

Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
February 25-26, 2021
Zoom Conference

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Full Board Actions

1. **Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 01.01.020. - University of Alaska Anchorage Mission Statement**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 01.01.020. - University of Alaska Anchorage Mission Statement. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

2. **Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 01.01.040. - University of Alaska Southeast Mission Statement**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 01.01.040. - University of Alaska Southeast Mission Statement. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

3. **Approval of a Revision to Regents' Policy 10.02.040. - Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves a revision to Regents' Policy 10.02.040. - Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination, an organizationally move of the Alaska Native Language Center from the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Liberal Arts to the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Rural and Community Development. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

4. **Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.04.030. - Credit Hour Requirements for Degree and Certificate Programs**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 10.04.030. - Credit Hour Requirements for Degree and Certificate Programs to change the minimum and maximum credits for the post-baccalaureate certificate. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

5. **Approval of the Discontinuation of the Associate of Applied Science in Educator: Para-Professional at the University of Alaska Fairbanks**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of the Associate of Applied Science in Educator: Para-Professional at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

6. **Approval of the Discontinuation of the Certificate in Educator: Para-Professional at the University of Alaska Fairbanks**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of the Certificate in Educator: Para-Professional at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

7. **Approval of a University of Alaska Fairbanks Proposal to Develop a Plan to Restructure Graduate Degrees in Earth System Science**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents directs the University of Alaska Fairbanks to propose restructured Earth System Science graduate degrees for board approval no later than its November 2021 meeting. The board will take no action on discontinuation of the Master of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy in Atmospheric Science pending the approval of the restructured Earth System Science graduate degrees. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

8. **Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization and Renewal Project**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approve the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization & Renewal as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design not to exceed a total project cost of \$19,850,000. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

9. **Approval to Extend the Fundraising Deadline for Hockey and Gymnastics at the University of Alaska Anchorage and Allow for Reinstatement**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the reinstatement of women’s gymnastics at the University of Alaska Anchorage for the 2021-2022 athletic season, contingent upon supporters raising private funding to cover one year of operating expenses (\$444,000) by June 30, 2021. For reinstatement beyond the 2021-2022 athletic season, supporters must raise one additional year of operating expenses by June 30, 2022. In the event the 2022-2023 funding goal is not met as required, UAA Gymnastics will be discontinued on June 30, 2022.

Concurrently, and as a condition of maintaining Title IX compliance, UAA Hockey must meet its conditions for program reinstatement, presented separately, in order for UAA Gymnastics to continue beyond the 2021-2022 season. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the reinstatement of men’s hockey at the University of Alaska Anchorage to begin play with the 2022-2023 athletic season, contingent upon supporters raising private funding to cover two years of operating expenses (\$3,000,000) by August 30, 2021. In the event the funding goal is not met as required, hockey will not be reinstated.

Concurrently, and as a condition of maintaining Title IX compliance, UAA Gymnastics must meet its conditions for program reinstatement, presented separately, in order for UAA Hockey to continue beyond the 2022-2023 season. This motion is effective February 25, 2021.”

10. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Cachet Garrett

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Cachet Garrett. This motion is effective February 26, 2021.”

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett has served on the University of Alaska Board of Regents with dedication and distinction since 2019, when she was appointed by Governor Mike Dunleavy to the position of student regent; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett passionately served as the voice for the collective student body and engaged in outreach and messaging to serve the students of the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett’s passion for student success, diversity, and inclusion, climate change, and the value of interdisciplinary studies was evident in every board vote; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett voiced her genuine commitment to serving students; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett demonstrated genuine empathy, caring, and commitment for her fellow board members, university leadership, students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett’s commitment to student service began as a student senator, then student body president, and also president of the student alumni association at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, before again serving as a University of Alaska Fairbanks senator and ultimately being selected as the student regent; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett’s extra-curricular activities include environmental activism, student leadership, and volunteerism, including service as an Americorps member and becoming a Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett grew up in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley, but life’s journeys have led her around the world to 23 countries, with plans to visit many, many more; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett earned a bachelor’s degree in Human Communication with emphases in Intercultural and Interpersonal Communication at the University of Alaska Southeast and is working toward a master’s degree in Arctic and Northern Studies at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, focusing on leadership, adaptation, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett also earned certification in massage therapy through the Maui School of Therapeutic Massage and is a strong proponent of yoga and self-care; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett is also known for her love of animals, in particular, her beloved dog Kai’aka; and

WHEREAS, Cachet Garrett, while serving on the Board of Regents, was a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alaska Board of Regents officially recognizes Cachet Garrett for her dedicated service to Alaska and the University of Alaska, in particular, the students across the university system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Cachet Garrett, with a copy to be incorporated in the official minutes of the February 25-26, 2021, meeting of the Board of Regents.

11. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Cathy Sandeen

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Cathy Sandeen. This motion is effective February 26, 2021.”

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen led the University of Alaska Anchorage as chancellor with excellence, dedication, and integrity from September 2018 to December 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen as chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage, maintained unrelenting focus on the higher education needs of students, and on the fulfillment of the University of Alaska Anchorage’s mission; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen launched several key initiatives for the institution, including the UAA 2025 Strategic Plan, the shared services unit for fiscal and administrative services and the community campus alignment group; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen oversaw the implementation of the 49th Finishers Scholarship, which sought to provide scholarships to those who have earned college credit but no degree and want to return to complete their education; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen is a prolific writer and speaker, and published and presented widely on the issues surrounding educational innovation and nontraditional students, and during her time as chancellor, contributed several local op-eds, interviews, and national thought leadership pieces to media outlets, including *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Inside Higher Ed*; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen consistently provided honest opinions to the University of Alaska Anchorage and the local community as evidenced by her “Just the Facts” series, and provided more than 50 video messages across various social media channels, including during critical times such as the 2018 7.1 magnitude earthquake, the university’s declaration of financial exigency in 2019, and the ongoing pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen will be remembered for her forthright manner and commitment to providing an opportunity for more Alaskans to earn degrees and credentials through strategic innovation; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen made the most of her experience in Alaska, and during her two years as chancellor, including hiking, dogsledding, traveling to rural communities, and hosting many productive events with faculty, students, staff, donors, and alumni; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the University of Alaska System, Cathy Sandeen was chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Colleges and UW-Extension for four years; served as the vice president of education attainment and innovation for the American Council on Education, the dean at the University of California, Los Angeles Extension and in various leadership roles at the University of California, Santa Cruz and the University of California, San Francisco including serving as a member of the faculty at Santa Clara University, San Jose State University, the University of Utah, Stanford University and San Francisco State University; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen is now the president of California State East Bay, another public, open-access, urban-metropolitan university similar to the University of Alaska Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in speech pathology from Humboldt State University; earned a master’s in broadcast communication from San Francisco State University, an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in communication from the University of Utah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Board of Regents officially recognizes and thanks Cathy Sandeen for her service to the University of Alaska and its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Anchorage community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Cathy Sandeen with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the February 25-26, 2021, meeting of the Board of Regents.

12. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Saichi T. Oba

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Saichi T. Oba. This motion is effective February 26, 2021.”

WHEREAS, after years of dedicated service to the University of Alaska, including serving as associate vice president for Student and Enrollment Strategy since 2005, Saichi T. Oba retired from the University of Alaska to pursue a new professional opportunity at Washington State University; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba arrived in Alaska in fall 1990 to work at the University of Alaska Fairbanks for Registrar Emeritus Ann Tremarello in the Office of Admissions and Records; he was appointed the interim director of admissions at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1996; worked as the director of admissions at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls in 1998; returned to Alaska as the program manager for the University of Alaska Banner Student; was promoted to director of enrollment services in 2002; and promoted to head the newly developed Office of Student and Enrollment Services in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba’s passion is working on strategic enrollment management and helping students find success; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba worked as a member of the president’s senior staff to ensure that the university-based student services staff received the support, policies and tools to service the University of Alaska students, and served as lead of the system’s efforts in expanding and enhancing student services throughout the university system as chair of the Student Services Council; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba lead system-wide efforts to develop student success strategies through participation in national initiatives including those by the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities - *Western Coalition Powered by Publics* and the National Association of System Heads – *Taking Student Success to Scale*; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba helped to implement many systemwide student service projects including upgrades to the Banner student program, coordinated the funding, training and distribution of the degree progress tracking software, DegreeWorks, and worked out the interface with Banner, and oversaw the development and marketing of MyFuture.alaska.edu; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba studied national enrollment, recruitment, advising and tuition trends in order to advise university system and Board of Regents’ initiatives, tuition policy, provided training for advising and student services staff and resolved credit transfer, common calendar and other student services issues; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba’s student-focused leadership was recognized with the 2001 Staff Make Students Count Award; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba often told the story that President Barack Obama and he were classmates in school together from fifth grade through 12th grade, and they played high school football and basketball together, and sang in the choir; and

WHEREAS, when not working, Saichi T. Oba relishes time with his family; he and his wife Connie introduced their three children, Elizabeth, Kekuewa and Lupua to the joys of hiking, camping, exploring and fishing throughout the west, literally from Alaska to Hawaii, and all three of his children attended the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba earned a Bachelor’s degree in psychology from Eastern Oregon University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks Saichi T. Oba for his service to the University of Alaska, his dedication to its students, and his commitment to inter-university collaboration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Saich T. Oba with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the February 25-26, 2021 meeting of the Board of Regents.

13. Approval of Revisions to the Industrial Security Resolution

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the Industrial Security Resolution as revised, to reflect the changes to members of the Board of Regents and to officers of the university, and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective February 26, 2021.”

14. Approval of a Revision to the Corporate Authority Resolution

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the Corporate Authority Resolution, as revised to reflect a change in officers of the university resulting from the hiring of a new university president, and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective February 26, 2021.”

15. Approval of a Meritorious Service Award for Spring 2021

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the University of Alaska Anchorage recommendation to award Gary Turner a meritorious service award. This motion is effective February 26, 2021.”