, in her capacity as UA Foundation President, updated the board on projects and activities of the UA Foundation Board of Trustees. She was joined via audio by UA Foundation Chair Jo Michalski.

**XVIII. Consent Agenda**

Regent Fisher moved, seconded by Regent Martin, and passed with no objection that:

**PASSED**

**“The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda as presented. This motion is effective December 9, 2011.”**

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

1. Approval of Renaming of UAF Fisheries Industrial Technology Center to SFOS Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center Reference 7

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the renaming of the UAF Fisheries Industrial Technology Center to the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center. This motion is effective December 9, 2011."

B. Facilities and Land Management Committee

1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Anchorage Beatrice McDonald Hall Renewal Reference 11

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the Formal Project Approval request for the University of Alaska Anchorage Beatrice McDonald Hall Renewal 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 $14,471,458. This motion is effective December 9, 2011.”

2. Authorization to Purchase Hangar Facility Located at the Fairbanks International Airport and to Enter into a Long-Term Land Lease with the State of Alaska Reference 12

PASSED

“The Board of Regents authorizes the chief finance officer or designee to execute any and all documents necessary to purchase the hangar facility located on Lot 1B at the Fairbanks International Airport, and to enter into a long-term lease with the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation for use of the land associated with the hangar. The chief finance officer or designee is further authorized to fund the purchase of the hangar facility and associated facility upgrades utilizing working capital. This motion is effective December 9, 2011.”

**XIX. New Business and Committee Reports**

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

In addition to the action item, the committee also heard reports on UAF Veterinary Medicine 2+2 program, the UAS MBA program suspension, workforce development, transfer of credits, UA engineering needs, distance education, and status of SB241.

Future agenda items include vet-tech needs and relationship with 2+2 program, update on transfer of credit, listening session themes regarding student issues, and best practice score card for the committee.

B. Audit Committee

In addition to holding an executive session which lasted 20 minutes, reports were heard from the KPMG and PricewaterhouseCoopers external auditors, on final audit reports update, internal audit update, and heard from the consultant on the Quality Assurance Review report.

C. Facilities and Land Management Committee

1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Combined Heat and Power Plant Replacement Permitting Reference 13

**PASSED**

**“The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the Formal Project Approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Combined Heat and Power Plant Replacement Permitting Project as presented in compliance with the campus master plan, and authorizes the University administration to proceed with initial engineering and permitting, not to exceed a total project cost of $3,000,000. This motion is effective December 8, 2011.”**

2. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Arctic Health Laboratory Revitalization Phase 3A Reference 14

**PASSED**

**“The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the Formal Project Approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Arctic Health Lab Revitalization Phase 3A 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 $3,825,000. This motion is effective December 8, 2011.”**

3. Committee Report

In addition to action items, the committee heard status reports on the UA engineering facilities, AHFC energy audits, UAF student housing and dining, CRCD master plans, construction in progress and approvals by the chair of the Facilities and Land Management Committee.

Karl Kowalski, chief information technology officer, gave a report on IT issues. Security issues were discussed and the board affirmed its belief that the right things are being done to correct deficiencies given the available resources and complexities involved, its support of the CITO in this effort; and offered support and assistance to complete this effort.

**XX. Election of Board of Regents’ Officers**

In accordance with Board of Regents' Bylaws, at the annual meeting of the Board of Regents, the officers of the board shall be elected by a simple majority vote.

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents elects Patricia Jacobson as chair of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective December 9, 2011."**

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents elects Robert Martin, Jr. as vice chair of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective December 9, 2011."**

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents elects Kirk Wickersham as secretary of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective December 9, 2011."**

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents elects Jyotsna Heckman as treasurer of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective December 9, 2011."**

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

Regent Powers moved, seconded by Regent Martin, and passed with no objection that:

PASSED

"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 December 9, 2011."

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.

**XXII. Approval of Revisions to Corporate Authority Resolution**

Regent Marrs moved, seconded by Regent Powers, and passed with no objection that:

### PASSED

**"The Board of Regents approves the Corporate Authority Resolution, as revised to reflect changes in titles of officers resulting from the Board of Regents' elections and university administration resignations, and authorizes the Chair and Secretary of the Board of Regents to sign the resolution. This motion is effective December 9, 2011."**

The Board of Regents regularly passes a resolution specifying certain university officers as being authorized to execute investment and banking transactions for the University of Alaska. Because of changes in officers of the board and the university administration, a current resolution is necessary in order to execute timely investment and banking transactions.

**XXIII. Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Report**

Regent Jacobson reported on the launching of the Alaska Performance Scholarship and lessons learned in preparation for year 2; on the appendix for the AlaskAdvantage Program Grant program recipients; contract with the National Student Clearinghouse; longitudinal database system progress; routine lender review schedule for Fall 2012; and on the Alaska Transition to Teaching program through the Alaska Department of Education. The next meeting of ACPE will be held on January 12 in Anchorage.

**XXIV. UA Athletics Report**

Regent Mari Freitag reviewed the following:

UAF:

The Nanook Women's Cross Country team qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championships for the first time in program history. They finished 17th at the event.

UAA:

1. Men’s Cross Country: GNAC and NCAA West Region Champions (finished as the number 8 team in the country)

2. Women’s Cross Country: GNAC and NCAA West Region Champions (finished as the number 6 team in the country)

3. Volleyball: Third consecutive trip to the NCCA West Region Tournament

4. UAA earned a number 6 ranking in the Directors Cup (that is 6th place out of 300 Division institutions at the conclusion of the fall schedule.)

5. Coach Friess won the GNAC and West Region Coach of the Year (men’s and women’s---4 coach of the year awards)

6. Center Taylor Rhode was selected to the Shootout’s All-Tournament Team

7. Jackie Mathiesen and Robyn Burton earned All Region honors on both Volleyball All-Region teams

8. Marko Cheseto is recovering and remains under care at Providence - he is in good spirits.

9. Robyn Burton Earned 2nd team All American honors and Jackie Matthisen was Honorable Mention All America

10. UAA Skiers won the Nordic Cup for 2011 (challenge match with UAF)

11. Micha Chelimo named the GNAC Male Athlete of the Year

12. Ruth Keino named the GNAC female Athlete of the Year

**XXV. Future Agenda Items**

President Gamble stated that a report on metrics will be made at the February 2012 board meeting.

President Gamble reported that a recommendation regarding participation in the “Complete College America” program will be made in the next couple months.

**XXVI. Board of Regents' Comments**

Regent Freitag reported that she has completed her new regent orientation and that it was very helpful, that she attended a listening session in Fairbanks, thanked administration for providing excellent reports, stressed the importance of the “one university” message when speaking to the legislature, and thanked Jeannie for her service.

Regent Heckman thanked Jeannie for her service, Regent Cowell for his chairmanship, the board for electing her as treasurer, and Chancellor Case for the wonderful showcase and hospitality. She reported that she attended two listening sessions and wished there were more participants. She expressed her frustration with listening to the Anchorage School Board and emphasized how critically important it is for the family to have discipline in the education process.

Regent Powers thanked Chancellor Case for the wonderful “I am UAA” showcase, the University of the Arctic presentation, the Planetarium visit, the review of academic programs discussion, the financial statement presentation, and Regent Cowell for his excellent leadership.

Regent Hughes commented that it was nice to be at the meeting face-to-face rather than by video; thanked the administration for their excellent teamwork; reported on the retreat preparations with the focus being on strategic directions; thanked Regent Cowell for his service as chair.

Regent Wickersham thanked Jeannie for her service, Regent Cowell for his leadership, and the money management of the university; reported on listening sessions he has attended; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Regent Jacobson thanked the new regents and administrators for doing so well so quickly; reported on the listening sessions she has and will attend; and thanked UAA for the excellent showcase and Planetarium reception, those that put the agendas together, Regent Wickersham for the wonderful calendar, Regent Cowell for his excellent leadership, the board for electing her as chair; and said “Merry Christmas” to all.

Regent Fisher thanked Jeannie for her service; for Regent Cowell’s year of service; and for the UAA showcase.

Regent Martin commented that he will start his final year as a regent in February, thanked UAA for the showcase and Regent Wickersham for the calendar; commented that he appreciated the joint meeting with the Anchorage School Board; and thanked Regent Cowell for his year of service as chair.

Chancellor Pugh thanked the board for Regent Cowell’s chairmanship and the new officers for their willingness to serve; reported on listening sessions in Sitka and Ketchikan; and thanked Chancellor Case for the wonderful hospitality.

Chancellor Rogers thanked the board for their excellent leadership; to President Gamble for his institution of the bi-weekly report to the board; and reported on the repatriation of items of the Arctic.

Chancellor Case thanked the board for setting the groundwork for the solidarity that is evident at the University of Alaska. He thanked Regent Cowell for his service as chair and across the board in getting good things done for the University of Alaska. He reported that he is very encouraged by the strategic direction process and interaction with K-12, and spoke of his appreciation for the “I Am UAA” team.

President Gamble thanked Chancellor Case for the wonderful hospitality during the meeting; thanked the university administration for their excellent work in preparing for board meetings; and thanked Regent Cowell for his excellent leadership as chair of the Board of Regents and stated he is looking forward to working closely with new board Chair Jacobson.

Regent Cowell thanked the staff for their incredible service; and thanked the regents for attending listening sessions.

**XXVI.A. Executive Session regarding Organizational Matters**

Regent Jacobson moved, seconded by Regent Martin, and passed with Regents Freitag, Fisher, Heckman, Hughes, Jacobson, Martin, Powers, Wickersham and Cowell voting in favor that:

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents goes into executive session at 2:58 p.m. 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 organizational matters. The session will include members of the Board of Regents, General Counsel Hostina, and Executive Officer Phillips and will last approximately five minutes. This motion is effective December 9, 2011.”**

The Board of Regents concluded an executive session at 3:00 p.m. 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. The session included members of the Board of Regents, General Counsel Hostina and Executive Officer Phillips and lasted approximately two minutes.

**XXVII. Adjourn**

Chair Cowell adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011.